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Monday's Meeting September 18, 2017 Bruce Gradkowski:

The Keys to Success

Bruce Gradkowski is a former American football quarterback. Gradkowski graduated from Seton-LaSalle Catholic High School, in Pennsylvania, where he played on the football team from 1997-2000. He played college football at the University of Toledo where he became the starting quarterback his sophomore year.



After his graduation from the UT College of Business in 2005, Bruce was drafted by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the sixth round of the 2006 NFL Draft. He also played for the St. Louis Rams, Cleveland Browns, Oakland Raiders, Cincinnati Bengals and the Pittsburg Steelers. His younger brother, Gino, currently plays for the Carolina Panthers.

In 2016, Bruce was placed on the injured reserve list following damage to his hamstring. Following his professional football career, Gradkowski became a full-time football coach for Anthony Wayne High School in 2017. He now resides in Maumee, Ohio with his wife, Miranda. They have a daughter, Lily who is 4, Roman who is 1 1/2 and baby number 3 on the way. Bruce owns two restaurants in Toledo called Social Gastropub, and he owns a hospice company called Pilgrimage Hospice in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Monday, September 25—PDG & PP Chuck Stock-

ing, Principle Business Enterprises

Monday, October 2—Joe Rotterdam, Toledo

Express Airport

Monday, October 9—NO MEETING: Columbus

Day

Monday, October 16—Michael Marsh, Zip Code

Matters

Rotary Club of Toledo

SCHEDULED MEETINGS/EVENTS

Monday, September 18— Membership –11 am
Friendship Committee & Vocational Services —1 pm
Wednesday, September 20—Club Board, 7:30 am
Thursday, September 21—New Member Orientation,

Lathrop Offices, 5:30—7pm

Friday, September 22—ZOO DAY

Water Conference on the Road—Blanchard River

Demonstration Farms Tour

Vassar Mem. Golf Tourney—Spuyten Duyval Golf Club

Toledo Rotary Club Foundation

The Toledo Rotary Club Foundation awarded \$230,062.30 in funding grants last year! Thank you!

- Funded the annual Zoo Day for all the elementary students with disabilities who attend Glendale-Feilbach School, which was started by our Club in 1912; more than 60 Interact Club members/students from St. Francis Interact Club made this a part of their service project as well—a service project of disability services.
- Purchased and packed 25,000 meals for Kids Against Hunger, in collaboration with Impact With Hope. The meals stayed locally for use by TPS students—a service project of community services.
- Purchased dress up clothes and accessories for children for the Smiles With Styles program at ProMedica Toledo Children's Hospital. The program increases the self-esteem and mental attitude of those who are hospitalized and battling life-threatening illnesses.
- Funding provided to purchase materials for a new playground for the children at The Autism Academy of Learning.
- Provided funds to paint the pool for the Boys and Girls Club of Homer Hanham. The pool helps strengthen swimming skills, self-esteem and confidence in and out of the pool.
- Funded Graham's Foundation to help create care packages with information designed to help parents of preemies, who have recently come home and are adjusting to a new reality.
- Purchased musical instruments to help children deal with grief and loss of loved ones, by healing through music with Good Grief of Northwest Ohio.

Four Ways to Remember the Toledo Rotary Club Foundation

There are many ways to remember the Toledo Rotary Club Foundation in your estate plan, and you may be surprised to discover how inexpensive most of these are to accomplish.

Four options to consider:

- Amend an existing insurance policy to add the Toledo Rotary Club Foundation as an additional beneficiary. You could also purchase a new policy for the Foundation's benefit.
- Visit your personnel office and ask to amend your group life insurance policy or retirement plan to add the Toledo Rotary Club Foundation as one of your beneficiaries.
- Instruct your lawyer to prepare a simple, inexpensive codicil to your existing will, creating a bequest for the Toledo Rotary Club Foundation.
- Leave the required written or verbal instructions for your surviving spouse to include The Toledo Rotary Club Foundation when redrawing his or her will.

Some of these gift arrangements are revocable and others cannot be changed once established. Some work better with cash, while others work best with appreciated assets. There are many variations, enough so that a giving plan can be tailored to your needs, desires and capabilities. As always, it is advised that you check with your professional advisor(s) before completing any planned gift.

WANTED!!

20 Rotarians... Raring to Go!

Annual Zoo Day-September 22, 2017

A Member Service Project Opportunity of the Disability Service Committee





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Past Program: September 11, 2017

PAIC Matt Grupe

Border Patrol in NW Ohio

Agent Matt Grupe, PAIC (Patrol Agent in Charge) at the Sandusky Bay Border Patrol Station, gave us an overview of his duties and those of the US Border Patrol. The Sandusky Bay Station covers 152 linear miles of border, 317 miles of shoreline and covers a population of about 2.3



people. There are approximately 60 agents who are assigned to that area. Agent Grupe says he works diligently to discover ways to spread out his agents. In order to do this, the US Border Patrol works in conjunction with other areas of government. Because of their location, on the 80/90 corridor that connects Chicago to New York, he stated that Ohio is a major criminal pass-through state. Ohio also leads the US in Opioid deaths, making the Border Patrol's job critical in an effort to stop the movement of drugs. Grupe pointed out that with such few agents covering such a wide territory, they can't chase after every person and check them individually. The Border Patrol consider the high threats to be those who have links to bigger networks. When looking at a case, PAIC Grupe said, they will try to trace the smuggler or suspect back to the main point of contact. Smugglers are getting the contraband from somewhere originally, their goal is to find where it originates and stop it at the source. Post 9/11, Grupe says the US Border Patrol's mission is still the same. It has always been to detect and prevent illegal aliens, terrorists and terrorist weapons from entering the United States, and prevent illegal human trafficking of people and contraband.

INTERNET VIEWING

The September 11th meeting was not video taped. Please check back next week for the September 18 meeting.

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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 21—MESA Warehouse Cleanup, MESA Warehouse, Fostoria Ohio

WELCOME NEW MEMBER: Frank Viviano!



Frank grew up in Toledo and attended St. Joes Sylvania for grade school. He went on to attend St. Francis DeSales High School. While at SFS, Frank was part of the two time state champion tennis team, and was also a four year member of the golf team. Following high school, he attended Indiana University, where he graduated in 2006. After college, Frank spent a year traveling in

New Zealand. Upon returning to the US, Frank moved to Chicago. He spent the next seven years living in the city and working in the wine business. During his time in Chicago, Frank married his wife, Amanda. From Chicago, Frank and Amanda moved to Columbus, Ohio for a year and then San Diego, CA for another year. In 2015, Frank

and his wife settled back in Ohio and he began working in the family business. His wife works at Bartz Viviano as well, as their Wedding and Events Coordinator. They currently live in Ottawa Hills with their Golden Retriever, Saffy.

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ROTARY BOWLING LEAGUE

It's that time of year again! Time to grab a ball and head for the lanes! Rotary Bowling League begins October 4th!



October 4—Fun night—FREE!
October 10—Regular season begins!

Join us 4:30 on Wednesday's at Bowlero Lanes on Monroe St for some Rotary fellowship!

Contact Tom Roemer for more information: 419-536-7198

Jim Vassar MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

SPUYTEN DUYVAL GOLF CLUB

Saturday, September 23, 2017

Price: \$85 per golfer, \$340 per team, sponsorships also available.

Includes: 18 holes with cart, three beverage tokens for the course, special contests with prizes and dinner.



Register: www.vasmangolf.com

Questions? Contact Pat Gory: 419-320-2114

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