Monday, June 14th, 2021

Randy Gardner
Chancellor
Ohio Department of Higher Education

Randy Gardner was appointed by Governor Mike DeWine the 10th Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education in January 2019. As Chancellor, he oversees the state’s two-year and four-year colleges and universities and Ohio Technical Centers. In addition, the Chancellor provides policy guidance to the Governor and the Ohio General Assembly and carries out state higher education policy.

During the first year of the DeWine Administration, Chancellor Gardner made more than 100 college and university visits to 74 different campuses, an ambitious schedule meeting with university leaders, faculty and students throughout Ohio.

Before becoming Chancellor, Gardner served a combined total of 33 years in the Ohio Senate and House of Representatives.

A well-respected leader, Gardner served in seven different elected leadership positions, including Senate President Pro Tem, House Speaker Pro Tem and Senate Majority Leader during his final term in the Senate. He also served as chairman of both the House and Senate Higher Education committees.

In the General Assembly, his work ethic was exemplified by his 100% voting record over 33 years. His 10,433 consecutive roll call votes on bills, amendments and resolutions earned him the nickname “the Cal Ripken of the state legislature.”

Gardner received his bachelor’s degree in education and a master’s degree in political science, both from Bowling Green State University. Prior to his career in public service, he worked both as a realtor and high school history and government teacher.

Gardner and his wife, Sandy, reside in Bowling Green and are the parents of three children—Brooks, Christina, and Austin.
Congratulations to ALL Rotarians who made it possible for us to reach and exceed our $80,000 annual fund goal and to reach 75% participation for this year's campaign!

To the two generous Rotarians who provided the challenges that spurred on participation!

To PP Tom Backoff whose leadership and enthusiasm for the Toledo Rotary Club Foundation has once again inspired us to "punch above our weight" for the many worthwhile organizations within our local community and global community that our Foundation's annual fund supports.

To the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Toledo and the Trustees of the Toledo Rotary Club Foundation whose phone calls and reminder messages helped put us over the top.

To Executive Director Kathy Tate, and Club Administrator Abbey Mortemore Sachs for keeping us on track and our members up to date on the progress.

THANK YOU to each and every Toledo Rotarian who donated to our Foundation this Rotary year.

Yours In Rotary Service,
Mary Mancini
Chair
Toledo Rotary Club Foundation
Rotarians, plan to have some fun and fellowship, as you "hunt" around the museum for clues while enjoying a beverage from Tapped 419 and some appetizers! Food will be available for purchase.

Please join us for a scavenger hunt through the National Museum of the Great Lake and learn about our rich Great Lakes AND maybe even win a prize!

PLEASE RSVP HERE!

Who knows? Maybe you will learn a little something along the way!
On Monday, storyteller Tedd Long spoke to our Club at our new home and in person! Tedd talked about the books he has written about Toledo and its rich history. Tedd shared stories of famous people who came to Toledo at one time in their lives and how it impacted our history. Many of the stories Tedd shared are in his first book titled, “Forgotten Visitors”. To see Tedd’s presentation in its entirety, click the link above.

From a hip urban downtown overflowing with arts and culture, to exciting activities and must-visit spots surrounding the city’s core, the Toledo region is a wonderful metropolis waiting to be discovered. Local author and master storyteller Tedd Long’s unique appreciation for the city comes through on every page of his new book, “100 Things to do in Toledo Before you Die” and even longtime residents will find something new to do among his suggestions.

Tedd’s new book includes how outdoor enthusiasts can explore miles of trails in the Toledo Metroparks. Water sports abound, such as boating or fishing on Lake Erie or kayaking on the mighty Maumee River. Feeling festive? Mark your calendar for the many family-friendly ethnic festivals Toledo has to offer. Craving a taste of Toledo? Make reservations at the restaurants and bars included in the pages of his book. Plus, in addition to great ideas for your next Toledo adventure, this book offers insider tips to make every experience even better.

Whether you’re new to the Glass City and interested in becoming a certified Toledoan or just exploring how to spend your next Saturday afternoon around town, this book is for you! Local author and master storyteller Tedd Long’s unique appreciation for the city comes through on every page, and even longtime residents will find something new to do among his suggestions.
Our June 7th first 'in-person' meeting of the 20-21 Rotary year was a great success! Thank you to all that made that possible. It was so good to see our members in person and actually shake a few hands! We look forward to welcoming all who can attend in person as well as those members that join us on Zoom!

President Alex Due

Tedd Long, Historian
Monday’s speaker

Rotarians once again enjoy lunch, fellowship & the long awaited return to new & old friendships!
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