Monday’s Meeting November 2, 2015: Chris Cooper—The ProMedica Affiliation and What it Means for the Community

Dr. Christopher Cooper will discuss the UT-ProMedica affiliation and the benefit to the community. Dr. Cooper is the executive vice president for clinical affairs and dean of the College of Medicine and Life Sciences at the University of Toledo. Dr. Cooper served as professor and chief of the Cardiovascular Medicine Division at UTMC from 2002 until July, 2012 when he was named interim chairman of the Department of Medicine. Following an extensive national search, Dr. Cooper was named chairman of the Department of Medicine in July, 2013. He is the president of the Ohio Chapter of the American College of Cardiology and resides on the Board of Governors of the National American College of Cardiology. Currently he serves as principal investigator, and director for the Clinical Coordinating Center of the NIH funded CORAL Trial with grant funding of over $2.3M. This study is an international, multi-center pivotal clinical trial that compares medical therapy alone against medical therapy with stenting for renal artery stenosis. Dr. Cooper serves as a reviewer for a number of cardiology, vascular, and nephrology journals as well as on the editorial staff of several journals (Vascular Medicine and Vascular Disease Management). He has 61 publications in peer-reviewed journals and 6 book chapters. His research interest focuses on ischemic renal disease. Clinically he is an interventional cardiologist who helped pioneer the transradial method for cardiac catheterization, has performed and published extensively on renal artery stenting, and has considerable experience in the management of resistant hypertension.

Upcoming Meetings/Events
MONDAY, November 2—Speaker: Chris Cooper
Program: The ProMedica Affiliation and What it Means for the Community
Greeters: Matthew Adkins, Bob Amthor, Cindy Binkley, Linda Blackburn, Bill Buckley, Ed Caldwell, John Getchey, Erik Ibsen
Committee Meetings:
11:00 am Strategic Planning

MONDAY, November 9—NO MEETING

WEDNESDAY, November 11
7:30 am Joint Exec Committee, Original Pancake Central
5:00 pm Club Assembly, Toledo Club, Corinthian Room

MONDAY, November 16—Speaker: Joe Napoli
Program: Hensville: A New Downtown Toledo Destination
Greeters: Bill Cook, Mary Ann Culpert, Janina Douglas, Mary Fedderke, Scott Fry, Tom Fry, Kristina Latta-Lanefeld, Tony Ruth, Eric Jordan
Committee Meetings:
11:00 am Finance
1:00 pm Vocational
1:00 pm New Member

TUESDAY, November 17
7:30 am Member Engagement, Café Marie Maumee

WEDNESDAY, November 18
7:30 am Club Board, Toledo Club

MONDAY, November 23—Speaker: The Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas
Program: TBA
Greeters: Sharon Gaber, Tim Harrington, Scot Hinshaw, Bob Huber, Bernd Hunger, Gary Johnson, Brian Kennedy, Tim Koder, Martin LaMar

MONDAY, November 30—NO MEETING

Save the Date...
Club Holiday Party
December 4
Inverness Club

Internet Viewing: The past meeting can be viewed online at https://vimeo.com/143696509.
Erin Thompson—Social Security: What You Need to Know

Erin Thompson discussed the social security program and process. Social Security is now 80 years old. The agency is tasked with getting the right person the right check at the right time. They send out 70 million checks monthly. Erin stressed the importance of setting up your online account. It is free and is a great way to avoid identity fraud. On the site, you can: get your benefit verification letter, update contact information, start or change direct deposit, request a duplicate Social Security card (in 2016 for Ohio), and request a replacement Medicare card. You can also check details for future filing. When should a person file? It is very individual, but Erin said that a person 62-70 should contact the office three months before their first claim. You can do that online, in person, or over the phone. Erin stated that the downtown office is the largest with less wait time, but there are offices on Monroe Street, in Bowling Green, and in Monroe. There is an earnings limit of $15,732 for those younger than 70 who are receiving benefits. Once you hit 70, you can work and earn as much as you want. If you file before 70, the monthly checks will be significantly lower, but if you delay to age 70, there is a bonus of 24-32%. Erin reiterated that the time to file is different for everyone, and the office is happy to run through scenarios to project the future. Unfortunately, Erin announced that there will be no cost of living increase for 2016; however, if the Medicare premium cost goes up, you will not see a decrease in your check as there is a program in place to offset the increase. Ms. Thompson estimated that 30% of recipients would face higher Medicare premiums. She also pointed out that spouses and family members may be eligible for benefits based on the working partner’s income and circumstances.

Bell Ringing

Rotarians are asked to “ring the bell” on November 19 from 11 am to 8 pm at the Maumee location of the Andersons and on December 3 from 11 am to 8 pm at the Talmadge Andersons. Sign up at a meeting!

Operation Respect

Operation Respect retires unserviceable U.S. flags in a respectful manner. Flags are no longer serviceable when they are heavily faded, torn, frayed, or otherwise in a condition that isn’t consistent with respect for our nation’s flag. Bring flags no longer serviceable to the meeting on November 2 & 16 for proper disposal.

Rotary Golf League Final Standings

Congratulations Joe Zavac & Martin McManus (112) Repeat Champions for 2015

Peter Handwork/Keith Burwell (108)
Dan Murtagh/Craig Hopple (102)
Dave Hancock/Cliff Frankowski (96)
Alex Due/Dave Venable (96)
Brad Rubini/Tom Fry (94)
Steve Boice/Paul Sullivan (92)
Bob Seeman/Riaz Chaudhary (89)
Mark Makulinski/Gary Murphy (88)
Dave Effler/John Wiley (85)
Jack Niggemyer/Lynette Reichle (84)
Mark Miller/Paul Kruse (83)
Frank Viviano/Bob Reichert (81)
Doug Hileman/Ken Hileman (79)
Tom Monagan/Bob Wilkins (72)
Brent Schneider/John Lark (61)
Toledo Rotary Foundation Grant Recipient Update

The Toledo Rotary Foundation awarded $1,000 to the Fundacion Hondurena Para El Nino Con Cancer (Children’s Cancer Clinic) which is located at the Hospital de la Liga Contra el Cancer in San Pedro Sula, Honduras for the purchase of a microscope. The microscope will be utilized to promptly evaluate blood samples and determine appropriate treatment for patients. Before the purchase, samples were sent away which delayed significantly and impacted the care given to the children. This clinic received a new roof as a result of contributions from clubs within District 6600. This purchase was a collaboration of Toledo Rotary, Rotary Club of Findlay and District 6600 for a total purchase of $4,000. This grant is just one example of how Toledo Rotary can leverage District funds to increase awards to deserving groups.

New Member

John Getchey is a Senior Vice President with Welltower Inc., formerly, Health Care REIT, Inc. and graduated from the University of Toledo with a Bachelor Degree in Business Administration with a focus on finance and received an MBA from Bowling Green State University. John is actively involved with the National Investment Center for Senior Housing (NIC), the industry leading research organization for the senior housing industry, and currently serves as vice chairman of the NIC Future Leaders Council. John and his wife Kristin live in Perrysburg with their three daughters, Lauren, Natalie and Leah. In his spare time, John is actively involved in his daughter’s sports including coaching softball and soccer. He also enjoys golfing and is an avid Cleveland sports fan.

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Please contact Jim Norman at jnorman@toledorotary.org or 419.241.7060 for information. Weekly rates are also available.
Get to know... Linda Blackburn

Describe your profession and what is your favorite part of it?
After 35 years in the sales broadcast industry, I decided to retire. I knew I needed something to retire to and chose real estate sales. My favorite part is the flexibility this career gives me along with being part of one of the biggest decisions one will make in their life.

What do you like to do when you are not working?
I read, garden, travel, love to cook big dinners, and spend time with my family and friends.

What is the most satisfying benefit you get from being a Rotarian?
Learning about different aspects of our community through the guest speakers, meeting new people, being part of an organization that has made a difference around the world.

Tell us about your family.
My husband Brad and I have been married for 40 years. We have two kids, Lisa Dick, an elementary teacher at Monclova married to Matt Dick. They have three beautiful girls, Jessie Blazsik, Clara, and Laura. Our son Michael lives in Columbus and is a wine salesman for Heidelberg Distribution. Michael is married to Shelley and they have two sons, Max and Kyle. We are also blessed with three great grandbabies, Avery, Braden, and Cole.

Share one thing people do not know about you.
I am a cancer survivor. Eight years ago I was diagnosed with Non Hoskins Lymphoma. After six months of intense chemotherapy, I have been cancer free.

Share some “words to live by” or your favorite quote.
“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:13

What would you be doing if you were not in your profession today?
I would be a school teacher. Although I over the past 35 years, I did a lot of teaching. One of the best parts about being in sales management was teaching young people about the broadcast industry and how to sell a not tangible product.

Outside of Rotary, please share other interesting civic or community involvement of which you are a part.
I volunteer two days a week at Monclova Elementary School. I also volunteer for many events at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Maumee. I am also part of St. Paul’s Guatemala mission team.

Where do you see yourself in ten years?
Being as active as I am today with maybe a little bit more down time!

Contributions have been made to the Toledo Rotary Foundation by Richard Eppstein

Donate to the Toledo Rotary Foundation to invest in Service Above Self!
District 6600 Youth Exchange Committee is looking for students aged 15-18 to study in another country for 2016-17. Both long term (9 months) and short term (summer) programs are available. The deadline to apply is November 15. For more information contact Rebecca Zietlow or apply here.
November Birthdays

Nathan Oswald (2)
Dave Fowler (3)
Bill Steele (3)
Craig Findley (6)
Guisselle Mendoza (6)
Gary Willoughby (6)
Ron Cappelletti (7)
Mark Makulinski (7)
Walt McGee (9)
Dan Rogers (9)
Dennis Isabell II (10)
George Zilba (10)
Steve Miller (13)
Bill Rudolph (13)
Mary Pietras (15)
Timothy Pontius (15)
Cay Stout (15)
Holly Jensen (16)
Bob DiNardo (17)
Dan Skilliter (17)
John Wasserman (18)
Barb Petee (19)
Wendy Gramza (20)
Rome Marinelli (20)
Eric Jordan (21)
Brad Toft (22)
Jennifer Hildebrand (23)
John MacKay (23)
Bob Ampthor (28)
Blake Pilgrim (28)
Rick Hartley (29)