### **TOLEDO ROTARY SPOKE**



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# Monday's Meeting: February 26, 2018 Michele Free & Mike Davis Cyber Security



Mike Davis is the Business Development Manager at Meyer Hill Lynch. Prior to MHL, he worked for Buckeye CableSystem/

Telesystem for 27 years, where he held roles as a Telemarketer, Customer Service Manager, Marketing Manager and the Director of Product Development and Marketing. Mike lives in Waterville, with his daughter Kaitlyn, who is active in the Anthony Wayne Marching Band. He is Vice-President of the Board of Directors for Focus Federal Credit Union, and also serves as the President of the Finance Council for St. Charles Parish in South Toledo. Mike graduated from the University of Toledo with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Communication, and has been a life-long resident of Northwest Ohio.

Michele Free is an Account Manager/Consultant with Meyer Hill Lynch and has been in the IT industry for over 28 years in many different roles that range from communications technician to project manager to business consulting. Michele graduated from Owens Community College with her degree in Electronics Engineering. She currently lives in Maumee with her husband and three children and is currently serving as President Elect for Rotary Club of Maumee.

### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

Monday, March 5— Chris Weisfelder, Toledo Sister Cities

**Monday, March 12**—Steve Bailey, NMA (National Management Association)

**Monday, March 19**—John Gorski, NAMSA (North American Science Associates)

Monday, March 26—Matt Bell, Team Recovery

Monday, April 2—NO MEETING, EASTER

### **SCHEDULED MEETINGS/EVENTS**

**Monday, February 26**—Vocational Service Committee, 1pm

Monday, March 5—Water Service Committee, 1pm Youth Service Committee, 1pm

Wednesday, March 7—Foundation Trustees, 12pm

**Thursday, March 8**—Marketing Committee, 5:30pm, Hosted by Chairman, Katie Zraik



### **Your Toledo Rotary Club Foundation**

### Global Grant Results in Safe Drinking Water in Sri Lanka

One of the pleasures of being a Rotarian is that once in a while, we get to see some of the good stuff we do.

Last year I went to Sri Lanka to do a needs assessment for a water crisis in their North-Central province. I found a human catastrophe. All of the ground water was polluted with arsenic and cadmium. This pollution caused very high levels of kidney failure. Death and dialysis was the future for the villagers and they knew it. They could see the health system collapsing and their economy falling apart.

Imagine every drop of water is killing you.

The Colombo Club in Sri Lanka asked for help. They needed water filter systems that could remove heavy metals.

Our Toledo Rotary Club partnered with Clubs in Maumee, Waterville, Perrysburg, Bowling Green, Sandusky, St Mary's, Findlay, as well as District 6600 and RI. **We leveraged \$10,000 into \$178,000**. That money gives 10 villages and 14,000 people, sustainable, clean water.

Last month, Greg Fess, Chuck Stocking, myself, and other district Rotarians went to meet with the Colombo Rotarians. We were shown seven villages with completed water filter plants. The others are under construction.

Each village greeted us with fire works, drummers, flowers, dancing, music, sweets, and coconuts. The children, dressed in their finest, would give each of us a leaf and kneel on the ground and touch their foreheads to our feet. This show of gratitude and respect was very moving, and a little uncomfortable.

The villagers thought that we were saving their lives and we were.

It is good to see some of the good stuff we do through our support of the Toledo and RI Foundations.

Tim Ryan, 1st Vice President









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sponsor.

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# WELCOME NEW MEMBER: Nate Gregg!

Nate Gregg is the General Manager of Welch Packaging Group's Toledo facility. He started with WPG in 1998 as a production supervisor in Elkhart, Indiana. In 2000, Nate transferred to Taylor, Michigan to lead a plant start up. Following a 4-year hiatus from WPG, he rejoined them in 2008 when they acquired their current facility in Toledo. In 2009, Nate was promoted to Plant Manager and in



July of 2015 was promoted to General Manager. Nate is a University of Toledo graduate but credits his success to Bill Hirzel (Hirzel Canning Co.) where he worked during his college years. UT provided a diploma, Bill Hirzel supplied the mentorship on life lessons for success. Nate has been married to his wife, Rachel, for over 20 years. Rachel is the VP of Human Resources for The Mannik and Smith Group, Inc.. They have two children, Abigail (17) and Gunner (14) who attend Oak Harbor High School. Nate and Rachel both grew up in the Oak Harbor area and after being away for 13 years are blessed to be back home and around family. In his free time, Nate is at home in the outdoors; rain or shine. Rachel is very understanding and knows that if he's not at work or home, more than likely he is in the woods doing something. After many years of coaching softball and baseball, Nate now enjoys being a spectator. Abigail and Gunner are both very happy that dad is done coaching too and occasionally they, along with Rachel, must remind him that he is not the coach! Nate's biggest pet peeve comes from his initial interview with the VP of Operations of WPG back in 1998. The VP stated that if he ever heard Nate call corrugated cardboard, that he would be fired on the spot! To this day, Nate twinges when corrugated is referred to as cardboard.

### **FEBRUARY MEETING SPONSOR**



### YEAR END EUCHRE GAME

Come alone or bring a guest, and enjoy a night of cards and fellowship!

# Friday, March 9 7:00pm

This concludes our scheduled Euchre dates for this winter.

We hope you've enjoyed this event and will let us know how often we should plan for Rotary Euchre in the future.



**CLICK TO JOIN!** 



I'd toot my own horn about how good I am at Euchre, but you'd trump it.

### MESA WAREHOUSE SERVICE PROJECT

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

Saturday, February 24
9am—1pm

Fostoria Warehouse: 1370 N Main, Fostoria, OH

Please call, text or email Scott Salyers <u>419.348.7719</u> (cell) <u>salyersscott@yahoo.com</u> if you would like to participate in this International Service opportunity.

### **HELP A CHILD READ**

The Ohio District Governor's Elect announced an inter-district competition to see which district can collect the most children's picture and story books for distribution to Rotary District 3450—Mongolia.

These books will be translated from English to Mongolian by local private HS students. A portion of the books will also be translated into Braille. The translated books will then be distributed to school children in rural Mongolia.

Please bring new, or gently used, books to Rotary on Monday, February 26 or Monday, March 5!

Past Program: February 12, 2018

**Justin Herdman** 

### Fighting Violent Crime

Some prosecutors think their mission is bringing criminals to justice. Justin Herdman, the new US attorney for the Northern District of Ohio, wants to save lives. He said that the number one directive he has given is identifying areas where they can reduce or eliminate people who are dying as a result of criminal conduct. His approach to doing



this is working with state and local counterparts to investigate and prosecute individuals whose conduct requires tougher penalties, which federal laws may offer. Herdman has no intention of trying to prosecute homicides and other felony cases that county prosecutors are skilled at. He will, however, go after individuals with violent criminal histories, prolific drug suppliers, domestic and international terrorists, and individuals who have a history of violence close to home. He believes every case of domestic violence that they can stop is homicide prevention. Federal prosecutors can step in in cases where a person convicted of misdemeanor domestic violence or violation of a protection order is in possession of a gun. Herdman said they will prosecute those individuals because the firearm those people possess is statistically more likely to be used in a crime of violence, because of the person who is has it.

#### INTERNET VIEWING

The February 12 meeting was not recorded due to internet difficulties.



# SAVE THE DATE!



### International Service Committee & District 6600 Trip to Rotary International

Hurry, this event is limited to the first 25 participants!

**What:** Rotary District 6600 visits Rotary International in Evanston, IL

**When:** Friday, March 16, 2018 from 9:00am to approximately 3:30pm

### **Topics of discussion include:**

- 1: Membership Engagement
- 2: Lake Erie Water Quality
- 3: International Service Projects/Global Grants
- 4: Programs
- 5: Foundation
- 6: Others TBD

Transportation: On your own

**Optional hotel:** Hilton Garden Inn Chicago North Shore / Evanston: Group rate: \$138 per night (code: R6600) and is available Thursday, March 15 through Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> (checking out Sunday). **SPECIAL ROOM RATES EXTENDED TO:** March 6th

Please contact Ben Hunger for more information: ben@icfluid.com or (419) 467-2442

# MENTORS NEEDED FOR INTERACT MOCK INTERVIEWS!

**Monday, March 19:** Young Men of Excellence (Waite H.S.)

Monday, March 26: St. Francis InterAct Club

Monday, April 23: Toledo School for the Arts

#### These one-hour interviews achieve several things:

- A. It offers high school students the chance to meet business leaders in their community in a professional environment.
- B. They have an opportunity to gain tremendous insight into their own journey ahead while seeing the possibilities in their own community.
- C. Rotarians have the chance to serve our young adults, offer insight from our own experiences and, above all, encourage the principles of our four-way test.

SIGN UP HERE TO BE A MENTOR

If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Hobson at Rachel@HobsonCoaching.com.

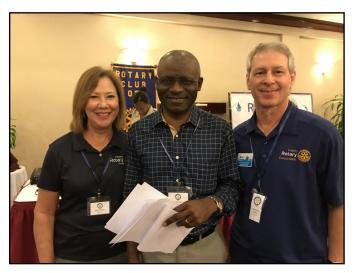
### **Rotarians Attend Uniendo Conference**

The phrase "Uniendo America" means "Uniting America". The Uniendo America Project Fair takes place annually and rotates between various Central American countries. This year it was held in Belize City, from January 25 to 27, 2018. President Sharon Skilliter, and Rotarians Charles Asah and Bob DiNardo attended the Fair this year.

Project fairs are regional events hosted by Rotary districts to encourage international friendship and collaboration. Fairs give Rotary clubs a chance to showcase their service efforts to potential global partners, and they give international visitors the chance to find a project that meets their club's goals.

Fairs typically run two to three days and may include site visits to service projects as well as opportunities to experience the local culture. These activities help visitors learn about the community and build long-lasting relationships with their international hosts.

### To see more on Uniendo CLICK HERE















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Consider Hosting Toledo Rotary Club's
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school year.

Students learn a new language, discover another culture, and truly become global citizens. Exchanges for students 15 to 19 years old are sponsored by Rotary clubs in more than 100 countries.

Hosting an exchange student can be incredibly rewarding, bringing an international experience directly to your home. Host families provide room and board and share their lives with exchange students, involving them in family, community, and cultural activities.

Take a few minutes to watch the video below for answers to many common questions:

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### 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!

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