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## Monday's Meeting August 31, 2015:

Mike O'Brien—The Economics of 1-A Athletics

Mike O'Brien will share what it takes to be at top level of college athletics and other pertinent information regarding today's athletics world. Now in his 14th year as vice-president and athletic director at the University of Toledo, Mike O'Brien has helped shape the UT Athletics program into one of the very best in the Mid-American Conference. Whether embarking on ambitious capital projects or nurturing the athletic and academic achievements of UT's student-athletes, O'Brien has left a legacy of success that few can match. O'Brien, who has the second-longest tenure among MAC athletic directors, received national recognition for his accomplishments from the National Association of College Directors of Athletics at the NACDA Convention in June of 2012 when he was named the Football Bowl Subdivision Northeast Region Athletic Director of the Year. Just a few months later, O'Brien accepted the 2011-12 Cartwright Award, given annually to the MAC athletic program with the highest degree of excellence in academics, athletics and citizenship. Perhaps the best word to describe O'Brien is "builder." He has been an instrumental force in initiating some of the most ambitious construction schedules in school history. No fewer than five major projects have been completed during O'Brien's reign, as well as numerous smaller ones. O'Brien has also been a builder in an even more important sense. He has guided the Rockets into position as one of the strongest programs in the Mid-American Conference, both on the field and in the classroom. The Rockets have won or shared 28 league titles in nine different sports under O'Brien's watch.



## Upcoming Meetings/Events

**MONDAY, August 31**—Speaker: Mike O'Brien

Program: The Economics of 1-A Athletics

Greeters: Guisselle Mendoza, Majida Mourad, Kevin Mullan, Dean Niese, Daric Peppers, Judy Potter, Brad Rubini, Hunt Sears

### Committee Meetings:

11:00 am Community Service

1:00 pm Youth Service

**MONDAY, September 7 NO MEETING**

**MONDAY, September 14**—Speaker: Sharon Kennedy

Program: The 4 Way Test

Greeters: Jim Scheib, Joe Sharp, Paul Sullivan, Travis Tangeman, Lou Tosi, Keith Walker, Tom Waniewski, Dan Zimolzak

### Committee Meetings:

11:00 am Strategic Planning

1:00 pm New Member/Member Development

1:00 pm Disability Service

**WEDNESDAY, September 16**

7:30 am Club Exec Board—Original Pancake

**FRIDAY, September 18**

7:30 am FAC—Toledo Club

**MONDAY, September 21**—Speaker: John Tharp

Program: Heroin Epidemic and DART

Greeters: Matthew Adkins, Bob Amphor, Ryan Ball, Cindy Binkley, Linda Blackburn, Bill Buckley, Ed Caldwell

### Committee Meetings:

1:00 pm Vocational

**WEDNESDAY, September 23**

7:30 am Club Board—Toledo Club

**THURSDAY, September 24**

7:30 am New Member Orientation—TBA

**FRIDAY, September 25**

9:00 am—1:30 pm Zoo Day

**SATURDAY, September 26**

11:00 am Vassar Golf Tournament



**Internet Viewing:** The past meeting can be viewed online at <https://vimeo.com/137210897>.

## Joan Durgin—Polly Fox Academy

Joan Durgin spoke about the Polly Fox Academy and the need to educate and support unwed, teenage mothers. In 2013, there were 10,352 teen births in the U.S.— 27 per 1,000 girls (aged 13-19). That rate has been cut in half in the last decade. Over 55% of these girls never graduate from high school. From 2012-14, Lucas County led Ohio with the highest teen pregnancy rate. In 2012-13, over 16% of these births were to girls having their 2nd or 3rd child. Joan shared that the cost of teen childbearing to taxpayers at the local, state and federal is significant—over \$9 billion annually. In Lucas County, the teen birth rate decreased from 578 to 482 from 2012 to 2013. Since 2010, the U.S. teen birth rate declined 29%, twice as large as any other four year period. The Polly Fox Academy (PFA) opened in the fall of 2003 and was named after Polly Reulin Fox, director of the Family Life Education Center for Toledo Public Schools for 30 years. She opened the first preschools for Toledo Public Schools in 1942 and went on to become a nationally recognized advocate for families and children. Mrs. Fox's belief in children and commitment to young women is the basis of PFA's mission. Joan shared an inspiring video of the work the Academy does. The PFA is sponsored by Toledo Public Schools which Ms. Durgin says lends it integrity. The school began with 30 girls and now serves 130-150 girls each year. She shared that Lucas County has a 50% dropout rate and many factors contribute to this—lack of parental support at home, no money to pay for school or transportation, and homelessness. The Academy has flexible schedules to meet the busy girls' lives and has graduated 650 girls out 1,200 since 2003.

## Middlegrounds Park Underway



The signature project and outcome of our 4-year fundraising Centennial ITZA Ball resulted in providing \$300,000 to Toledo

Metroparks for the first downtown Metropark, the Middlegrounds, just south of Owens Corning's world headquarters. Toledo Metroparks has announced that ground was broken last week at the Middlegrounds and dirt is moving on this long-anticipated project. The opening is expected in the late summer 2016.

## The Foundations in 52 Weeks

### **Toledo Rotary Foundation—How your contributions Work**

Contributions fund community grants through our five service committees: community, disability, International, vocational, & youth. It is a 3 month process.

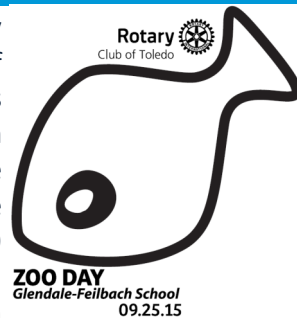
- Contributions support service projects such as Zoo Day, Kids Against Hunger, clean water in Honduras, shoes for kids in Haiti, and so much more.
- The executive director reviews each grant application, ensures all requirements are met, distributes to appropriate service committee.
- Committee reviews, discusses & performs site visits where appropriate & recommends grants for further recommendation to the Foundation Advisory Committee (FAC)
- FAC committee continues vetting process and committee recommends grants for Club Board approval
- Club Board reviews and recommends grants to be approved by Foundation Trustees
- Foundation Trustees provide final approval.

### **What is a Paul Harris Fellow?**

Paul Harris Fellow recognition is given in appreciation to anyone who makes a gift of US\$1,000 or more cumulatively to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus Fund, or an approved global grant. The recognition consists of a certificate and pin. We have 159 Paul Harris Fellows in our Club. Since the creation of the Paul Harris Fellow over 1.5 MILLION people have become Paul Harris Fellows.

## Zoo Day Volunteers Needed

Volunteer for Toledo Zoo Day with the students and staff of Glendale-Feilbach school. This year's event will take place on Friday, **September 25**. Please arrive at the Anthony Wayne Trail entrance no later than 9 am. The day will end at 1:30 pm. Please [contact the office](#) or sign up at a meeting by **September 14**.



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## New Members

**John MacKay** is a partner of Shumaker, Loop and Kendrick. His principal areas of practice focus on commercial transactions and litigation, creditor-debtor rights, consumer law and legal ethics. He joined the firm as an associate in 1975. John is a member of the Toledo Bar, Ohio State Bar and the American Bar Association and served on active duty in the United



States Navy from 1968-1972. He earned his J.D. summa cum laude from The Ohio State University. John was born in Rome, NY and has lived in the Toledo area for the past 40 years presently residing in Ottawa Hills with his wife Cynthia L. Rerucha and they have four children, Mark, David, James and Anne. His pet peeve is "bad writing."

**Lou Tosi** is a partner in Shumaker, Loop and Kendrick where serves as the environmental practice administrator and chairs the firm's Environmental Practice Group. He represents companies in matters before the United States and Ohio Environmental Protection Agencies. Lou belongs to the Toledo, Ohio, and American Bar Associations and has chaired many of their environmentally



related committees. He chaired Governor Voinovich's task force on Brownfields Reform. He has authored hundreds of papers, articles and made presentations on environmental law across the country. Lou received his J.D. cum laude from The Ohio State University in 1974. He was admitted to practice before the Ohio Supreme Court in 1974 and the United States Supreme Court in 1978. Lou was born in Martins Ferry, Ohio and has lived in the Toledo area for 40 years presently living in Springfield Township. He has three children— Christa, Julia and Nick.

## Rotary Lake Erie Watershed Crisis Conference

October 23rd and 24th, 2015 in Toledo, Ohio

### JOIN LEADERS

Like John Hewko, General Secretary of Rotary International, Government officials from both U.S. and Canada, Academicians, Environmentalists and Agriculture officials.

About what steps are being taken to help the Lake and what hurdles still exist.

### EXCHANGE IDEAS

### TAKE ACTION

On projects Rotarians around the Lake can do to solve the problem.

In August of 2014 nearly 500,000 people could not drink the water that came from Lake Erie. Rotarians seek to solve the International problem of Harmful Algal Blooms which are threatening Lake Erie. Attendees will leave ready to engage their Rotary Clubs all around Lake Erie in projects to reduce this threat to Lake Erie.



## REGISTER NOW

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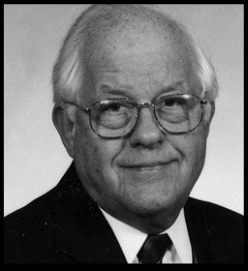
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### Samuel L. Rice 1925-2015

Samuel L. Rice, who joined the Club in 1954, died August 23 after recent ill health. Services will be held Friday at 11:30 in First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Broadway, Maumee. Arrangements are by the Maison-Dardenne-Walker Funeral Home,

Maumee. The family suggests tributes to the church, Lakeside Association, Hospice of Northwest Ohio, or a charity of the donor's choice.



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## Jim Vassar Golf Tournament

### Jim Vassar Memorial Golf Tournament

**Saturday, September 26**

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American Brain Tumor Association

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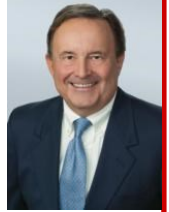
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## Members in the News

**John MacKay** (Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick) has been named one of the "Lawyers of the Year" by Best Lawyers in America. Congratulations John!



**Mark V'Soske** received a life member award from the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives at their annual meeting in Montreal. Congratulations Mark!



### William F. Bates 1944-2015

Past President William F. Bates died August 18 at home in Rocky River, OH. August Bill joined our Club on September 1, 1973. His classification was Law – Probates and Trusts, and he was a practicing attorney for 45 years. Bill was elected a Club Director in 1995 and was a Foundation Trustee from 2002-2007. He was a Paul Harris Fellow, and the hard work he did on behalf of this Club was recognized when he was elected and served as President 1998-1999. Bill's volunteer work outside of the Rotary Club and Foundation was extensive and included service on the following foundations: Bowling Green State University, Flower Hospital, Goerlich Family, Monroe Street Church, ProMedica, and Toledo Community Foundation. He was on the boards of the Judson Palmer Home (Findlay, OH), Monroe Street Church, and ProMedica. From his obituary: "He was a true gentleman of utmost integrity with a positive, strong character as well as a great sense of humor. We will miss you Bill. We will forever cherish the many fond memories of time spent with you that are captured in our hearts - Love Conquers All."



#### PP William F. Bates

Began in Rotary September 1, 1973

PHF

President 1998-1999

Club Director 1995

Foundation Trustee 2002-2007

Committees:

Budget 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982

Classification 1999, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2005 (Vice Chair), 2006 (Vice Chair)

Community Service 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1985

Crippled Children 1974

Greeters & Hosts 1975

Information 1999 (Chair)

Membership Extension 1980, 1981, 1982 (Chair), 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1990, 1991, 1994 (Chair), 1995

Past Presidents 1999 (Chair), 2000 (Vice Chair) -2014



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## Get to know... Tyler McKean

### Describe your profession and what is your favorite part of it?

I feel that I have the best job on the planet most days. I manage key relationships for our team and oversee our business development, 2 members of my team are also Toledo Rotarians, Craig Findley and Lauren Douglas (O'Neill). We are fortunate to be able to work with successful people, we oversee the financial affairs to select group of families and businesses here in northwest Ohio and Naples, Florida.

### What do you like to do when you are not working?

I enjoy spending time with my wife. We enjoy going to Catawba on the weekends, riding bikes and taking our dog for walks around Ottawa Hills. In the winter months, I enjoy skiing and snowmobiling in the UP.

### What is the most satisfying benefit you get from being a Rotarian?

First, I have to say that wherever I go, I am always so proud to say that I am a part of Toledo Rotary. I truly enjoy the friendships and network that it has presented to me, all very committed members to making our city great! Over the past few years, I have witnessed what the power of a group does, rather than just one person.

### Tell us about your family.

I have a wife, Megan who is an intervention specialist at Ottawa Hills. We have a rescue dog named Nigel, who is a Poochon (part Poodle, part Bichon). We live in Ottawa Hills and plan to stay there to raise a family.

### Share one thing people do not know about you.

I lived in New Zealand and New York City for just over 12 months during an international modeling career at 18, I was fortunate to be able to travel to some cool parts of the world. I was the face of a few campaigns, most notably Burberry, Ralph Lauren, Calvin Klein and Sunglass Hut.

### Share some "words to live by" or your favorite quote.

There is no substitute for hard work

### What would you be doing if you were not in your profession today?

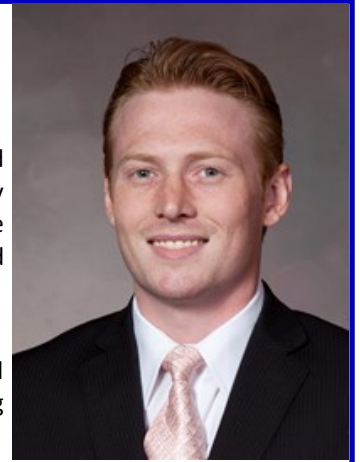
I would actually be doing exactly what I am currently, or trying to find out how to get my job that I have now. I feel very grateful to be in the position I am, doing what I am doing.

### Outside of Rotary, please share other interesting civic or community involvement of which you are a part.

My wife and I enjoy the Toledo Club (Squash Leagues and socializing) and Wildwood Athletic Club. We have spent time volunteering for a number of causes around the community; with Boy Scouts of America- Erie Shores Council, Ronald McDonald House (Red Shoe Society), Partners in Education. Our company tries to be involved as we can throughout the community, helping many causes including United Way, Adopt America, Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo Symphony, and the Toledo Area Humane Society.

### Where do you see yourself in ten years?

Well I suspect I will be running in multiple directions with my wife due to having children with lots of energy! I will still be in the Toledo area, doing very much the same things that I do today. I will probably trade in squash for more golf, after hour functions for school plays, maybe be a part time coach for a T-Ball league ... or maybe playing Barbie's and planning a trip to Disney World. 😊





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## September Birthdays

Gary Robinson (1)  
 Anna Kolin (3)  
 Coleen Neidert (3)  
 Mike Truesdell (3)  
 Stephen Dunbar (4)  
 Steve Skutch (5)  
 William Boeschstein (7)  
 Hal Burke (7)  
 Mari Davies (8)  
 Kristina Latta-Landefeld (9)  
 Sean Cree (12)  
 Rachel Hobson (12)  
 Jillian Gustafson (13)  
 Ernie Brookfield (14)  
 Scott Fry (15)  
 Martin LaMar (17)  
 Judy Leb (17)  
 Kim Sidwell (17)  
 Gregory Steenrod (17)  
 Sarah McHugh (18)  
 Susan Palmer (18)  
 Tim Ryan (18)  
 Mike Bower (20)  
 Joe Zerby (20)  
 Margaret Beck (22)  
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