

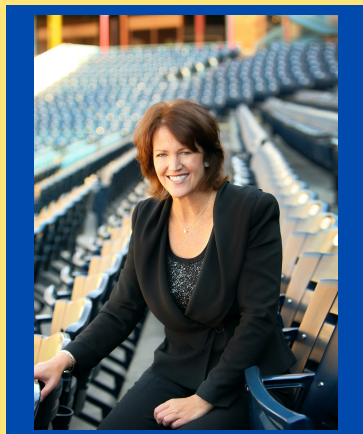
TOLEDO ROTARY SPOKE

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Rotary Opens Opportunities

MONDAY
NOVEMBER 2ND, 2020



CHRISTINE BRENNAN
SPORTS COLUMNIST, USA TODAY

**"THE COVID-19 SURGE
THROUGHOUT SPORTS"**

Christine Brennan is an award-winning national sports columnist for USA Today, a commentator for CNN, ABC News, PBS NewsHour and National Public Radio, a best-selling author and a nationally-known speaker.

In March 2020, Brennan was named the winner of the prestigious Red Smith Award, presented annually to a person who has made "major contributions to sports journalism."

Brennan was the first woman sports writer at The Miami Herald in 1981 and the first woman to cover Washington's NFL team as a staff writer at The Washington Post in 1985. She was the first president of the Association for Women in Sports Media (AWSM) and started an internship-scholarship program that has supported 175 female students over the past two decades.

Brennan is the author of seven books. Her 2006 sports memoir, *Best Seat in the House*, is the only father-daughter memoir written by a sports journalist. Her 1996 national best-seller, *Inside Edge*, was named one of the top 100 sports books of all-time by *Sports Illustrated*. Brennan earned undergraduate and master's degrees in journalism from Northwestern University. A Toledo native who went to Ottawa Hills High School, she is a member of the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame, Northwestern's Medill School of Journalism Hall of Achievement, Northwestern's Athletic Hall of Fame and the Washington, D.C., Sports Hall of Fame.

She has received honorary degrees from Tiffin (Ohio) University and the University of Toledo. She is a member of Northwestern's Board of Trustees and a national trustee at the University of Toledo. Brennan's honors include the 1993 Capital Press Women's "Woman of Achievement;" the University of North Carolina's 2002 Reed Sarratt Distinguished Lecturer; the U.S. Sports Academy's Ronald Reagan Award in 2002; the Jake Wade Award from the College Sports Information Directors of America in 2003; AWSM's Pioneer Award in 2004 and Service Award in 2016; the Woman of the Year by WISE (Women in Sports and Events) in 2005; the inaugural Women's Sports Foundation Billie Award for journalism in 2006; Chi Omega's 2006 Woman of Achievement Award, Northwestern University's Alumni Service Award in 2007 and Yale's Kiphuth medal in 2013. Both the NCAA and the Women's Sports Foundation honored her during Title IX 40th anniversary celebrations in 2012.

ZOOM LINK!

[Click Here to join meeting via ZOOM](#)

Zoom Meeting ID: 628 349 736

Upcoming Monday Meetings

November 9th

NO MEETING

November 16th

Meg Ressler
Solheim Cup

Upcoming Committee Meetings

November 16th

Vocational Services
1:10 PM via Zoom

November 16th

Membership Engagement
1:10 PM via Zoom

2020-2021

1st Cycle Grants Awarded: \$67,555

Community Services: \$24,613

Hospice of NW Ohio - \$5,000

Lutheran Social Services - \$2,113

Nuestra Gente Community Project - \$10,000

Rescue Inc. - \$7,500

Disability Services: \$10,000

Woodlane Foundation - \$10,000

International Services: \$16,444

Planting Seeds International - \$4,444

*Wasambo Education Foundation - \$2,000

*National Hospital Abuja, Nigeria - \$10,000

*Global Grant

Vocational Services: \$6,498

Inclusive of Women - \$6,498

Youth Services: \$10,000

Girl Scouts of Western Ohio - \$10,000

Water Services Committee Tour



On Monday, **Rob Krain, Chair of the Water Services Committee**, gave us an in-depth tour of the WS Committee and the regional efforts to ensure we all have clean and safe water. The WS Committee is involved in several projects one of which is local water sampling. In 2019, the Water Services Committee worked with 100 testing sites around the Lake Erie Watershed to do sample collections. The committee partnered with the Toledo Zoo to engage teens to work on the project.

The WS Committee is also working on advocacy with local, state and national elected officials to help work with the clean water initiative. The committee was part of a meeting, hosted by the Ohio Environmental Council, which included congressional representatives. The group anticipates meeting in Washington DC with elected officials in the spring of 2021.

Currently, the group is working on a Rotary International project to collect freon. The mission is to collect freon canisters from local businesses for proper disposal. Proper disposal of these canisters helps mitigate greenhouse gas emissions and impacts carbon credits. Rob shared that the State of Ohio is making significant investments into clean water. The State has designated \$172 million into the H2Ohio Project. This project works in tandem with the WS Committee's efforts especially when it comes to financial assistance for local farmers to implement best practices.

In addition to volunteering, Rob works professionally to ensure clean and safe water. He is the Executive Director for Blackswamp Conservancy and has worked with the Department of Natural Resources. Currently he is working on 4 projects to convert crop land that consistently floods into wetlands. The wetlands absorb the nutrients of the soil and minimize the impact of the runoff to Lake Erie. For more information regarding the Water Services Committee please contact Rob at the email below.

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[Click HERE to see the Disability Services Review](#)

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SAVE THE DATE!

Holiday time is right around the corner and the Rotary Club of Toledo is going to celebrate!

Mark your calendars for:

Saturday, December 12th

The Toledo Zoo

Lights Before Christmas & Desserts

Rotarians and their families are welcome!

More details to come @ the Monday Meeting
November 2nd.

**Donations to the Toledo Rotary Club Foundation
in Memory of:**

Peter Handwork & Thomas Klein

Bill McElheney

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26TH RECAP

[Watch Meeting
Video HERE](#)



KEARY SARABIA
CEO/PRESIDENT
RFS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

"THE IMPORTANCE OF ADOLESCENCE MENTAL HEALTH IN EDUCATION"

On Monday, Rotary Club of Toledo was pleased to host Keary Sarabia. Keary gave us an in-depth presentation on the overarching need for adolescence mental health in schools. In addition, Keary stressed the importance of having that "leg up" which for many kids means, just having the basics of food, shelter and adult support. He stressed how kids need to have this foundation first before they can strive to higher things. Sarabia shared his life experiences with us and how he believes that extracurricular activities and mentors gave him the foundation to find his way back to a happy, healthy, successful lifestyle. To see Keary's presentation in it's entirety, please click the link above.

Keary Sarabia was born and raised in North Toledo to Ruben and Mary Sarabia. Keary's father's family migrated from Texas to Toledo where Keary attended Woodward High School. While at Woodward Sarabia played football and received All-City Lineman of the Year, All-District Lineman of the Year and was First Team All-State. Keary started his post secondary education at the University of Toledo, but transferred to College of the Desert to play football where he graduated.

Keary returned to Toledo after college and became involved in a lifestyle that lead to addiction and eventually homelessness. After some time, he realized he had the inner strength he has once learned from sports, to change his life.

He did change his life. Keary says he found his true calling after putting himself through "self-inflicted adversity" and believes his experience allows him to reach others and empower people. Keary has been true to his word, and has worked in the mental health and recovery field for 20 years.

Welcome New Rotarian Mike Hosier !



Day Job: Director, Operation Services, Toledo Edison

Notable Accomplishment: Mike has been working with a First Energy subsidiary for 29 years. He began his career as a field engineer and worked his way up to his current Director position.

Notable Service: Mike has been a Rotarian since 2012. He began his Rotary service at Hagerstown, MD.

Little something personal: Mike enjoys sailing, hiking & outdoor activities.

Rotary Club of Toledo Got Together!

Football & Fellowship

On Saturday October 24th, Toledo Rotarians gathered at the Toledo Club for a bit of fun. Although it was a bit chilly, about 35 fellow Rotarians stopped by the Toledo Club, our future home, to socialize, watch a bit of football and drop off donations.

Curt Church, Chair of the Peace Committee said that Mt. Nebo Church collected 20 suits, 50 dress shirts and 30 pairs of pants as well as womens accessories. Twelve sets of twin-bed sheets were donated to the Let's Build A Bed organization. Thank you to all who came out and donated! Both groups said they would love to work with our club anytime!!



Morning Cider & Donuts



On Wednesday, October 28th, Rotarians met at the Rotary Roundhouse, Middlegrounds Metropark for fellowship that included Ladder 419 filled with apple cider, courtesy of Rotarian Kevin Mullan and amazing donuts provided by Holey Toledough Donuts! Rotarian Dave Zenk announced the National Gold Medal Award for excellence in parks & recreation right here in Toledo!



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Rotary Club of Toledo would like to invite your company or organization to sponsor one month of our Monday Meetings. Monthly meeting sponsorship is \$375 a month and you will receive the benefits listed below. Months that are still available are also listed below. Please contact Abbey at asachs@toledorotary.org to reserve your month today!

Weekly Meeting Sponsor Benefits—One Month Commitment

- Weekly Spoke promo: Hotlink to your website - 4 promos
- Weekly Mail Chimp email sent to all members Monday morning; featured as weekly sponsor - 4 promos
- Logo featured weekly in the Monday meeting Power-Point - 4 promos
- Logo featured weekly in the pre-meeting Power-Point - 4 promos
- Logo featured on our website throughout the Rotary year beginning the month of your sponsorship—hotlink to your website
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