Monday’s Meeting: January 22, 2018

Karen Berman

Toledo Early College High School

Karen Berman is the principal of Toledo Early College, a 7-12th grade academy in Toledo Public Schools. She began her tenure at the school in February 2016. Prior to this assignment, Mrs. Berman worked for the district in numerous capacities including Assistant Principal at Morrison R. Waite High School, Curriculum Director for English Language Arts and the ESL program, and she also taught high school English.

She is a proud alumna of DeVilbiss High School, class of 1984. She obtained received a B.A. in English, a master’s degree in education from the University of Toledo. She also completed the Principal’s Licensure program at the University of Toledo, and other post graduate work at the University of Findlay.

She has been married for over 31 years. They have a son who resides in Washington D.C. She is an avid gardener and she also enjoys reading, traveling and spending time with family, friends and her two dogs.

Toledo Early College (TEC), located on The University of Toledo’s Scott Park Campus, is an academy in Toledo Public Schools. The school serves students in grades 7 through 12, and is a college preparatory program that focuses on the liberal arts. The school’s curriculum is designed to accelerate students into college courses at the University of Toledo.
Toledo Rotary Club Foundation Grant Recipient:

SSFAC

The Toledo Rotary Club Foundation recently awarded a grant in the amount of $10,000 to the Social Services for the Arab Community (SSFAC). The grant was used to fund the SSFAC Family Education Plan (FEP) Program, which helps to improve academic performance among Arab immigrant and refugee school-aged students, and to improve the English language proficiency of their parents.

The FEP program took place on Tuesday’s and Thursday’s of every week for an hour and a half for each session. The program consisted of two components: Adult English Communication (AEC), with two classes for beginners and intermediate learners, and Student Homework Help (SHH).

Along with the staff of SSFAC, the program was possible by the help of about 50 volunteers with over 1,000 hours in volunteer work.

The FEP Program provided help to 25 adults in both the beginner and the intermediate sessions of the AEC component. The measurable results were:

- Adults gained more than 100 new words in English = 95%
- Adults were able to conjugate more than 40 verbs = 85%
- Arab adults forming friendships with non-Arabs = 80%
- Arab adults who are able to help with their children’s homework = 40%

The FEP Program also provided help to 35 school-aged children to enhance their academic performance. The measurable results were:

- Students achieving a higher GPA = 85%
- Students changing their school’s subjects’ grade by one letter grade = 85%
- Students able to work unassisted on their homework two nights per week = 70%

Due to language, cultural and social barriers, Arab immigrant & refugee families often experience isolation in the greater community.

One of SSFAC’s highest goals and greatest privileges is linking the local Arab immigrant & refugee community in relationships with the local Non-Arab community of Greater Toledo. These relationships foster goodwill, break stereotypes, bring greater awareness to all participants and practical help for their clients and their families.
Between now and January 31 bring your donations to Rotary to benefit students and schools in need!

Wish Lists:

**Supplies**
- Pens
- #2 Pencils
- Crayons
- Washable markers
- Wide ruled notebook paper
- Coloring Books
- Flashcards (letters, words, math)

**Books**
- *The Biggest, Best Snowman* by Margery Cuyler
- *The Car Washing Street* by Denise Lewis Patrick
- *Dinosaur Roar* by Paul Stickland
- *Fat Frogs on a Skinny Log* by Sara Riches Feast
- *Frog and Toad are Friends* by Arnold Lobel
- *Froggy Plays T-Ball* by Jonathan London
- *Frogs, Toads and Tadpoles, Too* by Allan Fowler
- *I Stink* by Jim and Kate McMullan
- *Jackie Robinson* by Will Mara
- *The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry and the Hungry Bear* by Audrey and Don Wood
- *Polar Bears* by Laura Marsh
- *Rosa Parks* by Kitson Jazynka
- *Snow* by Marion Dane Bauer
- *Storms* by Miriam Busch Goin
- *There is a Bird on Your Head* by Mo Willems
- *A Tree is a Plant* by Clyde Robert Bulla

**Join the Membership Development Committee for cocktails and conversation!**

All members are encouraged to come and bring a friend or co-worker who is under 40. Join us for some networking, fun, and great company while we introduce new young professionals to Rotary!

*Thursday, February 1st*
*5:30 pm—7:30 pm*
*Toledo Spirits Tasting Room: 1301 N. Summit St.*

*Be sure to wear your Rotary pin!*

**Attention All Golfers!**

The days are starting to last longer and soon we will be out on the links again. We have had a Toledo Rotary Golf league for many years and we invite you to join!

Play begins in May and ends in October, and usually plays once a month on Fridays. Limited space available, so it’s first come first serve. Click below to sign up!
Joe, his wife Judith and daughter, Susan, now reside in Perrysburg, OH.

Joe retired after 47 years of dedicated service to the pharmaceutical industry. He began his pharmaceutical career in 1969 when he joined Brockway Glass Inc., in Brockway, PA, as a drugstore detail person selling prescription packaging. In 1988, Brockway was acquired by Owens-Illinois and in 2007, the company was acquired by Rexam, Inc. Transitioning with the company throughout the acquisitions, Joe served in a series of increasing leadership and management assignments and responsibilities, which eventually led him to being named President of Owens-Illinois HealthCare Packaging.

Joe was instrumental in the selling of Owens-Illinois HealthCare Packaging to Rexam, LLC, at which time he retired from Owens-Illinois to join Rexam as a consultant. Following his exit from Rexam, Joe left the manufacturing side of the industry in 2010 to join wholesaler/distributor H. D. Smith, headquartered in Springfield, Illinois.

Over the course of the next seven years with H. D. Smith, Joe served as Senior Vice President/Strategic Plan and Business Development, President of H.D. Smith Specialty Solutions; and Executive Vice President, Office of the Chairman. In his various positions, he helped create H. D. Smith’s specialty solutions—leading and integrating the subsidiaries Triplefin, Smith Medical Partners, CompleteCare Pharmacy and PSAO Third Party Network—and most recently, he helped create Arete Pharmacy Network. Joe led strategic planning and mergers and acquisition activities from the time he joined H. D. Smith in January, 2010 until his retirement in May, 2016.

Among his many industry awards, the two he considers as his most outstanding are the 1998 Healthcare Distribution Management Association Nexus Award (then known as the Tim Barry Award) and the 2010 National Chain Drug Store Association Harold Pratt Award. Both of these awards are presented for lifetime achievement in the healthcare industry. Joe is one of only four awardees to have ever been honored with both awards. A graduate of Rutgers University, Joe earned a Bachelor’s degree in business administration and marketing. He also has a completed graduate level work in finance at the Darden School of Business Administration at the University of Virginia.

Outside of the industry, among his many contributions to the community, Joe served on the Board of Advisors for the University of Toledo College of Pharmacy, the Xavier University College of Pharmacy in Louisiana, and the Bowling Green State University Foundation Board (chairing its Investment Committee). He also served as Chairman of the Hospice of Northwest Ohio Board of Trustees. He is currently on the Board of Counselors for the University of Findlay and is active as an advisor and industry collaborator for their College of Pharmacy and the College of Animal Science.

When asked future plans, Joe said, “after serving on several non-profit boards, my intent is to reinvent myself one more time, focusing more intently on service to the community”. He will continue to serve on pharmacy school advisory Boards, coaching and mentoring pharmacy students from the business vantage point, as well as the BGSU College of Business students.

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Trey Bauman moved to Toledo in 2014 after graduating from high school to pursue his dream of working in corporate finance. After graduating from the University of Toledo with degrees in Finance and Information Systems in the spring of 2017, Trey began his career at Dana Incorporated in Maumee as part of a financial management trainee program. While not working, he enjoys catching up with friends, meeting new people and volunteering his time and knowledge. Trey is involved in 8 organizations in and around the Toledo area, including finance board positions at Corpus Christi University Parish, Toledo Day Nursery and Family House. Other than enjoying downtime with family and friends, he loves to be outdoors, read, and cheer on his favorite sports teams; the Tennessee Titans and Detroit Pistons. Trey is grateful for all of the people and mentors he has encountered to model what it means to volunteer and give back.

Randy Rothenbuhler joined Walt Churchill’s Market about five years ago as controller and quickly moved into the CFO role within the first few months. He was recently promoted to Vice President of Finance and Human Resources, as part of the leadership team to see Churchill’s into their next 100 years of business. Prior to Churchill’s, Randy’s career was in commercial banking, having spent over 15 years in the industry. Randy has a liberal arts degree from Bowling Green State University, and completed his Executive Master of Organization Development through BGSU’s College of Business in August of 2017. Working to better our community is very important to Randy. He is currently Vice Chair of the Wood County Alcohol Drug Addiction Mental Health Services Board, and previously served as Chair and Treasurer. Randy is a member of the Advocacy and Public Policy committee for the Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce. He has previously served on village council in his hometown of Pemberville, where he actively coaches sports for both of his children. Spending time with his wife, Kristina and their two children, Robby and Abby, is Randy’s favorite thing to do. They can often be found at the Huntington Center cheering on the Toledo Walleye as a favorite family activity!
Past Program: January 8, 2018
Dr. Amjad Hussain

*The Silk Road*

Dr. Amjad Hussain spoke about his expedition along the ancient Silk Road, or “roads”, that connect China’s Shanghai, in the east, to Kashgar in the west. In April and May, Dr. Hussain traveled the route with a group of 8 to explore the roads that “spread knowledge, religions, and diseases across vast expanses of Asia and Europe”. Even though the routes, that used to be traveled by camel-riding caravans, are now asphalt and superhighways, their history is still all around. He told members on Monday that the Chinese were able to keep methods of silk manufacturing secret for nearly 1,600 years, until monks hid the silkworm eggs in hollowed out staffs and smuggled them to Byzantine. Silk, copper, paper, spices, gun powder, war paraphernalia, weapons technology, art and domesticated horses were transported on The Silk Road. Just like fabrics and commodities, music, culture and religion traveled the route. Islam, Christianity and Buddhism came to China via The Silk Road. Dr. Amjad Hussain said “it is history—we are connected in the present with our past, and many things which we see every day are connected with The Silk Road”.

**INTERNET VIEWING**

The January 8 meeting can be viewed here: [Dr. Amjad Hussain](#).

**OPEN YOUR HEART. OPEN YOUR HOME**

*Rotary Youth Exchange*

Consider Hosting Toledo Rotary Club’s International Exchange Student for the 2018-2019 school year.

Students learn a new language, discover another culture, and truly become global citizens. Exchanges for students 15 to 19 years old are sponsored by Rotary clubs in more than 100 countries.

Hosting an exchange student can be incredibly rewarding for your family, bringing an international experience directly to your home. Host families provide room and board and share their lives with exchange students, involving them in family, community, and cultural activities.

Take a few minutes to watch the video below for answers to many common questions:

[Watch the Video Here](#)

For information, contact
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SAVE THE DATE!

New Member Reception

New Rotarians and their significant other/guest are cordially invited by the Rotary Club of Toledo to attend the New Member Reception sponsored by Spengler Nathanson, and held in their offices downtown.

Date: Thursday, February 8
Time: 5:30—7:00pm

Cocktails and appetizers will be served

Spengler Nathanson is located at 4 Seagate, Suite 400.
January Birthdays

Judd Johnson (2)
Bill McElheney (2)
Gary Corrigan (4)
Nick Cron (4)
Todd Michaelsen (4)
Judy Potter (5)
Amira Gohara (7)
James Caldwell (11)
Sanford Lubin (13)
Mario Procaccini (14)
Philip Stiff (14)
Gary Thieman (14)
Roy Cherry (14)
Trey Bauman (15)
Creston Tarrant (16)
John Schwartz (17)
Alex Due (17)
Jim Scheib (18)
Tim Saddoris (18)
Dennis Schroder (19)
Jeff Cole (20)
Matt Adkins (21)
Ben Brown (22)
Justin Moor (24)
Kathy Selking (24)
Tom Uhler (24)
Bill Buckley (26)
Brad Rubini (27)
Todd Ahrens (27)
Frank Viviano (27)
Michael Galbraith (28)
Katie Roskar (29)
Barton Wagenman (29)
Jack Niggemeyer (30)
Mary Mancini (30)
Tom Kabat (31)
Todd Myers (31)
Dan Peffley (31)

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When bringing a guest to the Monday program, please sit at one of the tables marked “Guest Table”. There will be two designated tables near the floor mic each week for Rotarians and their guests. Come enjoy the program and get to know your future, fellow Rotarians!

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