



Monday's Meeting: May 21, 2018

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NextTech Ohio



Brian Epstein serves as Executive Director of NextTech Ohio, the NWO State Entrepreneurial Services Provider (ESP) Program in collaboration with ProMedica, Mercy, UT and BGSU. Brian was born and raised in Northwest Ohio, returning in 1998 from his educational endeavors at Albion College and then Plymouth State College where he started his career in College Administration.

Brian Epstein brings 20+ years of experience in business and philanthropic sectors through senior leadership roles at ProMedica, The Trust Company of Toledo (a local \$2 billion plus financial services firm), multiple local non-profit boards as well as Director of sales, consulting and product development of Fi-Tek (an international financial technology firm). He is an expert at building partnerships and leading collaborations through which he has maintained an extensive network of corporate (local and national), non-profit and foundation and minority and women leaders. Supported by his Master's degree in Leadership Development and Human Behavior, his skills and experience include in-depth knowledge of organizational lifecycles and structures, process improvement, sales, marketing, product development and commercial validation among others.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Monday, May 28—NO MEETING, MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, June 4—Julia Wiley, 225th Anniversary of the Battle of Fallen Timbers

Monday, June 11—Judy Leb and Demecia Wilson, Lucas County Juvenile Court

Monday, June 18—Sanford Bennett, Deployment and Tour of Duty



SCHEDULED MEETINGS/EVENTS

Friday, May 18—FAC Meeting, Toledo Club, 7:30am

Saturday, May 19—Kids Against Hunger Food Pack, 8am, Renaissance Hotel

Monday, May 21—Transformational Community Conversations, 11am

Wednesday, May 23—Club Board Meeting, Park Inn, 7:30am

Thursday, May 31—MESA Toledo Bonus Ride, Middlegrounds Metropark, 8am

Your Toledo Rotary Club Foundation Awards \$10,000 Grant!

Your Toledo Rotary Club Foundation recently awarded the Girl Scouts of Western Ohio a grant in the amount of \$10,000. The grant is for their Community Outreach Programming and will underwrite the costs of program supplies, food and beverage, and financial assistance for girls. This grant will benefit 2,500 at-risk girls in Lucas County.

While Toledo is a city on the rise, many children in the area are struggling. Approximately 30% of children live at or below the poverty line, and many attend underserved

schools in the Toledo Public Schools system, where only 70% of students graduate in four years; only 50% of youth in grades K-3 are considered "proficient" in core subjects such as math and reading; and the vast majority of ethnically underrepresented students are performing at lower levels than Caucasian students. These factors, coupled with evidence that shows that children from at-risk backgrounds are more likely to demonstrate problems including lower achievement levels, behavioral problems, involvement in juvenile crime, and difficulty establishing personal relationships, indicate a great need for programs that target vulnerable children in the Toledo area.

One of the best methods for improving academic and personal outcomes for at-risk children is participation in after-school and out-of-school educational programming. Quality educational programs provide social skill development, prevent and address risky behaviors, and expose students to diverse and hands-on educational activities that meet community needs and children's interests.

- In-school and after-school series are delivered in six or eight week sessions with each session lasting approximately an hour, for a minimum of 6 hours of programming each semester. Staff meets with girls once a week. Program implementation coincides with the school calendar year.
- Day and overnight camp experiences occur during "out of school" windows, such as spring break and summer break. In day camps, girls receive comprehensive programming that typically lasts 4-6 hours daily over 3-4 consecutive days.
- Staff-led troops are offered to girls participating in the community outreach program. They operate similarly to a traditional Girl Scout troop. They are established in September when school starts, and the new troops meet twice monthly from September to May, where they participate in badge work, community action programs, and the cookie program. There is an end-of-year celebration in May or June.

The community outreach program uses a girl-centered, girl-led, cooperative, and experiential curriculum that is designed to teach girls skills that will support their personal and academic growth. The subject matter is diverse, age-appropriate, and tailored to meet the needs of each cohort of girls. Currently, content focuses on topics including Science, Technology, Engineering (STEM); health and wellness; healthy relationships; conflict resolution; financial literacy; life skills; entrepreneurship; and leadership development. The curriculum is delivered by trained Girl Scout staff members, and it supports the curriculum offered in the girls' schools and meets the standards set by the Ohio Department of Education. The community outreach program has been enormously successful during the last five years-- it grew by 62% in 2016 alone! The community outreach program also has a positive impact on participating girls. Surveys conducted at the end of each program shows that girls demonstrate a strong sense of self, positive values, challenge-seeking behaviors, and are more likely to develop healthy relationships.



Your Donations Made These Gifts Possible!

2018 ROTARY M.E.S.A. BONUS RIDE!

Downtown Toledo Bonus Ride!
Rotary Roundhouse @ Middlegrounds Metropark

Thursday, May 31st, 2018

Breakfast 8 am

Ride any time from 9 am—2 pm

Rider Pledge or Donation

\$50.00 min. per day

Visit Emily's table on Monday to sign up to volunteer!

This year, we're kicking the tour off with a casual bonus ride in Downtown Toledo. The day will start with breakfast at the Rotary Roundhouse in Middlegrounds Metropark. You can ride an hour, or all day, and win prizes from local businesses. All District 6600 Rotarians, friends and family are welcome!

Or, take a ride aboard Toledo's largest (and most lively) bicycle built for 16 - HandleBar Toledo. For a donation of \$50, spend time with friends on one of several HandleBar bicycles and enjoy cycling through the Middlegrounds Metropark along the official charity bike route, pending stops at a few "refueling" stations. Several HandleBar bikes will launch at 12:30 p.m. and are expected to return around 2:30 p.m.



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Be Part of the Conversation!

“Your Conversations, Your Club, Your Community”

You are invited to participate in two weekly community conversations which offer a forum for input, candid feedback, insight, and thoughts on the direction and overall community impact of our Club as we embark and continue on the momentum of our Club. Both Conversations will be led by fellow Rotarian, Kevin Mullan.

These community conversations will result in substantive feedback on the selection and implementation of our Club's next Transformational Project(s). You will decide just what that project will be!

Net funds from ITZA Cabaret will go directly to our Transformational Project Fund and utilized for the sole purpose of the Club Members selected project—**your voice is critical in making that decision**—please join the Conversation, led & facilitated by fellow Rotarian, Kevin Mullan.



Next Community Conversation:

Monday, May 21 at 11 a.m.



Welcome New Member

Haley Gronemeier!



Haley Gronemeier was born and raised in Toledo, is an alumni of St. Joe's Sylvania, and graduated from St. Ursula Academy. She attended Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona where she earned her Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies with concentrations in Political Science and Mass Communication. Haley started her career in hospitality in Scottsdale, Arizona at a four-diamond, luxury, boutique hotel. Starting in food and beverage and working her way into

the sales and marketing discipline. After ten years in Scottsdale, she moved back to the Toledo area when she married her husband Max, and welcomed daughter Madeline, who is now five years old. Haley has worked as Director of Sales and Marketing for Park Inn, Quail Hollow Resort in Concord, Ohio and now at the Renaissance Toledo Downtown Hotel. Haley was the first employee hired for the Renaissance Toledo Downtown Hotel in May of 2016 and had the privilege of bringing the hotel to the Toledo market with much success. Haley and her family currently live in Luna Pier, Michigan and loves to spend the summer boating on their antique Lyman. Haley's passion for travel has taken her to four continents and she loves to visit her husband's home country of Lebanon when her busy schedule allows. Haley was a member of the Toledo Rotary club in 2015, Chardon Rotary in 2016, and is looking forward to getting involved in Toledo Rotary again. She has already volunteered to serve on the Itza Ball committee for next year!

Welcome New Member

Jeff Hassan!



Jeffrey Hassan came to Toledo in May of 2017 as the General Manager of the Renaissance Toledo Hotel, Brim House Restaurant & The Heights Rooftop Bar. He has been married to his lovely wife, Kerrie, for 23 Years. Jeff has 2 children, Nicholas who is a Junior and Jack who is a 6th Grader at Anthony Wayne Schools in Monclova Township. Jeff is a native of Ohio, growing up in Celina, just 120 miles south of Toledo. He attended Johnson & Wales University in Providence, RI where he received his Bachelors & Master's Degrees. In his 25+ year career in the hospitality business he has lived with his wife in 12 different cities (Cleveland, OH; Dayton, OH; St Louis, MO; Columbus, OH; Winston-Salem, NC; Tulsa, OK; Oklahoma City, OK; Ft Lauderdale, FL; Atlanta, GA; Melbourne, FL; Houston, TX; Toledo, OH). And she is still married to him after all of these moves. Jeff was a Rotarian previously in Atlanta, GA with the Rotary Club of Northlake (Tucker, GA). His hobbies include: golf at Stone Oak CC, sports, reading a good James Patterson novel, photography, and enjoying a new IPA. Jeff's pet peeves include tardiness and slow drivers in the passing lane.

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May 19
Rotary Day In Toledo!

Toledo City Council has designated May 19th as Rotary Day. District Governor Deb Cheney met with City Council last Wednesday to accept an award from Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz



First Annual Rotary on the River!

The First Annual Rotary on the River will be held on Saturday, June 2nd. We will make our voyage aboard the Sandpiper Boat from downtown Toledo and a lovely 2-hour, sunset cruise up and down the Maumee River. We are inviting and encouraging our members to bring your spouses or significant others to spend the evening out in Toledo. Cost per person will be \$25. This will cover your ticket and refreshments of the assorted kind (i.e. food, booze and non-alcoholic beverages). The boat departs at 8:30pm and will port at 10:30pm.



We hope that all members under the age of 40 will not only attend, but invite a couple to join them on the cruise. Members of all ages are also welcome to join us on our voyage. There is only room for 100 passengers aboard the vessel, so room is limited and we expect it to go fast.

In order to secure your spot, please register and pay for your tickets. We look forward to an amazing evening on the Maumee and hope that this event becomes a pinnacle, annual recruitment effort for Toledo Rotary and the coming years.

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Past Program: May 14, 2018

Dr. Isaac Schiefer & Julia Faulkner Pechlivanos

Alzheimer's Research



In NW Ohio, 38,000 people are living with dementia. It is the sixth leading cause of death in Ohio. Alzheimer's equals 60-80% of all dementia cases. Dr. Isaac Schiefer has been trying to find a cure for Alzheimer's, and was given seed grants to see if he could improve memory in mice. He created a box with a dark side and a light side for his "model of memory". Mice naturally will head toward the dark side. When they venture to the dark part of the box, they received a mild shock. After 24 hours, they put the mouse back in the box and the mice don't go back in the dark side because they have learned there's something unpleasant that happens in the dark side. When inducing a memory deficit to model Alzheimer's in the mice, they forget that something bad happens in the dark side and they try to return. Dr. Schiefer would then administer the drug IS-1-41 to the mice and put them back in the box to test their memory again. After receiving the drug, 8 out of the 9 mice remembered they would get shocked in the dark side of the box and didn't return. The drug reverses the memory deficits in the hippocampus, which is where the brain is destroyed in Alzheimer's patients. Because of his results, he was given bridge funding to advance his efforts in finding a cure for Alzheimer's disease. He has now found that a lower dose of the drug, IS-1-90, has a greater effect on the brain. Dr. Schiefer has now received \$1.25 million over the next 5 years to develop the full scale drug discovery to cure Alzheimer's disease.

INTERNET VIEWING

The May 14th meeting can be viewed here: [Dr. Isaac Schiefer](#)



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Michelle Klinger (2)
Charles Asah (3)
Kent Sackman (6)
Nate Gregg (7)
Kendra Smith (7)
Becky Swisher (7)
David Kreienkamp (7)
Jim Kniep (7)
Kathy Mikolajczak (8)
John Irwin (8)
Jane Marie Rahe (8)
Tim Wade (9)
Scot Hinshaw (10)
Aubrey Hornsby (11)
Michelle Niedermier (12)
Don Rettig (13)
Jim Layman (14)
Don Leary (14)
Lauren Verroco (14)
Mary Werner (15)
Tom Klein (16)
Kevin Mullan (18)
Gerry Ames (20)
Tyler McKean (20)
Jim Blanchard (21)
Eric Fankhauser (23)
Lori Vance (23)
David Waterman (25)
Paul Sullivan (31)

MEETING GUESTS!

When you bring a guest on Monday, please have them check-in on the laptop located on the high-top table in the ballroom lobby. They will find a lot of great information about Toledo

Rotary and how to become a member!

Remember to sit at one of the guest tables at lunch, so fellow Rotarians can introduce themselves and welcome your guests to the meeting!



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