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Monday's Meeting November 16, 2015: Joe Napoli—Hensville: A New Downtown Toledo Destination

Joe Napoli, president & CEO of Toledo Mud Hens Baseball Club, Toledo Walleye Hockey Club, and Hensville will discuss the progress and impact of this new downtown destination. Born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, Joe graduated from St. John's University in New York City. Upon graduation, he joined Manufacturer's Hanover Trust in New York City. After a brief career in banking, Joe's twenty-five year career in sports began in

Canton Ohio, with the Canton Indians. In the early 90's, he moved to Toledo to work for the Toledo Mud Hens before spending several years working for the Chicago Bulls and Detroit Tigers. Joe returned to Toledo to embark on the development of Fifth Third Field in downtown Toledo. Years later, a second opportunity presented itself, and he became part of the development team for the Toledo Walleye and Huntington Center. In 2012, the Hens initiated efforts to begin the downtown Toledo re-development of three historic buildings and park space which will become known as "Hensville." According to Nielsen Scarborough Research, the Hens and Walleye continue to rank amongst the most popular franchises in Major and Minor League sports. Sports Business Journal selected Toledo as the #1, now #2, Market in America for Minor League sports. Both the Hens and Walleye have been recognized and awarded for organizational excellence by Minor League Baseball and Minor League Hockey. Joe met his wife, Annette, in Toledo during his first stint with the Mud Hens. Annette and Joe love raising their five children in Toledo.



Upcoming Meetings/Events

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-Landefeld, Tony Ruth, Eric Jordan

Committee Meetings:

11:00 am Finance

1:00 pm New Member

1:00 pm TRF Trustees Meeting

TUESDAY, November 17

7:30 am Member Engagement, Café Marie Maumee

WEDNESDAY, November 18

7:30 am Club Board, Toledo Club

THURSDAY, November 19

11:00 am—8:00 pm Bell Ringing Anderson's Maumee

MONDAY, November 23—Speaker: The Most Reverend

Daniel E. Thomas

Program: Holy Discipleship, Holy Families, and Holy Vocations

Greeters: Sharon Gaber, Tim Harrington, Scot Hinshaw, Bob Huber, Bernd Hunger, Gary Johnson, Brian Kennedy, Tim Koder, Martin LaMar

Committee Meetings:

11:00 am Community

1:00 pm Vocational

1:00 pm International

1:00 pm Disability

MONDAY, November 30—NO MEETING

THURSDAY, December 3

11:00 am—8:00 pm Bell Ringing Anderson's Talmadge

FRIDAY, December 4

5:00-7:00 pm Holiday Party Inverness Club

MONDAY, December 7—Speaker: Foundation Trustees

Program: Toledo Rotary Foundation Update

Greeters: Guisselle Mendoza, Majida Mourad, Kevin Mullan, Dean Niese, Daric Peppers, Judy Potter, Brad Rubini, Hunt Sears, Neil Neukam, Paul Hong

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Internet Viewing: The past meeting can be viewed online at
<https://vimeo.com/144455047>.

Chris Cooper—The ProMedica Affiliation and What it Means for the Community

Dr. Chris Cooper described the affiliation between the University of Toledo Medical Center and ProMedica. In academic medicine, a critical relationship exists between a college of medicine, a hospital, and a faculty physician group practice; each part relies on the other to achieve its mission.

Academic medicine makes care better for all. UTMC cannot finance all of the needs of the College of Medicine. Doing so would accelerate a downward spiral. So, the College of Medicine needs significant capital over the next decade to achieve its mission. UTMC needs a partner to sustain its long-term academic objectives. UTMC has a class size of 175 and one of the smallest faculties of academic hospitals in the country. With the 50-year affiliation agreement, UTMC students will have access to more patients, larger and more diverse faculty, more patients for faculty, increase in funded research, and additional resources to the College of Medicine to support recruiting additional faculty. The affiliation will have shared governance through the Academic Affiliation Operating Group. ProMedica has agreed to provide support of \$50 million per year. In capital support, ProMedica will spend \$100 million by 2027 and \$150 million after year 12 to upgrade and construct new buildings on the ProMedica and UTMC campuses. UTMC worked with the Ohio Attorney General's Antitrust Division to make sure there were no issues. Dr. Cooper stated that this partnership is guided by shared interests: train the next generation of healthcare professionals, create knowledge through biomedical research, and high quality patient centered care. He concluded that the affiliation allows the aggregation of two strong entities and that the partnership with ProMedica builds on the foundation created by prior leaders and creates a stronger community.



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!



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Save the Date...

Club Holiday Party

December 4

Inverness Club



Water Quality Survey

In northwestern Ohio, water quality is an issue that affects everyone. Our river and lake systems are crucial sources of drinking water, transportation, tourism, and economic growth and success. Decisions regarding these waterways are often made based on the information provided by scientists and not by members of the community dependent on the water. With this project, we want to give residents of northwestern Ohio a chance to share their opinions about the quality of their local environment and local rivers, lakes, and streams. BGSU wants to know what you think about your environment. Please follow this [link](#) to answer a short survey.

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Toledo Rotary Foundation 2015-2016 Annual Campaign Kickoff

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Recently the Rotary Club of Toledo's Board of Directors determined that our Club will not hold a fundraising event during this Rotary year 2015-16. The Club will be planning for a special event to take place next Rotary year 2016-17 to celebrate the opening of Middlegrounds Metropark, and the \$300,000 contribution we made to Toledo Area Metroparks as part of our Centennial Celebration in May of 2012.

Without a fundraising event this Rotary year, the Toledo Rotary Foundation Trustees have decided to begin our Annual Campaign this month, at a time of year when many of us consider our plans for charitable giving. The Trustees intend to follow this timing in future years. We appreciate that during this transitional year, some of you may have made a gift to our Foundation earlier in calendar year 2015. That gift was credited to the Rotary year 2014-15.

This week you received a letter from our Annual Campaign Chairs, Jillian Gustafson and Doug Kearns asking you to participate. The goal of the campaign each year is to achieve 100% participation from all members of our Club. I hope you will join me by becoming a member of the President's Club by contributing a minimum of \$250.

The contributions to the Annual Campaign make up the vast majority of the funds that are used for the Foundation's traditional grants, which are determined by our Club's service committees. This Rotary year the Toledo Rotary Foundation expects to give over \$160,000 to benefit people in the Toledo area and around the world.

As Toledo Rotarians, it is expected that each of us contribute to the Toledo Rotary Foundation each year. The Foundation is a major reason why our Rotary experience is unique, and why the Rotary Club of Toledo, is one of the finest Rotary Clubs in the world!

Sincerely,

PP Tom Backoff

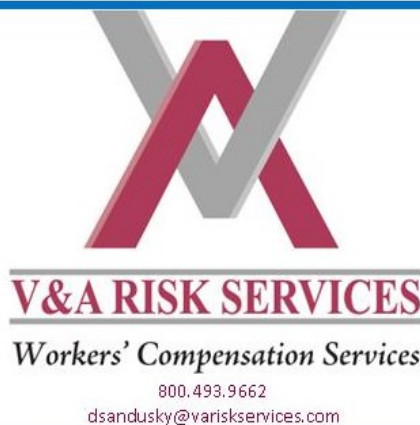
Chairman, Toledo Rotary Foundation

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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Club Nominees

Ballots will be available beginning November 16

Candidate for Second Vice President

Name: Tim Ryan

Classification: Past Service

Joined Rotary: March 21, 2011

Club Positions Held: Club Director 2013-present

Committees: International Service, Program, Vocational Service, PolioPlus (District)

Foundation: PHF, President's Club

Attendance: 72.2%

Candidates for Director

Name: Bob DiNardo

Classification: Environmental Business

Company: Certified Environmental Services, Inc.

Title: President

Joined Rotary: July 1, 1992

Committees: Finance, Greeters, International, Youth Services, and MESA (District)

Foundation: PHF, President's Club

Attendance: 75.9%

Name: Dean Niese

Classification: Engineering: Consulting

Company: Mannik & Smith Group

Title: Chief Operating Officer

Joined Rotary: March 4, 2010

Committees: Greeters, International Service, Strategic Planning, MESA (District)

Foundation: PHF, President's Club

Attendance: 77.8%

Name: Dan Skilliter

Classification: Trade Show Exhibit & Display

Company: 2-Scale

Title: Vice President of Client Services

Joined Rotary: May 18, 2011

Committees: Foundation Advisory, Strategic Planning, Youth Service, Future Vision Planning (District), and Membership (District)

Foundation: PHF, President's Club

Attendance: 81.5%

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Club of Toledo

2015-2016 Ballot

FOR PRESIDENT 2019-2020/2ND Vice President

Vote for one

___ Tim Ryan

___ write in _____

FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS—3 Year Terms 2016-2019

Vote for three

___ Bob DiNardo

___ Dean Niese

___ Dan Skilliter

___ write in _____

By printing and signing below, I affirm this is the only ballot I am submitting.

Printed Name _____

Signature _____

Ballot must be signed to be counted.

DEPOSIT IN BALLOT BOX NO LATER THAN 1:15 pm ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2015.

In the event you are unable to attend the meeting on December 8, 2014, you may send your ballot to the Rotary Office, 101 N. Summit Street, Suite 436, Toledo, OH 43606 or you can fax it to the Rotary Office at 419.241.5117.

Mailed and faxed ballots must be received in the Rotary Office by 1:15 pm on Monday, December 7, 2015.

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Club Board Nominees' Statements

Second Vice President 2019-2020

It is my honor to be nominated for election to the position of Second Vice President of the Toledo Rotary Club Board. I am a proud Toledo Rotarian for a lot of reasons.

I have seen Rotary at work in the Third World helping with water and sanitation, women's literacy and solar ovens. I was involved in an experimental commercial solar oven project that was funded by Rotarians in Mali. It would have worked, too, if the country had not fallen into civil war. We go into tough places. Our Toledo Club stepped forward to provide Shelter Boxes in Nepal after the earthquake. I had Nepalese friends who were made homeless and desperate.

I was proud to be part of the Toledo Rotary Centennial Project that built a school in Honduras. Our Club continues to work with Honduran Rotarians, most recently giving a microscope to a children's hospital. Because of our Toledo Rotary Club, I have been able to help END POLIO NOW! Our Club has been involved since the beginning and continues to be generous. We stand in the cold ringing a bell for the less fortunate with a smile. We work on literacy, child development, homelessness, community clean ups and many other issues. Our Club's leadership on cleaning up Lake Erie may be the defining issue of our time. I am proud of that!

I have made many friends in Rotary, locally, nationally and internationally. I am often surprised how much smarter they are than me. That's ok, I like smart people! We are a community of leaders. We solve community problems. We do not look away! We should all be proud of that. If I become Second Vice President, I will do my best to carry on our Club's proud traditions and encourage younger member participation.

Tim Ryan

Directors 2016-2019

It is an honor to be chosen by the Nominating Committee to serve on the Board of Directors of the Toledo Rotary Club. I have been a member of the Club since 1992. I have served on numerous Club committees, including Greeters, Youth Services, Finance, and International Services. I am our Club Liaison to MESA and currently serve as the MESA Secretary. Last year, I attended the District 6600 Conference and my service with MESA has allowed me the good fortune to work with past, present, and future District Governors. Four of us from the Toledo Club attended the Uniendo Project Fair in Managua, Nicaragua last year. Our group continued to San Pedro Sula, Honduras where several clubs from our District have participated in projects. During this trip, we had the opportunity to meet and develop relationships with Rotarians from the USA, Canada, and Central America.

As a Board member, I expect to utilize the relationships and friendships I have developed to promote our Club as a leader and partner throughout the District and worldwide Rotary communities. I will support our Lake Erie Watershed Crisis and Honduran water project efforts with special interest, having been a water treatment plant operator early in my career.

I appreciate the confidence our Nominating Committee has shown by supporting me as a Board member. It is my privilege to be a part of the finest Rotary Club in the world and to do my best to live up to our motto of "Service Above Self," and our Rotary International theme to "Be a Gift to the World."

Bob DiNardo

I would be honored to serve the Club as a Board Member and would do my best to represent our members in Board business. To benefit the Club, I will utilize my professional experience in leading The Mannik & Smith Group and multiple community and technical organizations I have served as a Board member. History demonstrates I have a roll up your sleeves, let's do something to better the organization attitude when I volunteer for a role. Maybe it's the engineer in me, and even though I might not be the most outspoken, after analysis, I will offer conservative yet creative opinion to matters facing the Board. I believe in our mission, strategic plan and have high regard for our current leadership. In my 4+ years with the Rotary Club of Toledo, I have engaged with many great Rotarians who have lead our Club in the past; it is my goal to show respect to their service and positively impact the future.

Dean Niese

I truly appreciate the Nominating Committee's recommendation to become a Director of the Rotary Club of Toledo. If elected by the membership, I will use my time, talents, and treasures to further our Club's successes into the future.

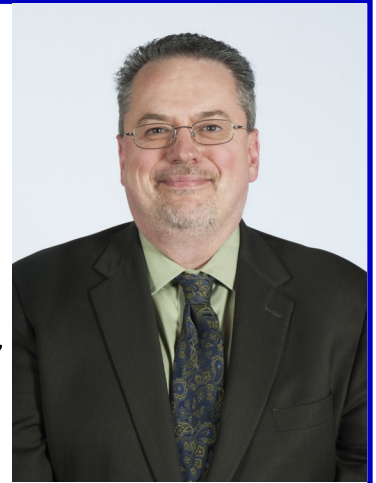
As a fourth generation Toledo Rotarian, I understand the importance of the traditions that have made our Club great. Also with my district experience as District Membership Chair since 2012-2013, I have gained valuable exposure to the newest techniques in how to grow and sustain an effective club in the 21st Century. If elected as a Director, I will use the combination of these two experiences to help drive the realization of our Strategic Plan.

As current chair of the Youth Services Committee, I have seen first-hand the commitment of our Toledo Rotarians to our Transformational Project as well as the grant requests received. I am honored to potentially have the ability to help guide the progression of that influence and dedication to our Club and further into our community.

I have been blessed in my life to be raised around Toledo Rotarians that have instilled in me the value of Service Above Self. This opportunity gives me the ability to give back to those who have helped me tremendously in both my personal and professional lives as well as those who need aid in this world. I am humbled by the recommendation and look forward to the prospect of expanding my service to the Finest Rotary Club in the World!

Respectfully,
Dan Skilliter

Get to know... Neil Neukam



Describe your profession and what is your favorite part of it?

As executive vice president and general manager of the Toledo Walleye. The favorite part of my job is developing relationships with fans and sponsors in our community to bring family affordable professional hockey to our region.

What do you like to do when you are not working?

I enjoy the process of learning how to play guitar, volunteering in helping others, gardening, sports, and music/concerts.

What is the most satisfying benefit you get from being a Rotarian?

Still too new to say, but hopefully the benefit in trying to make a difference in our community from helping others.

Tell us about your family.

I have family in the Indianapolis area and St. Augustine, FL. In addition to my partner, Jennifer, we also have a pug named Cricket.

Share one thing people do not know about you.

I tend to utilize and master the act of couponing! Couponing has allowed us to purchase many items at discounted prices for donations back to others at my church.

Share some "words to live by" or your favorite quote.

"You get what you give." I can always accomplish more with a team focused on "we, us + ours" than a team focused on "I, me or mine."

What would you be doing if you were not in your profession today?

I would perhaps be a teacher or a farmer.

Outside of Rotary, please share other interesting civic or community involvement of which you are a part.

I volunteer for an organization "Cindy's Corner" and outreach program in south Toledo helping residents in this area.

Where do you see yourself in ten years?

A step closer to retirement and a life enjoying the sun and beach!

Contributions have been made to the
Toledo Rotary Foundation by

Richard Eppstein
Lee Wealton

Member in the News

Member Romules Durant, superintendent of Toledo Public Schools will serve as the grand marshal for the Holiday Parade will step off Saturday, November 14 at 10 am. The parade which will begin at Summit and Jefferson and feature giant balloons, the Clown Corps, bands, and of course Santa Claus.



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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)
Wendy Gramza (20)
Rome Marinelli (20)
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