



**Rotary**  
District 6630



*Welcome!*

**2024 CONFERENCE  
OF CLUBS & DLA**

**APRIL 26 – APRIL 27, 2024  
SHERATON SUITES OF CUYAHOGA FALLS**

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# Welcome from our District Governor



Welcome Rotarians from District 6630 to our 2023-24 Annual Conference of Clubs and District Leadership Assembly! Thank you for spending your time with us this weekend as we enjoy the collaboration, connection and community that comes from the fun and fellowship as we continue to **Create Hope In the World**. This weekend is always one to visit with old friends and make new ones, finding connections through Rotary and beyond!

As I visited clubs around our district so far this year, I talked with clubs about our priorities of empowering women and girls, the environment and mental health. I was so encouraged to learn of all of the ways our clubs and clusters embraced programs and projects with these priorities in mind. We have incorporated those priorities as well into the conference programming and DLA sessions.

You'll be touched and inspired by this year's keynote speakers: Dan Flowers, President and CEO of the Akron Canton Regional Foodbank on his personal mental health journey and Christine Hockman, Founder, One Degree Shifts, on empowering women and girls. Likewise, DLA sessions on mental health, non-violent conflict resolution, disaster preparedness will help attendees understand and prepare for their Service Above Self in these areas. How did we bring the environment into the conference this year? Well, that was easy! Reducing printed programs in size and quantity and other documents, instead incorporating QR codes for sharing information; eliminating paper products for coffee service and encouraging attendees to bring reusable water bottles and mugs; and requesting on-site recycling of solar eclipse glasses at registration. We thank you for helping us support these efforts.

I am so thrilled to welcome you here to the Sheraton and Cuyahoga Falls, my hometown. I want to extend special thanks to the City and the venue for their warm welcome. I'm excited for you to visit the downtown businesses that have rolled out the welcome mat with special promotions and discounts and enjoy what 'The Falls' has to offer. In the words of Mayor Don Walters, the Fun Flows Here! I hope you experience that and more here in the City and at our conference.

In Rotary Service,

*Julie Brandle*  
District Governor 6630

# About 2023-24 District Governor Julie Brandle



Julie Brandle is a past president of the Rotary Club of Akron and currently serves as the 2023-2024 District 6630 Governor.

She has also served the District as a facilitator for the Tri-District Membership Event, chair of the Public Image committee, Assistant Governor for Summit S-Medina County Cluster, chair of the District Conference Committee, and member of the Foundation Gala committee and All-Ohio PETS committee.

Julie is a committed community advocate and currently serves on the boards of Kent State University's Construction Management program, the Portage Development Board (economic development), Akron Civic Theatre, Akron Urban League, Greater Akron Chamber, ABC (Associated Builders and Contractors) Northeast Ohio, and the Coleman and Hattie Larlham Foundations. Julie volunteers for Habitat for Humanity, Rebuilding Together, Rotary Club of Akron, and the Girl Scouts of Northeast Ohio. Julie is a Lifetime Gold Award Girl Scout and holds the adult honors of Women of Distinction and the Thanks Badge.

Julie is a graduate of Cuyahoga Falls High School, as well as Bowling Green State University where she earned a double major in Interpersonal and Public Communication and Soviet Studies and a travel grant scholarship to study in Kiev, Ukraine. She is a graduate of Goldman Sachs 10k Small Businesses Cohort 6, Scalerator NEO Cohort 3, Leadership Portage County Class of 2014, and Leadership Akron's Class 37 - 2020.

Julie is the president and a founder of Metis Construction Services, a female owned commercial general contractor located in Kent. Metis completes ground-up, renovation, and facilities maintenance projects throughout Ohio, along with projects in PA, IL, KY, MI, MO, DE, WA, ID, IL, IN, and NY. With nearly 30 years of experience in sales, marketing, and public relations, Julie oversees these areas of expertise for Metis, along with a number of other responsibilities, and is an integral part of the management team that designs and manages the overall business strategy for Metis Construction.

Julie is the daughter of Rich (deceased) and Leann Soika and has a brother Rich (Sharon) and sister Kristen (Orlando) and 5 nieces and nephews (Orlando, RJ, Lydia, Ardynn and Reid). Julie and her husband Steven reside in Brimfield Twp. Their daughter Kimberly is a May 2021 graduate of Bowling Green State University, employed as an Intervention Specialist with Anthony Wayne Local Schools. Julie and Steve are new grandparents to Stetson Nash born in December 2023.

## BUY RAFFLE TICKETS TO END POLIO NOW!

Once again, we have gorgeous raffle baskets to help raise money to End Polio Now! You can purchase your tickets at the Registration Desk, or find one of our volunteer ticket sellers throughout the Conference. This year, all raffle ticket proceeds will go to:

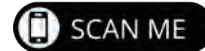
**End Polio Now –  
In Memory of Mike Johns, Sr.  
Past Rotary International Director  
PDG District 6630  
Rotary Club of Cleveland**



## INTERACT SERVICE PROJECT



Please help support our Interact Service Project: Refuge Host Homes, which supports pregnant women in crisis by providing them a host home and supplies throughout their pregnancy and after their baby is born. Scan the QR code with your phone's camera to make a **CASH DONATION ONLINE** from their website.



[RefugeHostHomes.org](https://RefugeHostHomes.org)

*Thank You!*

## ROTARY CARES FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT

**This year, we honor our commitment to focus on the environment by using less paper products.** There will be no paper cups provided. You are welcome to bring your reusable coffee mugs or water bottles from home.



## HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP! VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE

Visiting the House of Friendship is always a must-do at the District Conference. See what fellow clubs are doing as well as community organizations they support. It's a great place to visit and get inspired!

Have a favorite? Vote for the best as one winner will be selected as the "Best in Show" of the House of Friendship. Turn in your ballot to Registration.



# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS • ROTARY DISTRICT 6630 CONFERENCE

*Friday, April 26, 2024*

- 8:00 AM                    **Registration Open**
- All Day                    **House of Friendship**  
*Located in the Ballroom Foyer & Hallway*
- 9:30 AM                    **Celebration of Life Memorial Service**  
*Summit*
- 10:30 AM                   **District 6630 Annual Business Meeting**  
*Portage - Bring Your Credentials*
- 12 PM Noon                **Create Hope In the World Luncheon**  
*Riverfront Ballroom*  
**MC:** Jessica Hanes, 2023-2024 President, RC of Cleveland

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Inspiration  
Official Proclamations  
Honoring 50 & 60-Year Members and Recognition  
of 1 and 5-year Rotarians  
On to Singapore and Calgary  
Remarks by District 6630 Governor Julie Brandle

**Keynote Address:**

Daniel R. Flowers, President & CEO,  
Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank  
"Fine, Not Fine – Getting Through the Wall and  
Living Well on the Other Side"

2:30 PM – 4:30 PM

**Leadership Educational Sessions (50 min. each)**

**2:30 p.m. Rotary Ready to Help**

Are we ready to help others when disaster strikes?

**Summit Room**

**Facilitator:** DGE Dale Smith

**Panelists:**

- Debbie Chitester, LSW, Disaster Program Manager, Red Cross, Greater Akron and the Mahoning Valley/Northern Ohio Region
- Dave Roasa, Disaster Aid USA Zone 30 Director
- Ryan Shackelford, Director, Portage County Emergency Management Agency
- William Sutherin, Long-term Recovery Director Ohio Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (Ohio VOAD) and East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church

*All Welcome!*  
To attend these  
Educational Sessions:

***New!***

**3:30 p.m. Fresh Voices/Bold Ideas**

**Summit Room**

New members, here is a great opportunity to speak up, ask questions, share ideas. ALL ARE WELCOME - JOIN US!

**Facilitators:**

DGE Dale Smith,  
Steve Warren, District 6630 LEAD Committee Chair, RC of Northeast Ohio

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*Friday, April 26, 2024*

*Mix & Mingle!*

**4:20 p.m. New Member Mixer**

*Hotel Beau's on the River – ALL ARE WELCOME!*

All members welcome to meet new Rotarians and welcome them to the world of Rotary (*Cash Bar*)

6:00 PM

**Create Hope in the World Reception**

*Ballroom Foyer (Cash Bar)*

7:00 PM

**Create Hope in the World Dinner**

*Riverfront Ballroom*

**MC:** Lisa Coates, 2023-2024 President, RC of Cuyahoga Falls

Girl Scouts of America Honor Guard  
Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Inspiration  
On to Singapore and Calgary  
Remarks by District 6630 Governor Julie Brandle

**Keynote Address:**

Christine Hockman, Founder, One Degree Shifts

“Catchy T-Shirts Won’t Get Us There: Women Empowerment Needs You”

8:00 PM – 10:00 PM

**Hospitality Suite**

Sponsored by The Rotary Club of Geauga West

*Saturday, April 27, 2024*

7:15 AM

**Registration Open**

All Day

**House of Friendship**

*Located in the Ballroom Foyer & Hallway*

7:30 AM

**District Leadership Assembly (DLA)**

*Riverfront Ballroom*

**7:30 am Meet & Greet with Breakfast**

**8:15 am District Leadership Assembly Kick-Off**

*Non-Ticket Holders will be invited at this time*

9:00 AM – 10:50 AM

**Presidents-Elect Sessions I and II (PEs Only)**

*Falls Library • DGE Dale Smith*

9:00 AM – 10:50 AM

**Leadership 6630 Sessions I and II (Invitation Only)**

*Medina Room • IPDG David Jones*

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*Saturday, April 27, 2024*

9:00 AM - 11:50 AM

## **Leadership Educational Sessions (50 min. each)**

### **9 am - Clearing the Roadblocks**

Creating Healthy Mental Health Pathways for Children

*Summit Room*

**Facilitator:** DG Julie Brandle

**Panelists:**

- Emily Bon: Senior Manager, Community Outreach & Integrated Services, Child Guidance and Family Services,
- Ann Robson: VP of Strategic Partnerships and Business Development, Red Oak Behavioral Health
- Leah Hendricks (Schilling): LPCC-S, Corporate Director of Business Development, Beyond Healthcare

### **9 am - Send Lawyers, Buns and Chili**

Preparing for and Navigating Club/Event Risk Mitigation

*Portage North*

**Facilitator:** Don Branford, RC of Mentor

**Panelist:** Fran Zetzl, CIC, AAI, District 6630 Insurance Advisor, RC of Cleveland

### **9 am - Girls with Dreams Become Women with Vision**

Empowering Women and Girls in Our World

*Portage South*

**Facilitator:** Julie Brouhard, AG Coordinator, RC of Cleveland

**Panelists:**

- DeLores Pressley: Confidence Strategist, Executive Director She Elevates, Inc.
- Jen Riess: Development Director, Girls on the Run, Northeast Ohio
- Julie A. Weagraff, MNO, CFRE, Chief Development Officer, Girl Scouts of NEO

### **10 am - Navigating our Roadblocks**

Improving the Outcome with Proactive Mental Health

*Summit*

**Facilitator:** Kathy Myers, RC of Kent

**Panelists:**

- Kathy Myers: Director, Communications and Advocacy, Coleman Health Services, RC of Kent
- Hattie Tracy: CEO, Coleman Health Services
- Sandra Tenkku: Community Outreach Specialists, Lake County ADAMHS Board
- Leslie Powlette-Stoyer: Executive Director, NAMI Summit County

### **10 am - What's So Funny 'Bout Peace, Love and Understanding?**

Non-violent Conflict Resolution and the Four-Way Test

*Portage North*

**Facilitator:** PDG Pat Myers, RC of Hudson Clocktower

**Panelist:** Sarah Koopman: Assistant Professor, School of Peace and Conflict Studies, Kent State University

### **10 am - Put the Spotlight on Your Club**

Public Image Tips, Tools, and Strategies

*Portage South*

**Facilitator:** PDG Cheryl Warren, RC of Akron

**Panelist:** Tina Ingraham, District Public Image Committee Chair, RC of Cleveland

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To attend these  
Educational Sessions:

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## **11 am - 1.4 Million is Just a Good Start**

Growing Rotary

*Falls Library*

**Facilitator:** Steve Warren, District 6630 LEAD Committe Chair,  
RC of Northeast Ohio

## **11 am - For the Kids' Sake**

Youth Protection for Rotary Clubs

*Summit*

**Facilitator:** Alexandra JeanBlanc: District 6630 Youth Safety and  
Protection Committee Vice-Chair, RC of Hillcrest SR

### **Panelists:**

- Melissa Thompson: District 6630 Youth Safety and Protection Committee,  
RC of Hillcrest, SR
- Carrie Malotte: District 6630 Youth Protection Officer, RC of Stow-Munroe Falls
- Chelsea Talty: District 6630 Interact Chair, Youth Safety and  
Protection Committee, RC of Geauga West

12 PM Noon

## **Celebration of Youth Luncheon**

*Riverfront Ballroom*

**MC:** Chelsea Talty, District 6630 Interact Chair, RC Member for Geauga West

National Anthem, Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Inspiration

Rotary Youth Exchange Parade of Flags

District 6630 4-Way Test Speech Contest Winners

RYLA Presentation

Rotaract Club of Baldwin Wallace Presentation

Interact Service Project Presentation - *Refuge Host Homes*

Presentation of Richard C. "Dick" Pitcher Award

2:30 PM

## **Blanket Making with Interact and Rotarians**

*Falls Library - All Welcome!*

2:30 PM

## **Youth Volunteer Management System - Q&A**

*Portage North - All Welcome!*

**Facilitator:** Carrie Malotte, Youth Protection Committee, RC of Stow-Munroe Falls

2:30 PM

## **Visit Front Street Vendors in Cuyahoga Falls**

Join DG Julie Brandle at the main entrance to kick off your visit to downtown  
Cuyahoga Falls, or tour on your own.

*Selfie Safari!*

**PLUS - go on a "Selfie Safari" and enter to win a special gift basket.**

All you need to do is take a selfie at three (3) local stores and share with our  
registration desk to receive your ticket.

See pages 10 and 11 for specific stores and promotions.



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6:00 PM

**Create Hope in the World Governor's Reception**  
*Ballroom Foyer (Cash Bar)*

7:00 PM

**Create Hope in the World Governor's Dinner**  
*Riverfront Ballroom*

**MC:** Coshell Boustani, 2023-2024 President, RC of Twinsburg

Visit the Rotary Youth Exchange Tables  
RYE Parade of Flags  
Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Inspiration  
Rotary Toasts  
RYE Outbound Commissioning Ceremony  
Mix and Mingle as you visit Serving Stations  
Rotaract Club of Northeast Ohio PLUS Chartering Ceremony  
Remembrance of PRID Michael J. Johns, Sr.  
Presentation of Gary M. Neuman Award  
Remarks by District 6630 Governor Julie Brandle  
Recognition of ShelterBox Hero Clubs

After Dinner

**Hospitality Suite**  
Sponsored by The Rotary Club of Akron



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# WELCOME TO HISTORIC AND VIBRANT DOWNTOWN CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO



## HISTORY

### THE CITY ON THE RIVER

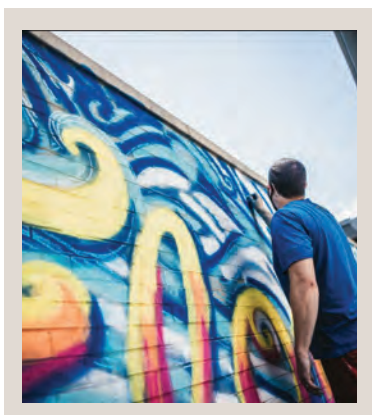
Founded in 1812, the Cuyahoga River has a rich and vibrant history. We are situated close to the Cuyahoga Valley National Park as we honor our ancestors and the splendor of our natural surroundings. We embark on a new chapter as a portion of our downtown was reopened after 40 years of being a pedestrian mall, encouraging a community of small businesses and a place to gather.

## EXPLORE DTCF

GET LOST, IN A GOOD WAY!

Downtown Cuyahoga Falls (DTCF) is comprised of over 100 small businesses from restaurants, to breweries, to boutiques, to art galleries, to area services. It is home to our 209 room Sheraton Suites hotel, High Bridge Glens Park, the plaza/pavilion/amphitheater for our large events, and so much more. We invite you to explore, find your new favorite place, and get lost in our rich historical roots.

**We hope you enjoy your time in DTCF and invite you to come back soon!**



## DTCF PARTNERSHIP

WHO ARE WE?

We are a community-based nonprofit dedicated to promoting and enhancing historic downtown Cuyahoga Falls as a vibrant destination for residents, visitors, and businesses. We are your one-stop for all things Downtown Cuyahoga Falls (DTCF)!

*Discover more of DTCF by visiting  
[www.downtowncf.com](http://www.downtowncf.com) or by  
scanning the QR code*



# THE FUN FLOWS HERE!

## EXPLORE OUR DOWNTOWN BUSINESS COMMUNITY WITH EXCLUSIVE PROMOS



### FOOD & DRINKS

**Butcher and Sprout** - \$2 off 1 cocktail (per person)  
+ 1/2 off (1) appetizer (4 people)

**Crave Cantina** - Free chips and salsa with purchase +  
\$5 off of \$30 spent

**HiHO Brewing Company** - \$1 off your first pint

**Leo's Italian Social** - Free Appetizer with Entree

**Metropolis Popcorn** - Small Bag of Kettle Corn for \$2.50.  
No limit!

**The Workz** - Enjoy 30 Minutes of Arcade Play on us!

**Thulung Boba House** - 10% off order

### RETAIL & ACTIVITIES

**Celia's Boutique** - Spend \$20.00 and receive \$5.00 off  
entire purchase

**Cuyahoga Falls Library** - Forgot to pack your book?  
Borrow free ebooks and audiobooks on us - no library card  
required! Visit [hoopladigital.com](http://hoopladigital.com), select Cuyahoga Falls  
Library, and "I don't have a library card but I'd like to try  
hoopla." Visit today to read, relax, or work!

**Falls Outdoor Company** - 10% off purchase

**Float the River** - 10% off experiences

**Looking Glass Gifts & Gallery** - Over 65 artists present  
fine quality, unique gifts. 10% off

**Loud & Clear Music School** - 30min trial lesson for \$5!

**Morty's Munchies Dog Bakery & Boutique** - 10% off all  
items except dog food

**Mr. Fun's Curiosity Emporium** - 10% off

**Natural Wonders Rock Shop** - Free gift with purchase

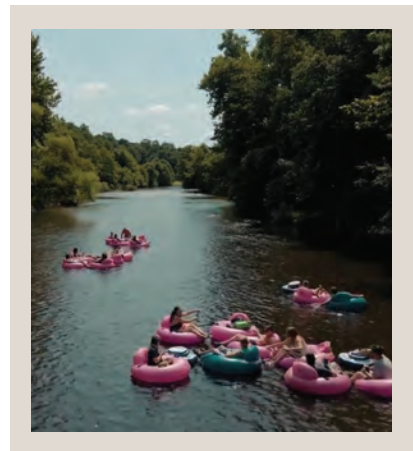
**Sense by the Falls** - \$2 off 1st custom candle

**Shelf Life Bookstore** - One free regular priced book

**The Artful Cricket Henna** - 10% off a \$10+ Henna Session  
(walk-in or appointment)

**The Social Dept** - Hand screen-printed local, state, and  
region pride apparel - the Cuyahoga Falls special - 2 tees  
for \$45

**Up Front Art Space** - 20% off any one item (excludes  
custom framing, restoration & classes)



SCAN FOR LOCATIONS & MAP!



*downtown cuyahoga falls, ohio*



*Thank You!*

Special thanks to our 2024 District Conference Planning Committee for all your work in putting together this wonderful weekend for our Rotarians to connect, engage and celebrate: Create Hope in Our World.

Beverly Ghent-Skrzynski  
 Bob Oborn  
 Bob Voss  
 Carrie Heppner  
 Chelsea Talty  
 Cheryl Warren  
 Dale Smith

David Jones  
 David Skrzynski  
 Jackie Minotas  
 Jeff Roeger  
 John Reyes  
 Julie Brandle  
 Julie West

Karen Melton  
 Kathy Berkshire  
 Larry Lohman  
 Lynda Farkas  
 Maureen Garnett  
 Mike Davanzo  
 Pat Kelley

Pat Myers  
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 Rich Cole  
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 Steve Warren  
 Tina Ingraham

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**PRESIDENTS OF ACTION**

- Rotary Club of Chagrin Highlands
- Rotary Club of Chagrin Valley
- Rotary Club of Hillcrest Sunrise
- Rotary Club of Mentor
- Rotary Club of Nardon Hills
- Rotary Club of Northampton-Cuyahoga Valley
- Rotary Club of Stow-Munroe Falls

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Friday, April 26th - Luncheon Keynote Address

**Daniel R. Flowers**

President & CEO, Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank

"Fine, Not Fine - Getting Through the Wall and Living Well on the Other Side"

**Foodbanker since 2003**

"Early in my career, I began to see and understand the correlation between the work of the food bank and the tragic impacts of poverty, substance abuse, mental health disorders and incarceration I witnessed growing up. From that time on, food-banking became a purpose in life for me. Sharing this work with other people that see purpose in it too is among the greatest joys in life. It's all about the people."



**About Dan Flowers**

Dan is a thoughtful and compassionate leader. During his tenure, the Foodbank has experienced significant growth, increasing food distribution to more than 35 million pounds in 2023. Under his leadership, we opened the Stark County Campus in 2021 and renovated the Main Campus in Akron in 2023. Promoting a positive and fun workplace culture, we are a proud recipient of the NorthCoast99 award for 10 consecutive years, recognized as one of Northeast Ohio's best places to work.

Dan's leadership in the community and in the national food bank network has been extensive, including service as the former vice-chairman of Feeding America's elected National Affiliate Council (NAC), past chairman of the Ohio Association of Food Bank's Board of Directors and past chairman of the WKSU Community Advisory Council. He is a member of the Aultman Hospital Foundation Board of Directors, Better Business Bureau Akron Board of Directors and several others. Dan is a proud graduate of Leadership Akron Class XXII.

Dan resides in Akron with his wife, Holly. They have three adult children, Andy, Jon and Mary. He is an avid reader, guitarist, bow hunter, taxidermist and martial artist, holding a black belt in Tae Kwon Do and a blue belt in Brazilian Jiu-jitsu. He is a regular columnist for Smart Business Magazine.

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Friday, April 26th - Dinner Keynote Address

**Christine Hockman**

Founder, One Degree Shifts

“Catchy T-Shirts Won’t Get Us There  
(Women Empowerment Needs You)”

As leaders, we have the duty and privilege to bring out the best in others and look for ways to help others succeed in life.

Women empowerment has become an important topic among leaders but many people feel stumped about how to best support girls and women.

Hint: they need more than “Girls Rule” t-shirts to thrive and contribute at their highest level!

Join us for an energizing program where both men and women will learn:

- Why it’s so important to intentionally empower girls and women in today’s world
- How you can create simple but vital opportunities that encourage all females - young girls who will grow into the women they’re born to be and adult women who haven’t unleashed their full potential
- How girls and women can empower themselves more effectively
- The positive results your support can make to bring more hope into the world Leave feeling inspired when you discover the ripple effect you can make when you elevate the ladies in your life. A rising tide lifts all ships!

**About Christine Hockman**

Christine Hockman is a Leadership Coach, speaker, entrepreneur and founder of One Degree Shifts who believes leadership should bring out the best in other people. She helps leaders and teams experience a new level of purpose, confidence, vibrancy, joy and positive impact.

As a Certified High Performance Coach and partner with Positive Intelligence Mental Fitness, she shares the world’s most advanced and effective programs based on neuroscience, cognitive and positive psychology and performance science to help people make positive shifts, one degree at a time.

Christine spent 13 years in leadership roles across non-profit and public sectors, including at Summit Metro Parks and Great Lakes Biomimicry, and has diverse experience across startups, marketing, innovation and education. She’s an adventurous wife and mom who gets outside each day regardless of weather and loves to give back to the community as a board member at Spice Field Kitchen, an Ask the Expert and Executive Coach volunteer for Business Volunteers Unlimited and founding member of Cleveland Women in Business for Good.

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***Rotary Ready to Help - Are We Ready to Help Others When Disaster Strikes?  
Friday, 2:30 - 3:20 PM***

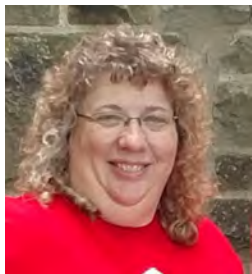
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Disaster Program Manager, Red Cross, Greater Akron and  
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Dave Roasa  
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Ryan Shackelford  
Director, Portage County Emergency Management Agency

William Sutherin  
Long-term Recovery Director Ohio Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster  
(Ohio VOAD) and East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church



***Debbie Chitester***

Debbie is the Disaster Program Manager for the American Red Cross of Greater Akron and the Mahoning Valley which is part of the Northern Ohio Region. In the last 32 years, she has held a variety of positions in the Red Cross and responded to disasters both locally and nationally including the 9/11 terror attacks, and various floods and tornados. Debbie manages over 100 volunteers in the chapter who respond to local disasters such as house fires, as well as respond to larger scale disasters outside of the region.



***Dave Roasa***

Dave joined Rotary in 2002 as a member of the Grove City Ohio Rotary Club and served as Club President and many club board positions. Dave was the district chair for Group Study Exchange from 2007 to 2012. Dave has received "Rotarian of the Year" award three times from his club members. Dave is a multiple Paul Harris Fellows and Benefactor.

Dave started volunteering with Disaster Aid USA in 2016, became a Disaster Aid Response Team (DART) Leader, and has been on about 15 disaster deployments (short term recovery). He is now on DAUSA's board and leads their activity across 5 states as DAUSA's Zone30 Director (5 states). Dave led the effort to build out and stock the first Disaster Aid USA trailer in Zone 30; stationed in Ohio. The team is also growing team members to respond to short term disaster relief efforts. Dave has completed many disaster training events & courses.

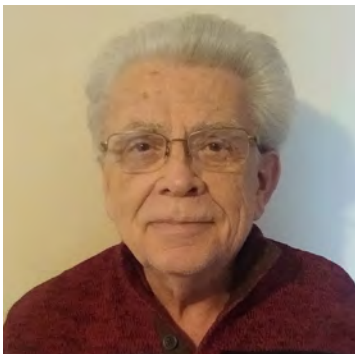
## *Rotary Ready to Help - Are We Ready to Help Others When Disaster Strikes?*



### ***Ryan T. Shackelford***

Ryan Shackelford has been the director of the Portage County Emergency Management Agency since 2014. Prior to his current role, Ryan was an Air Force Emergency Manager and earned the rank of Technical Sergeant. He also served for the State of Mississippi Emergency Management Agency in their Radiological Emergency Preparedness branch and has experience in environmental and hazardous materials emergency response and remediation. Ryan is a graduate of Southeast High School, holds an Associate in Applied Science in Emergency Management from the Community College of the Air Force, a Bachelor of Arts from Kent State University and is actively working towards a Master's in Public Administration from the American Military University. Ryan

is a graduate of FEMA's National Emergency Management Advanced Academy and a Certified Emergency Manager through the International Association of Emergency Managers.



### ***Bill Sutherin***

Bill and his wife Peggy have been married for 41 years. He worked for the Ohio Department of Transportation for 29 years when he was offered an early buyout in 1999. He subsequently became the Youngstown District Director of Disaster Response of the United Methodist Church for 4 years. Following this he became the East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church Director of the Disaster Response Committee for 6 years. He has been on this committee for 25 years. He is also a member of Ohio VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters) acting as their Long Term Recovery Director and on Columbiana County VOAD.



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***Clearing the Roadblocks - Creating Healthy Mental Health Pathways for our Children  
Saturday, 9:00 - 9:50 AM***

Panelists:

Emily Bon

Senior Manager, Community Outreach & Integrated Services,  
Child Guidance and Family Solutions

Ann Robson, LPCC-S

VP of Strategic Partnerships and Business Development, Red Oak Behavioral Health

Leah Hendricks (Shilling), LPCC-S

Corporate Director of Business Development, Beyond Healthcare



***Emily Bon:***

Experienced Senior Manager with skills in directing treatment programs, developing new programs, community outreach, training, presenting mental health education on various topics, and providing clinical supervision and consultation. Experienced Mental health professional with skills in Trauma, Refugee treatment, CBT, and play therapy. Experience with providing mental health services in an office-based, doctor office-based, and school-based setting. Registered Play Therapist in the state of Ohio.



***Leah Hendricks:***

After Ms. Hendricks completed her undergraduate education at Ohio Wesleyan University and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology and Anthropology with a Minor in Women's Studies, she earned a Master of Education in Community Counseling from Kent State University in 2008.

Ms. Hendricks is an independently licensed Supervising Professional Clinical Counselor, attaining licensure in 2009 by the State of Ohio's Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist Board. Ms. Hendricks's professional experience includes clinical home-based and outpatient intervention with children, adolescents, adults, and families. Additional experience includes the clinical and administrative management of an In-home therapeutic service program, ownership of a private mental health practice, and currently engaging in outreach and business development for intensive child and adolescent mental health care. Ms. Hendricks has provided treatment services to individuals and families presenting with a variety of mental health concerns and has dedicated her career to assisting individuals in their recovery from trauma and adversity through fostering hope, strength, and resiliency.

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***Clearing the Roadblocks - Creating Healthy Mental Health Pathways for our Children  
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Ms. Hendricks has received training, supervision, and consultation in the evidenced-based treatment modalities of Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT), Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) and Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR). These evidence-based therapeutic modalities are helpful adjuncts to trauma-focused treatment services and care.



***Ann Robson:***

Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor in the State of Ohio with supervisor status. I have served as the Clinical Director for my agency for the past 15 years and VP of Strategic Partnerships and Business Development over the past year. I provide clinical and administrative leadership by providing evidence-based trainings and trauma-informed practices. I led my agency in becoming a Trauma-Informed Organization. I established the use of Trauma-Informed Supervision, put into place screening all new consumers with the Adverse Childhood Experience Screen (ACE) and ensuring all direct service providers have been trained in trauma-informed evidence-based clinical practices.

I would like to pursue bringing Trauma-Informed Care to other organizations. My areas of strength are resiliency, staff self care, understanding our own adverse childhood experiences and how they impact our adult functioning and trauma-informed supervision.

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***Send Lawyers, Buns and Chili -  
Preparing for and Navigating Club/Event Risk Mitigation  
Saturday, 9:00 - 9:50 AM***

Presenter:  
Fran Zettl, CIC and AAI



***Frances M. Zettl, CIC and AAI***

Fran is a lifelong insurance professional in the North East Ohio area.

She has extensive insurance agency experience in Cuyahoga, Lake and surrounding counties, and for 20 years was a managing partner in her family's agency in Willoughby. In 2001 she clustered her business operations with United Agencies Insurance Group.

Fran is active in a few Cleveland-area business networking organizations. She is a member of the Cleveland Rotary Club and is an Honorary Past President. She served on the Board of the Cleveland Rotary Foundation, and is the Rotary District 6630 Insurance Advisor as well as a member of the Youth Protection Committee. She has also guest lectured several times at Lakeland Community College.

She and her husband live in University Heights Ohio.

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***Girls with Dreams Become Women with Vision -  
Empowering Women and Girls in Our World  
Saturday, 9:00 - 9:50 AM***

Panelists:

DeLores Pressley  
Confidence Strategist, Executive Director She Elevates, Inc.

Jen Riess  
Development Director, Girls On The Run

Julie A. Weagraff, MNO, CFRE  
Chief Development Officer, Girls Scouts of North East Ohio



***DeLores Pressley***

DeLores Pressley is an International Keynote Speaker, Author, Business Life Coach and Confidence Strategist with more than three decades of experience. She is President of DeLores Pressley Worldwide and the Founder and Executive Director of She Elevates™, a non-profit organization created to empower girls to become confident leaders, entrepreneurs and CEOs.

As a former elementary school teacher and a pioneer of the plus size fashion and modeling industry, DeLores has inspired and helped thousands to leverage their leadership voice, be confident, activate dormant personal power and take massive actions. She is the author of "Clean Out the Closets of Your Life", "Believe in the Power of You" and "Empower".

DeLores has worked at various levels with numerous top-notch companies and organizations which include Ford Motor Company, Coca-Cola, Roche Pharmaceuticals, Procter and Gamble (P&G), Kellogg, American Heart Association, Athena International and Union Pacific Railroad. She has received many awards and recognition for her work including Speaker Legend, Smart Business Magazine, the Top Ten Business Owners by the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) and named Top 50 Visionary in Radical Business Magazine and a founding member of Women's Impact. She is a recipient of the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award from President Barack Obama.

Her story has been touted in Speaker, Glamour, Washington Post, Black Enterprise, Essence, Ebony and Marie Claire. She is a frequent media guest and co-host of "Julie & Friends" on TCT TV Network. She has been interviewed on every major tv network including Entertainment Tonight and OPRAH.



***Jen Riess***

Jen Riess is the Development Director for Girls on the Run-- a program for girls in 3rd-8th grade that utilizes a researched-based curriculum that is structured around understanding ourselves, valuing relationships and teamwork, and recognizing how we can shape the world at large. Jen started working with Girls on the Run in 2021 as a volunteer coach. She was so passionate about the program and the positive impact she saw in the girls she worked with that she decided to continue to volunteer with the program for four seasons and then join the staff in August of 2023.

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Jen's role has her working to connect individuals and organizations to help advance the GOTR mission and make the program more accessible for girls. Jen leads multiple fundraisers throughout the year to generate donations that allow the organization to provide financial assistance to aid program costs, proper running shoes and activewear for girls in need, translated program materials and more!

Jen has a bachelor's degree in journalism from Bowling Green State University. During her time at BGSU, she developed a passion for fundraising through her involvement with Dance Marathon and Bikes for Tikes-- which benefits Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. After graduating, she accepted a newsroom job in Salt Lake City working as a News and Sports Reporter before finding her way back to the fundraising world (and Ohio) as the Director of Philanthropy for the Lake County YMCA.

When Jen is not fundraising, she is spending time with her fiancé and dogs, playing volleyball, and planning her December 2024 wedding.



### ***Julie Weagraff***

Julie A. Weagraff is the Chief Development Officer for Girl Scouts of North East Ohio and has worked for the council since 2015. She oversees a staff of five and is responsible for all fundraising and advancement activities for the council, which covers 18 counties across Northeast Ohio and serves over 18,000 girl members and 9,000 adult members. She is currently leading a \$7 million capital campaign to build a STEM Center of Excellence that will provide transformational STEM learning experiences for Girl Scouts and students across the Northeast Ohio region.

Ms. Weagraff has worked in the nonprofit management field for 30 years and has expertise in planned giving, major gifts, capital campaigns, corporate and foundation relations, board governance, special events, volunteer management, marketing, communications, partnership development, strategic planning, legislative advocacy, donor engagement, and alumni relations. She has held leadership positions at several higher education institutions including Case Western Reserve University, the Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges, and Cuyahoga Community College.

She holds a master's degree in nonprofit management from Case Western Reserve University and a bachelor's degree in public relations with honors from Westminster College in New Wilmington, PA. In 2014 she attained the Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) credential, which is recognized worldwide as the global standard for the fundraising profession. She currently serves as Immediate Past President of the Board of Trustees of the Northern Ohio Charitable Gift Planners. Ms. Weagraff also serves on the Board of Directors of the Greater Akron Musical Association, the Estate Planning Council of Cleveland, the Greater Cleveland Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals and is Vice Chair of the Leadership Council for the Cleveland Leadership Center. She is a member the Government Affairs Committee of the Greater Akron Chamber of Commerce, ATHENA Akron, and is a member of Leadership Cleveland's Class of 2024.

In 2022 she was elected and served on the Association of Fundraising Professionals Global Nominating Committee, representing Ohio and Pennsylvania. In 2021 she served as a Mentor for the Alford Group Mentoring and Leadership Development Program. She is a graduate of Leadership Akron (Class 37), Cleveland Leadership Center's Civic Leadership Institute, the Women's Network Community Leadership Institute, the Mandel Leadership Development Program, and Leadership Lake County.

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***Navigating Our Roadblocks  
Improving the Outcome With Proactive Mental Health  
Saturday, 10:00 - 10:50 AM***

Panelists:

Kathy Myers

Director, Communications and Advocacy, Coleman Health Services

Hattie Tracy

CEO, Coleman Health Services

Sandra Tenkku

Community Outreach Specialist, Lake County ADAMHS Board

Leslie Powlette-Stoyer

Executive Director, NAMI Summit County



***Kathy Myers***

Kathy Myers serves as Director of Communications and Advocacy for Coleman Health Services, a non-profit provider of Behavioral Health and Rehabilitation services. She has been with Coleman for fifteen years, during which time the organization has grown from serving people in three to over 40 Ohio counties.

Kathy is a member and past president of the Rotary Club of Kent and is involved in other community organizations. She and her husband, Tom (also a past president of the Rotary Club of Kent), live in Twin Lakes. They have three grown children (one of them, Dave, is also a past president of the Rotary Club of Kent) and five grandchildren. She feels that both her life and her work bring wonderful challenges and great joys



***Hattie Tracy***

Hattie Tracy has served as President and CEO of Coleman Health Services since August 2021. Prior to that she was Coleman's Senior Vice President of Clinical Operations. Coleman is a nonprofit provider of behavioral health, rehabilitation, and support services headquartered in Portage County and serving over 40 other Ohio Counties. "I entered this field because I wanted to make a difference for the people we serve," Tracy said. "Leading Coleman is the best way I can think of to have that positive impact."

Her career spans nearly 20 years having served in a variety of roles in the field of mental health and substance use disorders. Prior to Coleman she worked at Appleseed Community Mental Health Center, NEOMED and Child Guidance and Family Solutions. She joined the Rotary Club of Kent in 2023. She holds a bachelor's and master's degree from Ohio State University and a master's in public policy and administration from Kent State University. She resides in Kent with her husband, Joe Deppen, a school psychologist and their two young daughters, Annabelle and Louiza.

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***Leslie Powlette Stoyer***

Leslie was made Co-Executive Director of NAMI Summit County along with Ron Rett in July of 2011. Prior to this, she volunteered for NAMI Summit County as well as other Summit County nonprofits. Upon the retirement of Ron Rett in December 2021 Leslie assumed the role of Executive Director. She sits on multiple county and court mental health advisory committees. She is certified as a trainer in NAMI Smarts for Advocacy.

Before relocating to Akron Ohio in 2000, Leslie practiced law in Morristown, New Jersey concentrating in corporate litigation and real estate litigation. She served as Law Clerk to the Honorable John J. Harper, Superior Court of New Jersey, and is a graduate of Seton Hall University School of Law and Cedar Crest College. She holds a bachelor's and master's degree from Ohio State University and a master's in public policy and administration from Kent State University. She resides in Kent with her husband, Joe Deppen, a school psychologist and their two young daughters, Annabelle and Louiza.



***Sandra Tenkku***

Sandra Tenkku is the Community Outreach Specialist at the Lake County ADAMHS Board (Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services). She holds a B.S. degree in Human Development and Family Studies from Bowling Green State University as well as an M.B.A. from North Central University. She has been working in the field of behavioral and social services for 17 years. She coordinates and leads the Lake County Suicide Prevention Coalition, the Trauma Response Team and the Community Alliance of Law Enforcement and Mental Health Services Committee. Before coming to the ADAMHS Board she was the Director of Housing Services at Extended Housing. Prior to Extended Housing, Sandra worked with people experiencing homelessness with a mental illness/substance use disorder and survivors of domestic violence. She is a certified trainer in Mental Health First Aid, QPR, Signs of Suicide, and trained in a number of other evidence-based programs. Sandra loves to be active and enjoys being outside every chance she can get!

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***What's So Funny 'Bout Peace, Love and Understanding-  
Nonviolent Conflict Resolution and the Four Way Test  
Saturday, 10:00 - 10:50 AM***

Panelist:

Dr. Sarah Koopman

Assistant Professor, School of Peace and Conflict Studies, Kent State University



Dr. Sara Koopman teaches at the School of Peace and Conflict Studies at Kent State, which is a living memorial to the students killed by the National Guard there in 1970 for protesting for peace. She is a feminist political geographer interested in the socio-spatial aspects of peace and peacebuilding and how interlocking systems of unequal power and privilege shape those. Dr. Koopman looks at solidarity efforts that work across both distance and difference to build peace and justice with a particular focus on global North-South international solidarity, how it can fall into colonial patterns, and how to avoid these. She is particularly inspired by organizing for peace in Colombia, which she has long been active in.

Locally she works to build connections across difference through nonviolent communication training, and through engaged research with the Mapping May 4th project, a digital dialogue and memorial which spatializes place based snippets from the Kent State oral history archive to make them more relatable, and easier to hear.