Monday’s Meeting September 14, 2015:  
Sharon Kennedy—The 4 Way Test  

Ohio Supreme Court Justice Sharon Kennedy’s presentation is titled “The Rotary Four-Way Test and the Founding of America.” She will be discussing the parallels found between the Rotarian code of ethics and the principles that guided the founding fathers as they established a new nation and government.

Ohio Supreme Court Justice Sharon L. Kennedy began her career in the justice system as an officer for the City of Hamilton Police Department. Following her time on the police force, Justice Kennedy obtained her law degree from the University of Cincinnati College of Law and entered the legal field as a solo practitioner.

During her time in private practice, she also served as part-time magistrate in the Butler County Area Courts, as well as special counsel for former Ohio Attorney General Betty D. Montgomery. She was elected to the Butler County Court of Common Pleas Domestic Relations Division in 1999, where she also served as the administrative judge from 2005 until her election to the Supreme Court in 2012.

Justice Kennedy has been the recipient of multiple awards, including the Nicholas Longworth, Ill Alumni Achievement Award, which she received from the University of Cincinnati College of Law on May 17, 2014. She was named one of 13 professional women to watch by the Cincinnati Enquirer in March 2013, and was named Judge of the Year in 2006. On December 7, 2012, Justice Kennedy was sworn in as the 154th Justice of the Supreme Court of Ohio and the ninth female justice to serve on the court.
Mike O’Brien—The Economics of 1-A Athletics

Mike O’Brien, UT vice president and athletic director, began by presenting an overview of UT which has current enrollment of 21,000 undergraduate and graduate students and over 140,000 living alumni. UT offers over 300 programs and is now a “destination school” for a lot of students. UT competes in the Mid-American Conference (MAC) is in the Group of 5 Conferences which is the less prestigious conference group versus the Power 5 (ACC, Big 10, SEC, Pac 12, and Big 12). UT is trying to keep pace in its student-athlete financial offerings with the bigger schools but isn’t able to do everything because of costs. At UT, not all student-athletes are on scholarships and most teams must divide a scholarship among many students. These teams offer full scholarships—football, men’s & women’s basketball, women’s volleyball, and women’s tennis. UT has 340 student-athletes and 300 are on some kind of scholarship. Mike discussed how television has changed game attendance. UT athletics has had to be creative to generate community and fan support to fill the Glass Bowl. Games being seen on ESPN pay off in increased exposure across the country. Mike then addressed pay for play which would be detrimental to schools because of the budget implications. Since 2010, 15 schools have dropped 66 sports because of money issues. Mr. O’Brien said that would only increase if schools were mandated to pay student-athletes and could result in funding changes to things like the Olympics as well as student support services being affected. UT’s goal is for all student-athletes to grab their diplomas with a championship ring on a finger. Mike proudly announced that UT student-athletes earned a 3.255 overall GPA in the spring 2015 semester and that all of the 16 UT sports teams earned a 3 or above GPA for the first time in school history. Way to go Rockets!
Sharon Gaber is the 17th president of the University of Toledo. She was born in La Jolla, CA and earned her bachelor’s degree from Occidental College, a master’s degree from USC, and her doctorate in city and regional planning from Cornell University. She spent six years as provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Arkansas. Prior to that, she served in multiple roles in the provost’s office at Auburn University, including interim provost and vice president for academic affairs, senior associate provost, and associate provost for academic administration. She has received more than two dozen grants totaling nearly $2 million and is the author of 40 peer-reviewed articles researching and analyzing regional and urban planning, public policy, and the social dynamics that affect decision-making. Sharon has three children—Alison, Jennifer, & Peter. Joe Zerbey is her sponsor and Nagi Naganathan seconded.

Scot Hinshaw is with Niehaus, Wise and Kalas where he specializes in employment law and commercial litigation. Scot has also served as an instructor at the Georgetown University Law Center. He is a member of the American Bar Association and is admitted to the Maryland, D.C., Illinois, and Michigan bars. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Maryland and his Juris Doctor from Georgetown University. Scot, his wife Kirsten, and their daughter live in Sylvania after recently relocating from Chicago. Scot and Kirsten are excited to be in Toledo where they can enjoy the support of grandparents and family and work with great colleagues. Scot enjoys competing in sprint triathlons, traveling, and following college basketball. His pet peeves are those grammatical mistakes that appear in professional materials. Joe Tafelski is his sponsor and Reg Jackson seconded.
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Get to know... Ben Hunger

Describe your profession and what is your favorite part of it?
IC-Fluid Power, Inc. is a specialty hydraulic component sourcing company. We import high-end product from Europe, primarily Germany, for many different industries and applications ranging from military, offshore oil, nuclear power, steel plants to mega yachts which we sell all over the USA, Canada and Mexico. I love the diversity because it keeps the interest high by working on different projects continually. Technically, my title is VP, but that is only because that title means I wear many hats. In a small business, we need to be flexible and attend to our customers’ unique needs.

What do you like to do when you are not working?
Travel and food, so I travel to eat. I love experiencing new cultures through food. It is one of the only things that you generally can’t take with you and tastes different wherever you go. I stopped collecting “things” long ago because it creates clutter which I do not like. When I’m not traveling, I like to go boating in the summer and snow skiing in the winter. One day soon I will start working on, rather finish, my private pilot license.

What is the most satisfying benefit you get from being a Rotarian?
Being new to Rotary, I am looking forward to supporting the community both locally and internationally through an organization that is not motivated by their own financial profits and where money actually makes it to the streets. I am also looking forward to being around like-minded people because I believe it is critically important to stay motivated through your peers.

Tell us about your family.
My father is German and my mother is French. I am first-generation American born and raised in Toledo. I have one brother who is two years younger. All our extended family is in Germany, France and Austria so we have been fortunate to travel there many many times (I’ve lost track but somewhere 80-90 times) and I consider that my second home.

Share some “words to live by” or your favorite quote.
There are so many good ones out there, but one has stuck by me since middle school. The five “P’s”: Prior Planning Prevents Poor Performance.

What would you be doing if you were not in your profession today?
I would be a Commercial Pilot. Airplanes have always fascinated me.

Where do you see yourself in ten years?
I am working hard to get the current family business’ day-to-day business structured to allow me to spend more time thinking about how to grow the business into new areas and then implementing those changes while also allowing more time for traveling bother for business and personally. Thanks to technology, I can do that within reason while still maintaining a connection to the business.
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