Monday’s Meeting August 24, 2015: Joan Durgin—Polly Fox Academy

Joan Durgin will introduce the Polly Fox Academy, a school for 7th-12th grade pregnant and parenting teens. Ms. Durgin, development director, will share its mission of assisting these young women find a path to the future that includes graduation, post-secondary training, parenting, and employability skills. Joan has served as development director since 2006 and was the implementation coordinator from 2003-2006. Ms. Durgin worked for the Toledo Public schools for many years as a coordinator of health services and family life specialist. Early in her career, she was a program director for the YMCA in Toledo, OH. Joan holds a Master of Education degree from the University of Toledo and Bachelor of Arts from Lake Forest College. She is a certified sex educator with the American Association of Sex Educators and Therapists and instructs Parent Effectiveness Training and Systematic Training for Effective Parenting. Ms. Durgin is a 2013 Jefferson Award recipient and is in the Ohio Women’s Hall of Fame. She is a prolific grant writer with many large grants awarded since 1996 with the largest being a $1.8 million Department of Health and Human Services award for the Adolescent Family Life Care Grant from 2006-2010. Joan currently serves on the Toledo Children’s Hospital board and the United Way Woman’s Initiative.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

MONDAY, August 24—Speaker: Joan Durgin
Program: Polly Fox Academy
Greeters: Sharon Gaber, Tim Harrington, Scot Hinshaw, Bob Huber, Ben Hunger, Gary Johnson, Brian Kennedy, Martin LaMar

Committee Meetings:
11:00 am International Service

MONDAY, August 31—Speaker: Mike O’Brien
Program: The Economics of 1-A Athletics
Greeters: Guisselle Mendoza, Majida Mourad, Kevin Mullan, Dean Niese, Daric Peppers, Judy Potter, Brad Rubini, Hunt Sears

Committee Meetings:
11:00 am Community Service
1:00 pm Youth Service

MONDAY, September 7 NO MEETING

MONDAY, September 14—Speaker: Sharon Kennedy
Program: The 4 Way Test
Greeters: Jim Scheib, Joe Sharp, Paul Sullivan, Travis Tangeman, Lou Tosi, Keith Walker, Tom Waniewski, Dan Zimolzak

Committee Meetings:
11:00 am Strategic Planning
1:00 pm New Member/Member Development

WEDNESDAY, September 16
7:30 am Club Exec Board—Original Pancake
FRIDAY, September 18
7:30 am FAC—Toledo Club

MONDAY, September 21—Speaker: John Tharp
Program: Heroin Epidemic and DART
Greeters: Matthew Adkins, Bob Amphor, Ryan Ball, Cindy Binkley, Linda Blackburn, Bill Buckley, Ed Caldwell

Committee Meetings:
1:00 pm Vocational

WEDNESDAY, September 23
7:30 am Club Board—Toledo Club

THURSDAY, September 24
7:30 am New Member Orientation—TBA
FRIDAY, September 25
9:00 am—1:30 pm Zoo Day
SATURDAY, September 26
8:00 am Vassar Golf Tournament

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DG Gary Newton—District 6600

Update

District Governor Gary Newton updated the activities of District 6600. He said he was pleased with the Toledo Club’s activities and stated it is the “premier club.” DG Gary shared his Rotary story which began when he owned a bookstore in Englewood, OH and joined the local club after declining their invitation twice. In that vein, he mentioned that members should ask prospective members several times. He attended meetings for the first couple of years but really didn’t get involved. Then, the president elect approached him with a clipboard and asked him to join a committee. He had a great time and eventually chaired the committee. He implored members to get new members involved in your club’s committees. DG Gary went on to lead two clubs, serve as ADG, and now DG. After a brush with death, his passion switched to Rotary and its mission. He also found that Rotary’s reach was not just local, but worldwide. He invited all Rotarians to register for the District Conference which will take place in Newark on April 29- May 1. Register here.

DG Gary’s theme is INCREASE!
- INCREASE in service, projects
- INCREASE Giving—$100 to RI and $25 to Polio Plus
- INCREASE Membership by 2%

DG Gary says all Rotarians should “be a gift to the world.” Don’t wait for the perfect time to invite new members. This is our time.

2015-16 Foundation Goals

**Contributions Simplified**

- **Rotary Club of Toledo**
  - Toledo Rotary Foundation Goal: Each member supports at the President’s Club Level—$250 annually

- **President’s Club**:
  - $250 annually—$21/mo for 12 months

- **Rotary International Foundation Goal: ‘Every Rotarian Every Year’ Level**—$100 annually

- **Every Rotarian Every Year** @ $100 annually—$9/mo for 12 months

- **End Polio Now @ $25 annually**—$2/mo for 12 months

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**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION**

**WHAT IS “EVERY ROTARIAN, EVERY YEAR” ALL ABOUT?**

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New Member

Ben Hunger is the vice president of IC-Fluid Power which is a family owned international hydraulics company located in Northwood, OH. Ben was born in Toledo and graduated from the University of Toledo with a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering. His paternal grandfather ran a hydraulic company in Germany and his maternal grandfather ran one in France. Ben is fluent in German and his hobbies include: snow skiing, flying, traveling, and food/cooking. His pet peeves are dishonesty and bad etiquette. Steve Boice sponsored Ben and Sharon Skilliter seconded.

Toledo Rotary Foundation Grant Recipient Update

It’s hard to believe but the Toledo area has children that are suffering the effects of hunger, right here in our own community. Thanks to the Toledo Rotary Foundation and other supporters in the community, Mobile Meals is helping to put an end to hunger. To most schoolchildren, weekends are an eagerly anticipated break—an opportunity to trade the rigors of education for more enjoyable activities. But for a growing number of Toledo students weekends are more than a recess from learning; they are a two-day interruption in their primary source of nutrition. Cut off from government lunch programs, many students receive little—or nothing at all—to eat on Saturday and Sunday. By Monday morning, these children are too hungry to concentrate on their class work.

Mobile Meals of Toledo’s **Weekender Program®** provides food to children at six Toledo area schools who would otherwise get inadequate nourishment over the weekend. These 1600 students who qualify for free or reduced-cost lunches receive a bag of food to take home with them every Friday afternoon. The bags contain kid-friendly snacks such as cereal, fresh fruits, juice, snacks and granola bars—all are healthy items that require no refrigeration and are easily opened by children. The **Weekender Program®** helps ensure that students have enough to eat all weekend long so they can come to school Monday morning nourished and ready to learn.

Rotary Lake Erie Watershed Crisis Conference

October 23rd and 24th, 2015 in Toledo, Ohio

**JOIN LEADERS**
Like John Hewko, General Secretary of Rotary International, Government officials from both U.S. and Canada, Academicians, Environmentalists and Agriculture officials.

**EXCHANGE IDEAS**
About what steps are being taken to help the Lake and what hurdles still exist.

**TAKE ACTION**
On projects Rotarians around the Lake can do to solve the problem.

In August of 2014 nearly 500,000 people could not drink the water that came from Lake Erie. Rotarians seek to solve the international problem of Harmful Algal Blooms which are threatening Lake Erie. Attendees will leave ready to engage their Rotary Clubs all around Lake Erie in projects to reduce this threat to Lake Erie.

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www.rotarylakeerieconference.org
Describe your profession and what is your favorite part of it?
I’m employed by the U.S. Department of Justice as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Criminal Division of the Northern District of Ohio. Translation: I’m a federal prosecutor. I’ve been in that position/office since February; before that, I was a county prosecutor in Montgomery County (Dayton) for 16 years. My favorite part of being a prosecutor (be it at the state or federal level) is being in court, either before a judge or jury, advocating my position. What I’ve always loved about being a prosecutor—and the reason I wanted to be one in the first place—is that being a prosecutor means that you spend your day trying to make the world safer.

What do you like to do when you are not working?
Be with my husband and daughter, travel, play tennis, ski, cook, and run (I’m training for a half marathon in the fall).

What is the most satisfying benefit you get from being a Rotarian?
Knowing that I’m part of a club whose mission is essentially to make the world better (both locally and internationally) and the sense of fellowship I feel when I attend a Rotary event. More personally, I love that I’m carrying on my father’s tradition; he was a Rotarian in Dayton for almost 50 years but didn’t live long enough to see me join. Before my move to Toledo, I was a member of Dayton Rotary, and many of my father’s friends and former colleagues were also members. I feel great pride when I think of the influence my father had on me in wanting to become a Rotarian and the example he set as an active, life-long Rotarian.

Tell us about your family.
My husband, Travis, is also a member of Rotary. You may have recently heard his introduction (and mine since we just moved to Toledo). He owns his own IT company which is based out of Dayton but he works out of our home in Ottawa Hills. He got me into distance running, only he does it effortlessly and I don’t! In addition to being an IT whiz, he’s a natural athlete, a wonderful cook, and he makes me laugh like no other. I think he’s one of the wittiest people I’ve ever met. We have a seven-year-old daughter, Bryn (named after the all-women’s college, Bryn Mahr), who is starting 2nd grade at Ottawa Hills Elementary. She likes soccer, swimming, helping us cook, and playing with our 5-month-old yellow lab. I’m not objective but she’s a great kid (clearly taking after her father). She makes her own fun wherever she goes and has the most gorgeous shade of auburn hair which she gets from my mother-in-law.

Share one thing people do not know about you.
I speak French fluently and I backpacked through Europe alone after my junior-year abroad in Paris. Wait, that’s two things. Leave it to a lawyer to NOT be brief!

Share some “words to live by” or your favorite quote.
“Character is the force in one man that distinguishes him from others. It gives him individuality and personality. It is that without which no man can respect himself, nor hope to attain the respect of others. It is this force of character that guides men through life and, when once developed, grows steadily. Character is achieved and not received, it is the product of constant action, daily striving to make the right choice. The problem of character is the problem of self-control. ‘We must be in reality what we wish to appear to others. By demonstrating such qualities as reliability, honesty, and sincerity, we may hope to prove by example that we value character.’ This quote is framed and has been hanging on my office wall since the first day I began prosecuting 16 years ago.

What would you be doing if you were not in your profession today?
I would be standing outside of a courtroom with my face smashed up against the window of the courtroom door, pining to get in; I was born to be a prosecutor. Now, if there were 30 hours in a day and I could add something to my day, I’d be a writer; or perhaps as a fallback, given the years of my mother’s grammar-infused tutelage, I’d make a good editor in my spare time.

Outside of Rotary, please share other interesting civic or community involvement of which you are a part.
I’m involved in the Toledo Women’s Bar Association and a member of the Fall Kickoff and Annual Meeting Committee. Prior to my recent move to Toledo, I was a member of the Family Support Committee of Habitat of Dayton and an active volunteer at their build sites. I was also an active member of the Dayton Bar Association, serving on four different committees, including the Grievance Committee, Judiciary Committee, Criminal Law Committee, and a founding member of the Women in Law subcommittee of the Diversity Committee.

Where do you see yourself in ten years?
In the same place—a criminal prosecutor here in Toledo. But I may have a draft of my first book finished by then and when I retire, I plan on writing several books. Ideally, in that timeframe, I will have also vacationed in several new places.
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- Scott Kepp (4)
- Melissa Noe (4)
- Chuck Schaub (4)
- Gary Walker (4)
- John Bleau (5)
- Chuck Lehner (5)
- Bill McDonnell (5)
- Regan Smith (5)
- David Huey (7)
- Daniel Murtagh (7)
- Steve Staelin (7)
- David Cameron (8)
- Bruce Freidman (10)
- Gary Geiger (10)
- Andy Stuart (10)
- Cindy Binkley (11)
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- Andria Ebert (13)
- Thomas Palmer (13)
- Pamela Hershberger (14)
- Jim Weber (14)
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