



Monday's Meeting: April 23, 2018

Dr. Mary Ann Gawelek

Lourdes University



Dr. Mary Ann Gawelek began her term as president in July 2016. Under her guidance, Lourdes University successfully achieved its 10-year accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission and is in the process of implementing additional academic programs.

In athletics, Lourdes University made national and international news with the addition of E-sports and the opening of a state-of-the-art gaming arena. The University will also add bowling to the NAIA lineup of men's and women's sports in Fall 2018.

A proud Ohioan, Dr. Gawelek received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and Sociology from the Franciscan University of Steubenville, and Master of Education and Doctor of Education in Counseling Psychology degrees from Boston University. Prior to her tenure at Lourdes, Dr. Gawelek was the chief academic officer at Seton Hill (1996-2016).

President Gawelek began the Lourdes Advantage program, a partnership with businesses that allows employees to have access to high quality academic programs with a tuition discount. The program also supports establishing on-site academic delivery such as creating a satellite location at the headquarters of a national agribusiness. She has encouraged greater town-gown relationships within the city of Sylvania through support of the arts and involvement in the Chamber.

A member of the American Psychological Association, Division 35, Dr. Gawelek has received national recognition for her accomplishments. In 2005, she received the Athena award for professional excellence, community service and mentoring of women. In 2011, she earned the Council of Independent Colleges Academic Officer Award.

Dr. Gawelek has traveled extensively, most recently to Ireland and Italy. She is a lifelong swimmer, an activity that she attributes to feeding her creative thinking. She loves spending time with her family, which includes their golden retriever Cody Quinn and reading a good mystery novel. A voracious reader, she tries to read about two books week.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- Monday, April 30**—MESA—Medical Equipment Shipped Abroad
- Monday, May 7**— David Leopold, Immigration
- Monday, May 14**—Isaac Schiefer, Alzheimer's Research
- Monday, May 21**—Sanford Bennett, Deployment and Tour of Duty



SCHEDULED MEETINGS/EVENTS

- Monday, April 23**—Community Service, 1pm
Disability Service, 1pm
New Member Committee, 1pm
Youth Exchange, 1pm
- Monday, April 30**—Marketing Committee, TBD
- Monday, May 7**—Transformational Community Conversations, 11am
- Tuesday, May 8**—Executive Committee



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WELCOME NEW MEMBER:

Mike Laskey!

Michael was born and raised in South Toledo, number six in a family of eight. He attended Harvard ... for kindergarten, OLPH, St. Joan of Arc, St. John's Jesuit, Ohio State and then finally graduated from BGSU with a degree in Interpersonal and Public Communications.



He's worked for such companies as *Root Learning*, *NIKE*, *Intuit Software* and *Splendor Shower Door*. He's owned a custom t-shirt business, a promotional products company and a local business newspaper, and currently works as a salesman for *Always Promoting* in Maumee... putting logos on everything imaginable. He's lived across the country in Portland, Denver and Atlanta and was once stranded on a small island near Bora Bora in French Polynesia for 10 days.

While living in Denver in his early 40's - Mike experienced a stroke caused by a haircut, paralyzing the left side of his body for a day. When he woke the next morning, in the hospital, he felt completely fine and realized - he needed to move back home to be closer to his family and friends.

He's currently single, without children, enjoys kick boxing and hanging out on the weekends with family, friends and a "wild pack of kids" he tries to mentor. If you ever see Mike alone - he is most likely lost at the library, a book store or Home Depot - trying to invent something weird.

His latest obsession is his new company Motu Fitness ("Motu" mean's "small island" in French Polynesia) that has, as its current mission, to create the FIRST solar powered outdoor fitness park in the world.... open 24/7 with free wi-fi - here in Uptown Toledo - and then eventually across the country.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER:

Whitney Rofkar!

Whitney Rofkar currently serves as director of public affairs at Thread Marketing Group, where she provides strategic communications counsel, crisis management, media training, and event coordination for government, education, corporate, civic and community-based clients.



Whitney's a Northwest Ohio native, but her career has propelled her around the country for more than a decade. After graduating from Ohio University's School of Journalism in 2001, she worked with some of the country's largest brands and well-known politicians such as former Presidents Obama, Clinton and George H.W. Bush.

In 2014, Whitney made her way back to Toledo. She now plays a key role on the Thread Marketing team. And, while Whitney's only been back in the market for a short time, she brings big ideas, a fresh perspective, and a passion for giving back to the local community - a perfect blend that will be used to enhance our Rotary Club.

Whitney currently serves on a variety of boards including: Connecting Kids to Meals, Public Relations Society of America: NW Ohio Chapter, Goodwill Industries of Northwest Ohio, and Leadership Toledo (Class of 2017). Last year, Whitney received the *20 Under 40 Leadership Award*, which recognizes individuals under the age of 40 who have distinguished themselves in their career and in the community.

Professionally, Whitney's also keeping busy point-guarding the second-ever Toledo Jeep Fest alongside City, County, labor and business leaders. The three-day event series is scheduled for the weekend of August 10th, 2018.

MEMBER IN THE NEWS!

Following a rigorous, five-month, nationally-advertised search, Owens Community College's Board of Trustees selected fellow Rotarian, Dr. Steve Robinson, to serve as Owens' seventh president. Steve was one of two finalists for the position, narrowed from a field of 41 candidates who were originally part of the search. Steve's deep knowledge of Owens, his solid connections throughout north-west Ohio, and his career spent working for community colleges were the key factors leading to the Board's decision. Congratulations Steve!



EARTH DAY! PLANT A TREE!

Join the Water Service Committee this Saturday, April 21 at Forrest Woods Nature Preserve in Cecil, Ohio

Our goal is to plant 1,000 trees!

Contact: Melanie Satterfield @ 440-420-6867

- Meet at the Preserve at 10 a.m.—Dress for the weather and working conditions—please bring your own shovel (they have extras too)
- Don't forget a water bottle
- Parking is limited so please carpool—parking is also available at Bethel United Methodist Church-8019 Road 192, Cecil, OH 45821
- Families welcome!

Our goal is to plant 1,000 trees, all planted by Rotarians from throughout the district, our St. Francis Interact students, friends and family—this will greatly expand the buffer along the Maumee. The St. Francis Interact Club will join our Club members in this tree planting service project that will surely be a day of fun fellowship, with an impactful effort that ensures the continued health of our waterways and clean water for future generations!

Located just west of Defiance, an easy drive on US 24 or you can hop on the Ohio Turnpike for a highway drive.



Toledo Rotary Donates to Team Recovery!



Matt Bell, President of Team Recovery, spoke on Monday, March 26th about heroin addiction. Past President and fellow Rotarian, Susan Martin, collected donations for the organization after the meeting. Thanks to your generous donations, we were able to donate \$1,246 to Team Recovery to help with our opioid epidemic. Below is

the thank you letter from Matt Bell and Team Recovery.

Attn: Rotarians

On behalf of Team Recovery Ohio INC, I would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$1,246.00 to our organization. Heroin addiction and addiction in general is terrorizing our community, and your donation will go towards our mission of prevention, treatment, and family support, in an effort to provide relief to those who are currently caught in the grips of this horrible disease. In addition, thank you so much for inviting me out to speak to all of you last month! It was truly an honor.

All Team Recovery Ohio INC. services are free, made possible by voluntary gifts of time, material, and money from generous individuals like yourself. You have truly become a part of our T.E.A.M (Together Everyone Achieves More). Your concern for helping others certainly reflects the Team Recovery Ohio INC mission as well as our values.

If there is ever anything that we can do to help you or anyone that you know who might be struggling with substance abuse or mental health, please don't hesitate to reach out to me personally. We cannot thank you enough for your generosity.

Gratefully yours,
Matt Bell, President

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Past Program: April 9, 2018

Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur

Clean Lake Erie



The issue of Lake Erie is a problem that Michigan, Ontario, Indiana and Ohio all have to help with, Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur said. The 11 million people in our region need to develop a fresh water watershed mentality. This is something we've never had to deal with before, and we're far from meeting that goal. Lake Erie is the 12th largest fresh water lake in the world. On the whole earth only 2.5% of the water is fresh and at some point we're going to fight over the water because they are diminishing, and populations are increasing. We've made a beginning to a long-term path to a clean Lake Erie. Lake Erie is the least forested watershed, which is what is contributing to our nutrient runoff difficulties. The cyanobacteria produced by the algal bloom remains a mystery on its health impacts and its wide variations in toxicity. Most people who live in our watershed believe it's flat land, but eastern Indiana, south Michigan and northwest Ohio all have tributaries and rivers that flow toward Lake Erie. Changes in land use—such as development and changes in farming methods have added to the regions susceptibility to runoff. When it rains, the water rushes right into Lake Erie. People don't understand that our region is not flat, and so they're not as concerned that they're impacting the Lake. Our new warmer weather patterns bring intense spring and early summer rains, which cause fertilizer and nutrient rich livestock soils to runoff into our tributaries and rivers and eventually make their way to Lake Erie. Toledo alone will spend \$500 million in making sure our drinking water is safe with upgrades in treatment plants. Marcy and Congress fought to keep in place funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, to go towards research and development of a plan and solution to reduce excessive nutrient runoff.

INTERNET VIEWING

The April 9th meeting can be viewed here: [Marcy Kaptur](#)



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- Cherie Sears (1)
- Glenn Fitkin (4)
- Max Reddish (4)
- Brent Cousino (5)
- Carroll Ashley (6)
- Debbie Monagan (6)
- Laura Hanley (6)
- Katie Zraik (6)
- Gary Murphy (7)
- Marv Himmelein (8)
- Dan Dudley (8)
- Bill Wolff (8)
- Dick Anderson (10)
- Joe Sharp (10)
- Judy Seibenick (12)
- Alan Clifford (12)
- Frank Bloomquist (12)
- Philip Stiff (14)
- Clyde Scoles (14)
- Riaz Chaudhary (15)
- Kellie Schlachter (15)
- Jonathan Rodebaugh (16)
- Steve Robinson (18)
- Mike McIntyre (18)
- Suzanne Rorick (18)
- Tim Gologoski (19)
- Russ Wozniak (22)
- Lou Tosi (22)
- Bruce Seeger (23)
- Tyson Fankhauser (23)
- George Eistetter (25)
- Jim Findley (26)
- Joe Napoli (26)
- Ken Wetstein (26)
- Hugh Grefe (27)
- Kim Cutcher (29)
- Sam Hammons (30)
- Joe Sweeney (30)

Sound the Alarm. Save a Life

When: Saturday, May 5th—From 8:30am—2:00pm

Where: Meeting at Central Catholic HS Parking Lot

Who: Volunteers from our Rotary Club will work together with other local Red Cross volunteers

What For: To install a minimum of 250 smoke alarms in Toledo inner city houses

Why: American Red Cross—Sound the Alarm Goal to reduce death and injury from home fires by 25% by the year 2020.



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