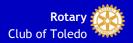
TOLEDO ROTARY SPOKE



Club No. 44 Organized in 1912

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Monday's Meeting September 25, 2017 **PDG & PP Chuck Stocking:**

Chuck Stocking is a native of a small farm community in north central Illinois, where he grew up around baling hay, feeding livestock and learning how vital it is to take care of Mother Nature and love her for her beauty. Following high school, where he played 4 years of football, he went on to play small college football as a guard and linebacker. Chuck majored in business administration, which set his interest and passion for the world of commerce. Post graduate education continued at Northwestern University School of Law with a focus on business law.



Since then, Chuck found himself assuming business leadership as Vice President and House Counsel for a Chicago-based public company. But the call to help the small business started by his wife Carol's parents, pulled him to the Toledo area, and thus began a business adventure which is a passion for his whole family. Chuck is Co-CEO of Principle Industries, Inc. and serves with his wife, Carol in that capacity. Together they have 3 children, and most recently Andy, their oldest son, has joined the company as EVP of Marketing.

Chuck has also been active in the world of Rotary for over 40 years—serving as Toledo Rotary President in 1994 and Rotary District Governor in 2000-2001. "Rotary has been such a blessing for our family and business".

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

Monday, October 9—NO MEETING: Columbus Day Monday, October 16—Michael Marsh, Zip Code

Matters

Monday, October 23—Thomas Schwann, UT Medical

Center

Monday, October 30— Rotary on the Road @ The

Andersons HQ

SCHEDULED MEETINGS/EVENTS

Friday, September 22—ZOO DAY

Water Conference on the Road—Blanchard River **Demonstration Farms Tour**

Saturday, September 23—Vassar Mem. Golf Tourney, Spuyten Duyval Golf Club

Monday, September 25—Nominating Committee, 1pm Community Service Committee, 1pm

Monday, October 2—Program Committee, 11am Youth Services, 1pm

Toledo Rotary Club Foundation

Foundation Receives \$91,000 Gift!

The Toledo Rotary Club Foundation recently received a surprise bequest of \$91,338.17 from the estate of Rachel Merrill, a woman we had never thanked. Of course, we appreciated the gift immensely. And the gift will certainly help us to accomplish our mission.

But we felt somewhat sad because we had no understanding as to why our Foundation received this gift, until we did a little research. Rachel Merrill's first husband was Arthur E. Bacon, who was 83 when he died in 1953. At that time, Mr. Bacon was the general manager of the Toledo Stove & Range Company and a member of the Rotary Club of Toledo. According to the obituary, he was also Toledo's oldest active bowler.

Rachel, who was more than 30 years younger than Arthur later married George Merrill, who died in 1988. Rachel Merrill died at the age of 100 in 2001. According to her obituary, she was a Nurse at Parkview Hospital for many years and held memberships in Collingwood and Christ Presbyterian Churches, and was also a member of Inverness Club, the Toledo Club and the (D.A.R) Daughter of the American Revolution.

Rachel's survivors included nieces and nephews and children and grandchildren in love. We presume that they inherited through a trust, which last year reverted to the Toledo Rotary Club Foundation. It was Rachel's specific intent that Rotary receive this bequest because of her husband's association with the Rotary Club of Toledo. And let us now, officially thank Rachel Merrill and Arthur E. Bacon for their very generous gift. The more than 60-year history of this gift speaks to the confidence our community has in the mission and leadership of the Rotary Club of Toledo and its Foundation.

We are enclosing a brochure regarding the Toledo Rotary Club Foundation Legacy League and a list of those who have committed to making a planned gift to the Foundation. Please consider joining the Legacy League knowing that your gift will insure Service Above Self - Beyond Your Lifetime. We have also enclosed a response form that you may use to indicate your intentions to make a planned gift. If you choose to return the commitment form we can say *Thank You* sooner rather than later!

Legacy League Members:

Thomas J. Backoff Reginald S. Jackson, Jr.
Helyn Bolanis Gary & Beverly McBride

Brent L. Cousino Brad S. Rubini
George Eistetter Charles Stocking

Eric Fankhauser Kathy Tate



SERVICE OPPORTUNITY:

International Service Committee at the MESA Warehouse

Rotarians and their family members are invited to join the International Service Committee in organizing the MESA Warehouse:

Saturday, October 21, 9 am—1 pm



How you will help:

- Delivering, sorting and loading donations
- Inventory medical equipment, clothes, toys, etc.
- Painting
- Cleaning donated equipment
- Wheel chair repair (or other equipment)
- Assemble medical kits: surgical tools, nursing supplies, etc.

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Past Program: September 18, 2017 Bruce Gradkowski

The Keys to Success

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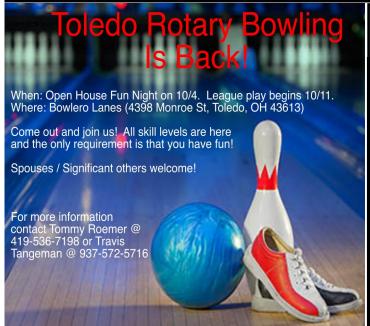
While he was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Bruce Gradkowski has come to call Toledo his home. Gradkowski talked about his journey through his 11-year NFL career and how it has brought him to where he is today. His 4 key's to success



are: Pursuing a passion, setting goals, only worrying about what you can control and to give back to your community. His football career started because he pursued his passion of wanting to be an NFL player. After setting goals for himself, Bruce went from a record-setting high school quarterback to a three—year starter with the Toledo Rockets and then on to the NFL. He definitely had set-backs, but he learned that there was no use in worrying about things out of his control, and to concentrate on what he could control. Giving back to the community, his fourth key to success, is what Bruce is doing now. He came back to Toledo after his NFL career ended and opened up two restaurants, Social; one in Toledo and one Perrysburg. He also takes part in many charitable organizations. In addition to giving back to the Toledo community, Gradkowski gives back to his hometown by opening a Hospice company called Pilgrimage Hospice in Pittsburgh,

INTERNET VIEWING

The September 18th meeting can be viewed here: Bruce Gradkowski.



We Welcome Guests at Rotary!

When bringing a guest to the Monday program, please sit at one of the tables marked "Guest Table". There will be two designated tables near the floor mic each week for Rotarians and their guests. Come enjoy



the program and get to know your future, fellow Rotarians!

WELCOME NEW MEMBER: Cheri Budzynski!



Cheri Budzynski is a partner in the Toledo Office of Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP. Her expertise involves advising clients on Environmental, Health, & Safety compliance, advising clients on new environmental regulations, and overseeing

environmental permitting and environmental, health and safety auditing for industry. Cheri oversees all of the Water regulations in her practice group. Cheri is admitted to practice law in both Ohio and Florida and has been recognized as a Rising Star in Ohio in Environmental Law from 2014 – 2017 by Super Lawyers Magazine. Cheri received her J.D. from the University of Toledo where she was an associate member of Law Review, Executive Editor of Law Review, and graduated Magna Cum Laude. Cheri also has a Ph.D. from Bowling Green State University in Experimental Psychology. In her free time, she enjoys riding her horses and cooking.



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September 29 & 30, 8PM | The Peristyle

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Rossini - Overture to La gazza ladra Prokofiev - Piano Concerto No. 3 Beethoven - Symphony No. 3 "Eroica"



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