February 1, 2021

Crisis Management,
Business Continuity and
Emergency Response Planning

2020 was a challenging year for all businesses with the global COVID-19 pandemic, the social injustice movement which brought protests, riots, and property damage in the hundreds of millions of dollars, non-essential businesses forced to temporarily or permanently shutter their doors, violent crime increasing in most major metropolitan areas and presidential election and how it affected businesses that had to prepare for additional civil disturbance and crime due to political unrest in the nation.

Bruce Cramer and Richard Helminski of Impact America will address how employers, employees, and visitors/customers can better prepare themselves during a crisis. The current climate that we all live in has proven that we all need to be prepared.

Bruce Cramer served his community as a Toledo Police Officer, retiring in October 2019 with 32 years of service. He served as a Vice President of the Police Union, D.A.R.E. Officer in the Toledo Schools, primary hostage negotiator, Field Training Officer and also taught at the Toledo Police Academy along with Owens Community College as an instructor. Bruce is now working as a Safety Specialist with Gem/Rudolph Libbe Group. He joined Impact America 2 years ago with his expertise in law enforcement and safety consulting. He and his wife Peggy reside in Holland, Ohio. They are proud parents of 4 children and 8 grandchildren.

Rick Helminski served his community as its Assistant Fire Chief, retiring in July 2020 with 33+ years of service and is a member of the Springfield Schools Board of Education. He joined Impact America nearly 15 years ago becoming their fire/life safety consultant. Mr. Helminski began his service on the Springfield Board of Education in January 2014. He is a proud graduate of Springfield High School, where he excelled both academically and athletically. He is a lifelong resident committed to the safety of all residents and to ensure the quality of their lives. He is especially committed to the lives of every neighbor within the Holland Springfield community.

Rick has been extraordinarily active on local and statewide committees through Homeland Security, sharing his knowledge and expertise to educate colleagues and Ohioans on the importance of emergency preparedness procedures and training. In May 2020, he was recognized by Multiplying Good as a “One in a Million” award recipient. He and his wife Rebecca are the proud parents of two daughters, both who are alumnae of SHS.

ZOOM LINK!
Click Here to join meeting via ZOOM
Zoom Meeting ID: 628 349 736

Upcoming Monday Meetings

February 8th
Loretta J. Mester, President
Federal Reserve Bank - Cleveland

February 22nd
Cindy Kerr, Executive Director
Downtown Toledo Improvement District

Upcoming Committee Meetings

February 1st @ 1:10 p.m.
Foundation Investment Committee
Disability Service Committee
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Monday's meeting featured a short clip, the first of many upcoming interviews with our illustrious past presidents, "In Their Own Words".

Click on the graphic below to watch the full 10 minute video featuring PP Walt McGhee "In His Own Words"!

What advice would you give a new Rotarian?

Form a friendship with as many folks as you can and realize the more involved you are in the club, the more you take home.

WALT MCGHEE PAST PRESIDENT

Send Program Questions In Advance!

On February 8th, Toledo Rotary will host President Loretta Mester of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland. We have been asked to provide questions ahead of time for Loretta. If you have a question or something you would like her to address, please submit your questions to: troy.greeley@wellsfargoadvisors.com

We are looking forward to an insightful and informative presentation. Hope to see you there!

Loretta J. Mester President/CEO

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF CLEVELAND
Monday, January 25th Recap

Northwest Ohio Historic Sites

Burt Logan provided an overview of the Ohio History Connection with special emphasis on the historic sites located in NW Ohio. He became the Executive Director and CEO of the Ohio History Connection (formally the Ohio Historical Society) in December of 2009. The Ohio History Connection is a private, nonprofit organization established in 1885 serving as the state’s partner in preserving and interpreting Ohio’s history, archaeology and historic architecture.

Mr. Logan oversees more than 180 employees and a $19 million operating budget. To learn more about the organization click the link: www.ohiohistory.org.

Prior to moving to Columbus, Mr. Logan led the U.S.S. Constitution Museum from 1995 to 2009 —first as Executive Director, then as President since 2007. From 1986 to 1995, he served as the Director of the Wisconsin Maritime Museum in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. He began his museum career as Executive Director of the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania from 1983 to 1986.

He received a Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York in June 1976. In his senior year, he was awarded the General of the Army Omar Nelson Bradley Award for Excellence in Historical Research and served as an officer until 1981. In 1983, he received his Master of Arts in History Museum Studies from the Cooperstown Graduate Program. In 2005, he attended the Museum Leadership Institute at the Getty Center in Los Angles, CA.

He and his wife Bonnie live in Bexley, Ohio and are the parents of three sons, Mark, Garrett and Sean and the grandparents of Corrin.
Welcome New Rotarian Rodney Eason!


Notable Accomplishment: Rodney’s past experience includes several high profile positions. He was the Operations Manager at UPS, the Regional HR Manager at 5/3 Bank and the HR Director for the Plant & Nutrient Group at the Andersons.

Notable Service: Rodney serves on the Board of the Toledo Museum of Art, the Promedica Metro Hospital Board and the Toledo Library Legacy Foundation Board.

Pet Peeve: Anyone, anything or any structure that devalues people.

Little something personal: Graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a BA and received his MBA from Heidelberg University. Rodney lives with his wife Shelia and their two children, Donovan and Mia.

Rotarian in the News

Our very own Rotarian Kevin Mullan, was featured on a national broadcast of the Kelly Clarkson Show Monday afternoon! Kelly highlighted Kevin's converted firetruck, now a roving beer (or root beer) truck and gave him a shout out on Twitter. Kevin shared with Kelly the role "Ladder 419" has served during COVID. Instead of a party rental, Kevin offers the firetruck for community service and volunteer driven events, often providing root beer floats to first responders on the job or hot apple cider. Great job Kevin for your commitment to our community and truly putting service above self!
Club Past President Dr. Riaz Chaudhary, Chief Medical Officer, Mercy Health receives the COVID-19 vaccine.

A regular feature of the update will include Rotarians who have received the vaccine. We invite you to send a selfie when you receive the vaccine so that we can include in the Spoke:

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