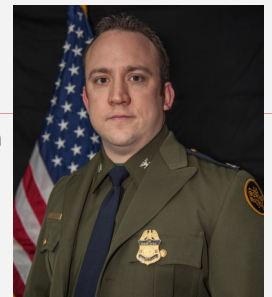


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**Monday's Meeting September 11, 2017****PAIC Matt Grupe: Border Patrol in NW Ohio, Community, Collaboration & Post—9/11 Evolution**

Matthew J. Grupe is the Patrol Agent in Charge (PAIC) at the Sandusky Bay Border Patrol Station in Port Clinton, Ohio. As the PAIC, Agent Grupe is responsible for all Border Patrol Operations and personnel in northern Ohio spanning from areas west of Toledo to the Pennsylvania State Line.

Agent Grupe entered on duty July 13, 2003 as a member of class 557. His first duty assignment as a Border Patrol Agent was at the Ajo Station in Arizona. As a Border Patrol Agent he served as a team leader on the Horse Patrol Unit as well as a Prosecutions Agent. He was promoted to Supervisory Border Patrol Agent in 2008; he also held collateral duty positions as a Fleet Supervisor and Public Information Officer and was promoted to Field Operations Supervisor in 2011 at the Ajo Station. He led daily operations of a 90 agent line watch unit, which included 12 Supervisory Border Patrol Agents in one of the most dynamic stations in the Border Patrol.

In January 2012, he was appointed by the Tucson Sector Chief Patrol Agent to establish and lead the West Desert Task Force (WDTF), a first of its kind in Arizona. Under his command, he built a multi-agency coalition comprised of approximately 50 law enforcement personnel from USBP, Immigration and Customs Enforcement's, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), and the local Sheriff's Office. He led a staff of 22 agents and two supervisors from different Border Patrol stations and organized the deployments of officers and agents from participating agencies. He was responsible for all desert operations encompassing 1,600 square miles in one of the largest drug corridors along the southwest border.

In June 2014, Agent Grupe was promoted to Assistant Chief in the Office of Border Patrol in Washington, D.C. and was responsible for the overall priority management process for the United States Border Patrol. He served as the lead facilitator and practitioner in institutionalizing the priority process for the Border Patrol. In January 2016, Agent Grupe was promoted to the PAIC position at the Sandusky Bay Station.

Agent Grupe graduated cum laude from the University of South Florida where he received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminology. He is a graduate from the Balance Scorecard Institute's Strategic Management System as well as the U.S. Army's University of Foreign Military and Cultural Studies Red Team Leader's Course.

Agent Grupe is 36 years old and a native of Michigan. He and his wife, Amanda, have three young children and currently reside in Milan, Ohio.

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

**Monday, September 18**— Bruce Gradkowski, Former NFL quarterback, *Keys to Success*

**Monday, September 25**—PDG & PP Chuck Stocking

**Monday, October 2**—Joe Rotterdam, Toledo Express Airport

**SCHEDULED MEETINGS/EVENTS**

**Monday, September 11**— Disability Service, Park Inn, 11 am

Member Engagement & Water Services Committees, Park Inn, 1 pm

**Wednesday, September 13**—Executive Committee, Original Pancake House, 7:30 am

## Toledo Rotary Club Foundation *Your Donations at Work*

The Autism Academy of Learning moved to its new location in June of 2015, necessitating building a new playground from scratch to finish. The Toledo Rotary Club Foundation awarded The Autism Academy of Learning \$10,000 for the purchase and installation of a fence, commercial swing, play structure, sun shelter, picnic tables, umbrellas, benches, ground covering and outdoor sporting equipment and toys.

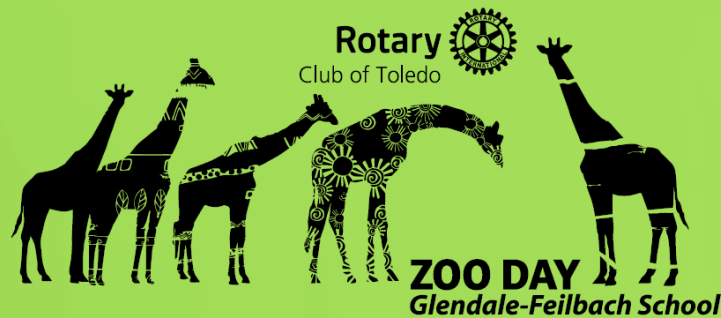
All of AAL's 55 students and 30 staff have benefitted from the addition of the outdoor playground and there has been a very positive response. The success of the project can be seen in the informal monitoring and recording of student behavior and attention to tasks following time spent on the playground.

The Autism Academy of Learning (AAL) is a year-round, public school with programming designed around the needs of students with autism spectrum disorder.

AAL is structured to provide every student with autism spectrum disorder an appropriate foundation in the areas of academics, behavior, daily living skills, vocational skills and independence. Their goal is to promote a higher quality of life, and the realization of full intellectual and social development of students with autism spectrum disorder.



## Disability Service Committee's Annual Zoo Day Service Project



[CLICK HERE TO  
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**Friday, September 22nd**

**Sign up to help and enjoy a day at the Toledo Zoo!**

**9:00 am—Rotarians arrive**

**11:30 am—Picnic with the kids begins at the Broadway Pavilion**

Contributions have been made to the  
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## WELCOME NEW MEMBER: Pat Bowe!



Pat is serving as the fifth CEO in the 70-year history of The Andersons and, he's the first CEO who is not an Anderson family member.

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He spent 30 years with Cargill, serving in numerous roles, including Corporate Vice President, and has more than 35 years of experience in the agricultural sector. This experience, paired with Pat's character and personal value system, is a strong cultural fit for The Andersons.

Pat graduated from Stanford University with both a Bachelor's and Master's degree. Pat also played football for Stanford, where he was a First Team Academic All American tight end. Pat and his wife Mary Louise have six children.

## Jim Vassar MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBER: Bob Tucker!



Bob Tucker is a native of Toledo and has spent most of his life here. He is an attorney at RCO Law where he practices civil litigation, with an emphasis on commercial litigation and medical malpractice defense. Bob is married to Kristen, and they have two young children whom they raise near the Old Orchard neighborhood in Toledo. Bob is active in the community through being a board member and board secretary of Toledo Unleashed,

which operates the Glass city Dog Park; a co-chair of the Emerging Leaders Council for ABLE/LAWO; a ward chair and executive committee member of the Lucas County Democratic Party; and involved in a number of legal professional associations. Bob is also the co-founder and host of the Toledo Matters podcast, a two-year old podcast all about interesting Toledoans and positive activity in Toledo. In his spare time, Bob enjoys technology, good food, and good music.

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITY



## SOUND THE ALARM

Teams of 2- 3 people will work together to install fire alarms to homes in need. Someone needs to know the business end of a screwdriver, and the others will go over preparedness and fire prevention and document the installation. Everyone will have name tags and shirts identifying themselves as Red Cross volunteers for that day. The dates are:

**10:00 am – 2:00 pm**

9/23 – **Woodward High School** – 701 E. Central Ave.

9/30 – **UAW Local 12** - 2300 Ashland Ave #202

10/7 – **East Toledo Family Center** – 1020 Varland Ave

10/14 - **American Red Cross of NW Ohio** – 1111 Research Dr.

To register visit [www.soundthealarm.org](http://www.soundthealarm.org) for any of the dates above. Subsequent information will be sent regarding details of the rally events as well as training tools.



## Past Program: August 28, 2017

### Mike Abrams

#### *Ohio Hospital Association*



The Ohio Hospital Association is made up of 220 hospitals, 13 health systems and directly employs 250,000 employees. Over 250,000 non hospital employees have a job because of providing services to a hospital in their community, such as laundry services. The OHA's mission is to collaborate with member hospitals and health systems to ensure a healthy Ohio. Unfortunately, Ohio ranks 39th in overall health: 29.8% of adults are obese, 21.6% of people smoke and Ohio ranks 42nd in infant mortality. Through the Affordable Care Act, almost 1 million people gained healthcare coverage. The OHA's take on repealing the Act, is that things need to change to perfect the law, as opposed to throwing it out all together. The cost of healthcare has increased 25% in the past 7 years, displacing other activities and needs that the community wishes to spend their resources on. In order to keep healthcare affordable, hospitals are trying to take matters into their own hands. Ohio hospitals have invested \$2.1 billion in community benefit activities to improve the health of local citizens. Sepsis, a deadly blood infection, impacts an estimated 34,000 Ohioans every year. Many patients even continue to require additional health care services after surviving due to complications. By using technology and innovation, the Ohio Hospital Association has been focusing on reducing sepsis deaths in Ohio by 30%. Not only have they saved 1,486 lives to date, but they have saved \$1 billion annually in Ohio. In efforts to decrease infant mortality rates, they are maximizing hospital interactions with new parents. The OHA has charged every hospital in the state that delivers babies, to appoint one staff member responsible to train the staff on safe ways for infants to sleep, and to teach the patients the same methods as well.

#### INTERNET VIEWING

The August 28 meeting can be viewed online by following this link: [Mike Abrams](#)

## SAVE THE DATE:

**Friday, September 22**—Zoo Day with Glendale Feilbach

**Friday, September 22**—Water Conference, Blanchard River Demonstration Farms Tour

**Saturday, September 23**—Vassar Memorial Golf Tournament, Spuyten Duyval Golf Club

**Saturday, October 7**—Water Conference, OSU Sea Grant at Stone Lab

**Saturday, October 14**—Sound the Alarm Smoke Alarm Install, Rally Point: The American Red Cross of NW Ohio—1111 Research Drive

**Saturday, October 21**—MESA Warehouse Cleanup, MESA Warehouse, Fostoria Ohio



## 2017 ROTARY LAKE ERIE WATERSHED CONFERENCE "ON THE ROAD"

For the third year, District 6600 is sponsoring an Annual Rotary Lake Erie Watershed Conference. This year our theme is "Water Conference On the Road" and will consist of a series of events at various locations around our district. Taking our conference "On the Road" will accomplish two goals; first, it helps make it possible for more members from even more clubs around the District to be involved and attend these water events and second it gets Rotarians out in the field to get our feet wet and our hands dirty with some real grassroots exposure to the causes and solutions of the Lake Erie algae issue.

***Our First "On the Road" Conference Event will be:***

**Blanchard River Demonstration Farms Tour**

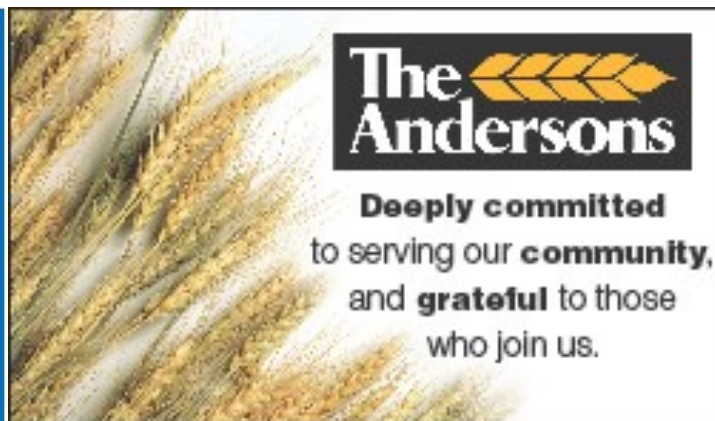
**Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

The Blanchard River is an important tributary flowing to the Auglaize and then into the Maumee River. Our host clubs (Findlay- Flag City and Ada) are inviting all of the other clubs in D6600 to join in a day trip and tour to 3 Demonstration Farms in Hardin and Hancock counties. Rotarians will meet and talk with the farmers as well as see their testing of new farming practices to reduce nutrient runoff to Lake Erie. Rotarians will board a bus to tour the three farms where they will be able to walk the fields and see the new farming practices as well as talk with the farmers themselves about how they are reducing nutrient runoff.



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 Stephen MacDonald (3)  
 Anna Marie Kolin (3)  
 Stephen Dunbar (4)  
 Steve Skutch (5)  
 Mari Davies (8)  
 Curt Church (8)  
 Cheri Budzynski (10)  
 Rachel Hobson (12)  
 Sean Cree (12)  
 Jillian Gustafson (13)  
 Ernie Brookfield (14)  
 Scott Fry (15)  
 Judy Leb (17)  
 Kim Sidwell (17)  
 Greg Steenrod (17)  
 Tim Ryan (18)  
 Sarah McHugh (18)  
 Susan Palmer (18)  
 Joe Zerbey (20)  
 Brian Hahn (20)  
 Tony Broer (22)  
 Ben Dansard (23)  
 Kevin Rahe (23)  
 Brian Epstein (24)  
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