Monday’s Meeting: October 22, 2018

Jim Robey

W.E. Upjohn Institute

Jim Robey’s research and technical assistance on economic issues and in economic and workforce development has assisted corporate, nonprofit, and economic and workforce development entities in problem resolution and strategic decision making, from the local to the national levels. Spanning more than three decades, his expertise includes industry studies, applied occupational analysis, economic impact modeling and analysis, economic and workforce development research and analysis, and site selection assistance. Dr. Robey’s research focuses on regional economic, education, and workforce development issues across Michigan and the nation. He prepares annual employment forecasts for west Michigan’s metropolitan areas, directs the production of Business Outlook for West Michigan, and provides economic insights for regional economic development organizations with a focus across the Midwest and mid-Atlantic states. He has additionally coauthored research on a variety of national and regional issues. He received his Ph.D. in Urban Studies (1997), with an emphasis on Economic Development, and his Master’s degree in Public Administration (1993) from the Levin College of Urban Affairs, Cleveland State University. He earned his bachelor’s degree in Sociology (1979) from Edinboro State College.

Prior to joining Upjohn, Dr. Robey was an Associate Vice President with Southwest Michigan First in Kalamazoo, MI, where he directed local economic development efforts in Marshall, MI. Prior to working in Kalamazoo, he was Managing Director at Mohr Partners, Inc., where he focused on site selection and economic and workforce development strategies, and before that, was Vice President of Research at TeamNEO, where he oversaw and developed economic research across 16 northeast Ohio counties.
Your Toledo Rotary Club Foundation presented a check in the amount of $2,700 to Prevent Blindness Ohio. Darcy Downie, Regional Director, received the check from Foundation trustee Judy Leb on Monday, October 1. Our Community Service Committee members received the request, participated in the vetting process and made the decision to recommend grant approval to our Club Board and Foundation Trustees, the grant was recently approved. It is due to the countless Rotarians who give unselfishly, which enables us to provide these grants. Thank you to everyone who continues to support our Toledo Rotary Club Foundation, so we can continue to aid in supporting the needs of our community.

Darcy Downie explained the funds they received helped them buy another vision screening machine for their Vision Care Outreach Program, allowing them to expand their services and help more Ohioans in need. The goal of the Vision Care Outreach Program is to reduce the incidence of unnecessary vision loss and impairment by providing access to a donated system of comprehensive vision care services for uninsured or underinsured adults and children in Ohio. The Vision Care Outreach program provides this targeted population with eye care services they desperately need, but are not able to access due to a lack of insurance or other vision benefits.

To help Ohioans in need without the means to get an eye exam or glasses, the Ohio Affiliate of Prevent Blindness partners with a statewide network of volunteer eye doctors and optical companies. Each year they help over 5,000 adults and children to access donated eye care services. The role of the Ohio Affiliate of Prevent Blindness is to link donated eye care to all Ohioans in need.

The funds given to Prevent Blindness will help them increase their number of screenings by 20%. An estimated 3.6 million Ohioans have vision problems and as the population ages, this number will only increase. The estimated annual financial burden to the Ohio economy due to vision problems, refractive errors, visual impairment and blindness is $5.4 billion. Prevent Blindness has assembled a system of donated eye care for Ohioans, that is one of the largest statewide “virtual free clinics” for eye care in the United States. Prevent Blindness clients can receive a comprehensive system of eye care which could include a professional eye exam, eyeglasses, and surgery/aftercare.
In appreciation of all the work they have done, President Dick Wolff recognized the Toledo Rotary Past Presidents on Monday, October 15. Thank you for all you do for Rotary!

Chuck R. Schaub (1989-90)  Brad S. Rubini (2009-10)
Sue L. Martin (1994-95)  Riaz N. Chaudhary (2013-14)
Chuck F. Mann IV (2000-01)  Sharon Skilliter (2017-18)
Stephen Vasquez was born and raised in Toledo, OH. He is a graduate of St. Francis De Sales High School where he played varsity hockey. Stephen is a graduate of Ohio University where he majored in Public Policy and Administration. After college Stephen joined Aerotek in Cincinnati as a corporate recruiter. After a short period in Cincinnati, Stephen missed his hometown and returned to Toledo in 2004 for a position in the Admissions Department at Lourdes College, which he held for 1 ½ years. While at Lourdes he worked with students to found The Latino Student Union, as well as the Hispanic Advisory Council to the President. From his work at Lourdes College, Stephen was approached by the United Way of Greater Toledo for a position as a Development Officer. During that time Stephen became actively engaged with the young professional community as an early member of the committee that created EPIC and then served for 2 years as a board member. After 5 ½ years at United Way, Stephen accepted a position in the Membership Department at the Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce and then was Vice President of Program Development and Special Projects. Stephen is currently the Business Development Manager for Industrial Power Systems (IPS) Stephen has served in leadership positions on a number of boards and committees including EPIC, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) , Latino Youth Summit, the 2016 Toledo Airshow and is currently serving on the Board of Ohio Virtual Academy and the 2019 Toledo Airshow. In his spare time Stephen plays hockey, enjoys skiing and participating in all the great things that make the Toledo region great.

Welcome New Member: Stephen Vasquez!

Friday, November 2
University of Toledo College of Law

Titled “Regional Water and More,” the conference will feature three panels of law and policy experts. One panel will concentrate on Ohio, including a possible regional approach to drinking water among the city of Toledo and nearby communities. A second panel will discuss the trend toward regionalization of water and sewer systems beyond the Buckeye State, including the new regional authority in the Detroit area. A third panel will address the rights of recreational paddlers versus private landowners, developments in the legal fight against algae in Lake Erie, and regulation of discharges of pollutants to groundwater under the federal Clean Water Act.

Darren Nichols, executive director of the Great Lakes Commission, will be the keynote speaker. The conference is sponsored by the College of Law and its Legal Institute of the Great Lakes.

The one-day conference is free to the public. Registration is $75 for attorneys seeking 4.5 hours of Ohio CLE. For more information about the conference, see the conference brochure; for CLE or a box lunch, register online.

You are Invited:
18th Annual Great Lakes Water Conference

All new members and their significant others are invited to the new member orientation

Thursday, October 25
5:00pm

To be held at The Mannik and Smith Group
1800 Indian Wood Circle, Maumee

appetizers and beverages will be served
Euchre Time! Let the Fun Begin!

Euchre Fellowship
Embassy Condo Clubhouse—Maumee
BYOB—BYO Snacks! $5 to play—high score wins the pot!

Friday, October 26, 7:00 pm
Friday, November 16, 7:00 pm
Friday, January 18, 7:00 pm
Friday, February 22, 7:00 pm
Friday, March 22, 7:00 pm

Contact Kathy Tate to sign up or for more information!
419-241-7060 or email

Rotary Kids Day

Saturday, October 27th
9:00-11:30AM
Toledo Middlegrounds Metropark
111 Ottawa St. Toledo
$5 per student registration

Rotarians and their children and/or grandchildren in grades K—4 are invited to a special workshop focusing on clean water and our world. With help from Metroparks Toledo and area Rotarians, kids will experience hands-on learning about water and how they can make a difference. This is the 1st program of a series of 4 Rotary Kids’ Days! Stay tuned for more Rotary Kids workshops on music, tree planting and food insecurity this year!

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Sponsored by the Toledo Area Rotary Clubs: Bowling Green, Holland/Sylvania, Maumee, Oregon Northwood, Perrysburg, Reynolds Corner, Waterville, Sylvania, Toledo
Past Program: October 15, 2018
Gus Mancy
History of Mancy’s

Gus Mancy, and his cousin Nicholas Graham, opened the first Mancy’s restaurant in 1921. He came from Greece with no money, working in the steel mills in Akron, Ohio to save enough capital to open the restaurant. The original Mancy’s, Mancy’s Ideal, was open 365 days/year 24 hours a day. It wasn’t until 25 years later that they decided to close one day for Christmas and realized they didn’t even have a key for the front door. In 1964, the 2nd generation of Mancy’s took over and changed it to Mancy’s Steakhouse. In 1973 the building caught fire and burned to the ground. They moved into the building next door, and are still in the same space. Gus Mancy, the third generation, took the ownership role in 1989. All of the Mancy’s started as dishwashers, busboys and cooks. They were required to go out and work elsewhere before coming back to take a main role in the family business. The Mancy’s Group of restaurants is a family partnership across the board. Gus’ brother, John, started Bluewater Grille, his brother George started Mancy’s Italian, Gus pays homage to the original Mancy’s at The Ideal. Their cousin, Nick, who was a successful attorney decided to join the family business and started Shorty’s All-American Roadhouse. Through all the restaurants and changes they have made, one thing has remained constant, their quality of food and service. Gus Mancy said they still adhere to the same recipes, processes and traditions that the previous generations have taught them. Like their grandfather and fathers before them, the third generation continues to insist on the best and freshest ingredients. Although they still work from the same business model as the generations before them, they know that the world is changing. They are constantly working to improve what they do. This is their 100th year in operation, and the family tradition of giving a dining experience still continues to hold true.

The October 15 meeting can be viewed here: Gus Mancy
October Birthdays

Luke Shipp—1
Gregor Emmert—1
Dianne Barndt—2
Janina Douglas—2
Hana Mourad—2
Hunt Sears—3
Joshua Schuyler—5
Jani Miller—7
Reg Jackson—8
Lauren Smith—8
Sharon Gaber—9
Vicki Stouffer—11
Mark Urrutia—11
Bob Harold—11
Pat Rowe—12
Majida Mourad—12
Jim Knapp—13
Doug Miller—14
Robert Maxwell—14
Daric Peppers—15
Zac Isaac—17
Lew Rosenbloom—17
Dick Arons—17
Doug Kearns—20
Dave DiManna—20
Denny Johnson—21
Andy Fox—21
Kate MacPherson—23
Jim Harpen—23
Mike George—24
Paul Schlatter—26
Joe Zavac—27
Jack Hollister—27
Priscilla D’Anniballe—28
Sean Finn—29
Erwin Effler—30
Kim Wood—31
Stacey Butts—31

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