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Monday's Meeting October 26, 2015: Erin Thompson—Social Security: What You Need to Know

Erin Thompson will give an overview of benefits, any hot button current topics, questions, and answers. Ms. Thompson, a native of Toledo, Ohio joined the Social Security Administration in 2001 upon graduation from the University of Toledo. She started her career as a claims representative, specializing in retirement, survivors, disability, and health insurance. Erin was promoted in 2004 to public affairs specialist and is the primary contact for media relations, outreach, and presentations for the agency in the Toledo area. You can listen to Erin on *Social Security and You*, a radio show on Proclaim 102.3 FM. She is also a regular guest on the *Senior Bodyguard's Senior Moment's* radio show which plays on many stations, including Toledo's 1370 WSPD. Erin is a member of TRIAD Council, which is a board through the Area Office on Aging for senior issues, mainly on crime prevention and awareness concerns. She is also a member of the Inter-Agency Law Enforcement Network through the Better Business Bureau, COPE—an organization protecting the elderly, Re-entry Coalition, Coalition of Children and Families, Domestic Violence Task Force, Care Team, Joint Utility Services Commission, Alliance for Concerned Citizens, and NOGA (Northwest Ohio Gerontological Association).



Upcoming Meetings/Events

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY, October 23 & 24— Rotary Lake Erie
Water Conference Grand Plaza Hotel**

[Read the Blade Editorial on the Water Conference](#)

MONDAY, October 26—Speaker: Erin Thompson

Program: Social Security: What You Need to Know

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

Committee Meetings:

11:00 am Program

MONDAY, November 2—Speaker: Chris Cooper

Program: The ProMedica Affiliation and What it Means for the Community

Greeters: Matthew Adkins, Bob Amphthor, Cindy Binkley, Linda Blackburn, Bill Buckley, Ed Caldwell, John Getchey, Erik Ibsen

Committee Meetings:

11:00 am Strategic Planning

MONDAY, November 9—NO MEETING

WEDNESDAY, November 11

7:30 am Joint Exec Committee, Original Pancake Central

5:00 pm Club Assembly, TBA

MONDAY, November 16—Speaker: Joe Napoli

Program: Hensville: A New Downtown Toledo Destination

Greeters: Bill Cook, Mary Ann Culpert, Janina Douglas, Mary Fedderke, Scott Fry, Tom Fry, Kristina Latta-Landefeld, Tony Ruth, Eric Jordan

Committee Meetings:

11:00 am Finance

1:00 pm Vocational

1:00 pm New Member

TUESDAY, November 17

7:30 am Member Engagement, Café Marie Maumee

WEDNESDAY, November 18

7:30 am Club Board, Toledo Club

**MONDAY, November 23—Speaker: The Most Reverend
Daniel E. Thomas**

Program: TBA

Greeters: Sharon Gaber, Tim Harrington, Scot Hinshaw, Bob Huber, Bernd Hunger, Gary Johnson, Brian Kennedy, Tim Koder, Martin LaMar


**MONDAY, November 20—NO
MEETING**

Rotary
Club of Toledo



**Celebrate World
Polio Day
October 24, 2015**

Jeff Sailer—Toledo Zoo Master Plan



Jeff Sailer, executive director of the Toledo Zoo, shared the Zoo's mission statement which is "inspiring others to join us in caring for animals and conserving the natural world." Jeff shared that this is the 30th year for *Lights Before Christmas* and the 27th year of *Zoo to Do*. Mr. Sailer discussed the Zoo's ambitious master plan which looks to bring back the tunnel which many Toledoans remember with fondness. When questioned why, Jeff remarked that it gives visitors a second way to reach the main side in the event the skywalk would ever be compromised. Some of the other exciting attractions the Zoo is planning are: adding a zip line to the African Safari, building an interactive, year-round river exhibit providing new homes for the hippos and bringing new animals such as Kodiak bears and giant river otters, building a larger & more exciting new exhibit for the tigers including a new café where the tigers will be able to view visitors as they eat, redeveloping the historic Museum of Science into a fun and participatory learning experience, and completion of major repairs and infrastructure improvements to keep the 100+ year-old Zoo relevant today and in the future. The Zoo wants to be a nationally known destination which builds on traditions and provides an individualized, interactive, innovative, and participatory experience while increasing accessibility and diversity. The Toledo Zoo is only one of two in the nation to have all of the large animals and an aquarium. The other is Albuquerque, NM. With around 600,000 people in the metro area, the Zoo attracts over 1 million people annually. They are working with schools to raise some animals to teach biology, conservation, and animal care. They use their 150,000 Facebook followers to get the word out on programs and events. Jeff said they recently added a government affairs program which received a government \$750,000 grant to pay for the new water playground.

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Ann Arbor Rotary Film

The Ann Arbor Rotary is sponsoring a showing of the award-winning documentary, *The Shot Felt 'Round the World*. This one hour film captures Dr. Jonas Salk's heroic journey to the polio vaccine. It will play at noon and 2 pm on Sunday, October 25 at the Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor. Admission is \$7.

THE SHOT FELT 'ROUND THE WORLD

HOW THE POLIO VACCINE SAVED MILLIONS

Save the Date...

Club Holiday Party

December 4

Inverness Club



Bell Ringing

Rotarians are asked to “ring the bell” on November 19 from 11 am to 8 pm at the Maumee location of the Andersons and on December 3 from 11 am to 8 pm at the Talmadge Andersons. Sign up at a meeting!



2015-16 Foundation Goals

Contributions Simplified

- Rotary Club of Toledo** Toledo Rotary Foundation Goal: Each member supports at the President's Club Level—\$250 annually
- **President's Club:** \$250 annually=\$21/mo for 12 months
- Rotary International Foundation Goal: 'Every Rotarian Every Year' Level—\$100 annually**
- **Every Rotarian Every Year** @ \$100 annually = \$9/mo for 12 months
- Rotary International Foundation Goal: 'End Polio Now'—\$25 annually**
- **End Polio Now** @ \$25 annually = \$2/mo for 12 months

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Youth Exchange

Zuzanna Mleczak, Toledo Rotary's exchange student, her host family, and PP Joe Tafelski attended the Toledo Posnan Alliance Dinner this week. They had a good time and Zusa was able to use some of her Polish too. Here are a few pictures. Zuzanna will address the Club in January.



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Get to know... Russ Wozniak



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

My favorite part of the job is showing this beautiful club to prospective members and witnessing the enjoyment they experience visiting this architectural masterpiece.

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

Babysit our first granddaughter, Annie Claire, who just celebrated here nine month birthday. I enjoy playing golf with my three sons. I support good candidates for public office. Some of my other activities include: exercise, Florida trips, grocery shopping for my mom, and doing whatever with my wife. And then there is home maintenance.

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

Community.

Tell us about your family.

I have been married since 1975 to Tina Skeldon Wozniak. We have three sons: Aaron, Sam, and Joe. Aaron married Margaret Wagner from Minnesota and they have one daughter. My mom and youngest son live with us in Old Orchard. Our middle son Sam is co-owner of Power Recruiting. We have lived in Toledo all but four years. We are Buckeye fans!

Share one thing people do not know about you.

I am one of the founders of the Lagrange Street Polish Festival. I reintroduced the Re/Max Real Estate Franchise to Lucas County in 1996.

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

"The will to win is not nearly as important as the will to prepare to win." Bobby Knight.

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

Real Estate Investment.

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

I like to support political candidates and causes. I enjoy serving on a non-profit board from time to time.

Where do you see yourself in ten years?

Hopefully, spending at least 50% of the time doing what I am doing now and the rest of the time helping others do what they want to do.



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 Steve Smith (3)
 Donna Burke (4)
 Joseph Clarke (4)
 Mary Fedderke (5)
 Joshua Schuyler (5)
 Jani Miller (7)
 Reg Jackson (8)
 Sharon Gaber (9)
 Bob Harold (11)
 Katrina Iott (11)
 Steve Naseem (11)
 Majida Mourad (12)
 Jim Knapp (13)
 Doug Miller (14)
 Kent Bryan (15)
 Daric Peppers (15)
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 Delos Palmer, Jr. (19)
 Dave DiManna (20)
 Doug Kearns (20)
 Frank Beans (20)
 Dennis Johnson (21)
 Frazier Reams, Jr. (21)
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 Ronald Kolodzaike (25)
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