

# TOLEDO ROTARY SPOKE

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## Monday's Meeting: August 6, 2018 Baker O'Brien Glass Artisan

Many people don't realize the Studio Glass Movement was born in Toledo in 1962. Baker O'Brien will be speaking about glass, glass history and art.

Baker O'Brien is an established world-class glass artist. As the sole apprentice of legendary glassmaster Dominick Labino, she has been mixing, melting and blowing vividly colored glass for over 30 years. She uses strong, rich colors in bold simple forms for one of a kind glass pieces of distinction.

Baker's work is exhibited in numerous private and public collections. Notable recipients of Baker O'Brien's work include Her Majesty Queen Noor of Jordan, Her Majesty Queen Sirikit of Thailand, Former Secretary of State Madeline Albright, and Former Mayor of New York City Rudy Guliani, Dr. C. Everett Koop, China Wildlife Conservation Association of Beijing, Beijing, China, and concert pianist Andre `Watts.



### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**Monday, August 6**—Baker O'Brien, The History of Toledo & The Glass Movement

**Monday, August 13**— Randy Cole, Ohio Turnpike Commission

**Monday, August 20**—Rotary District Governor, Maris Brenner

### SCHEDULED MEETINGS/EVENTS

**Monday, August 6**—Disability Service Committee, 1pm  
Peace Strategies, 1pm

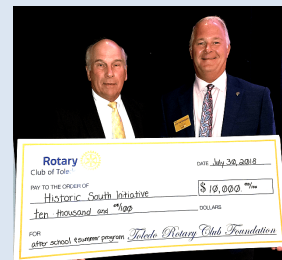
**Wednesday, August 8**—Board Executive Committee—7:30 am  
Original Pancake/Central @ Secor

**Tuesday, August 14**—Board of Directors—7:30 am-Park Inn

# Your Toledo Rotary Club Foundation Presents \$10,000 Grant

**Your generous donations made it possible for the Toledo Rotary Club Foundation to award a grant in the amount of \$10,000 to Historic South Initiative:**

The \$10,000 grant funded the After-School and Summer Education Program at Saints Peter & Paul Church. This is an academic supplemental-education program situated in the only Hispanic Catholic Parish in Toledo. When the program was started in 2015, there were 20 children enrolled. This year there are 50 children with a waiting list. The summer program includes an additional 50 children. Daily attendance (five days a week) is required during the school year and the summer.



The purpose of the program is to help the children with homework, math, language arts, self-discipline and character development. Many of the children's parents speak only Spanish. As a result, there is a great need for academic help. In the summer, there is a weekly field trip exposing the children to a variety of venues.

They are committed to developing a strong academic foundation for these children. Experience has shown that if a child gets on the right track early in their grade school years, they have a very good chance of becoming a contributing adult.

The staff includes a Director and five Team Leaders. Group sizes are kept small (8-10) so the children get individual attention. They have a group of adult volunteers who work with the children on a one-to-one basis.

Parent Nights are held on a monthly basis to provide updates and deal with specific concerns the parents may have. These events allow them to engage the parents in the educational process. Since several of the staff are bi-lingual, this is an opportunity to educate the parents on how to help their children with their school work.

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# Thank you for your support

# Rotarian Magazine—August 2018

## A Reason to Smile

Since 1993, Rotarians in Chile and the United States have teamed up to provide life-altering reconstructive surgeries by Diana Schoberg;

Ricardo Román was shopping with his wife at a department store in Chile in 2012 when a woman in her early 20s approached him. He didn't recognize her, he confesses through an interpreter, but there were two good reasons: He had last seen her more than a decade earlier – and her smile had changed drastically.

Román, a member of the Rotary Club of Reñaca, Chile, is the national coordinator of a program that has helped thousands of children in Chile with cleft lips, cleft palates, and other birth defects – including this stranger who now wanted to give Román a hug.

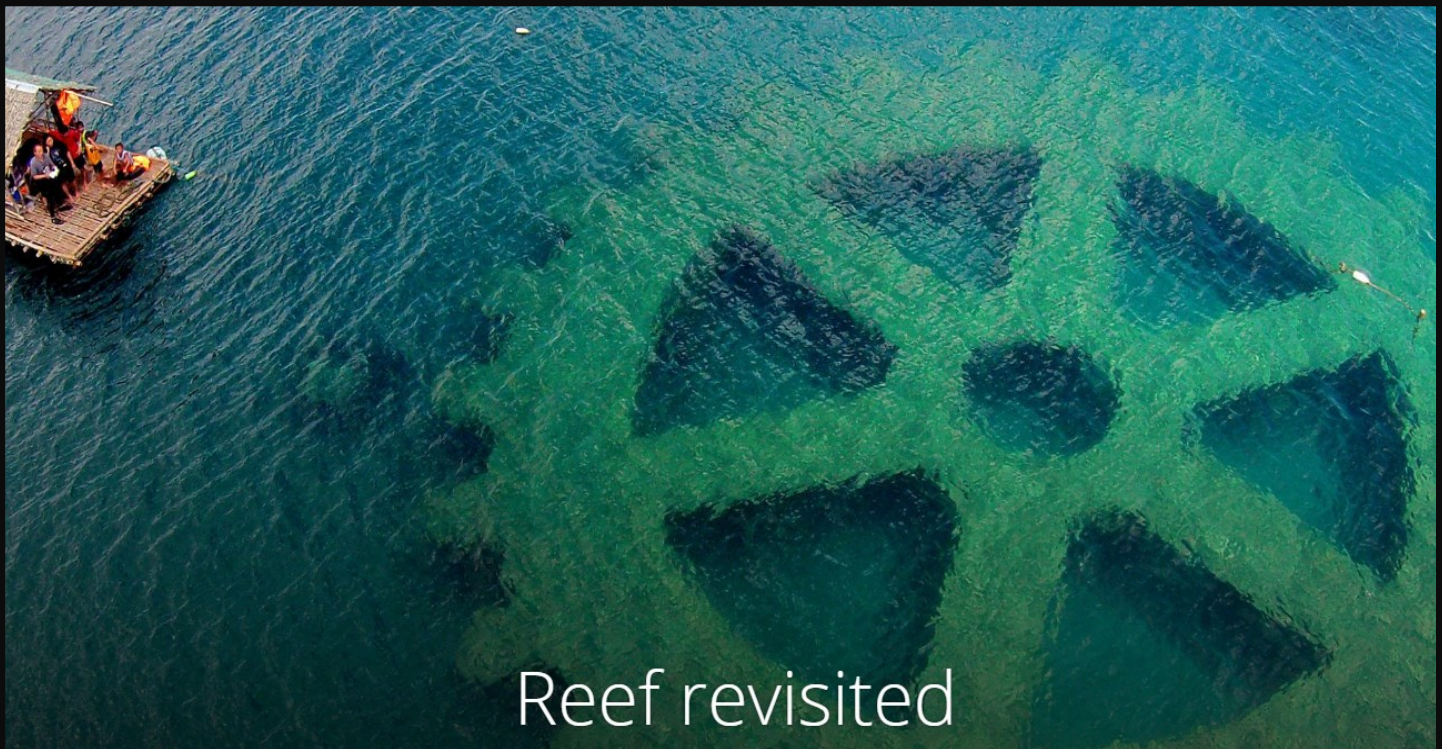
The project got its start in 1993 when San Francisco (California) Rotarians, led by Peter Lagarias and Angelo Capozzi, sponsored a medical mission that performed reconstructive surgeries in Chile. That was the beginning of Rotaplast, a program that evolved into a nonprofit organization that has since sent teams to 26 countries.

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## Did You Know?

A giant artificial reef in the shape of a Rotary wheel restores marine life and protects the livelihood of several fishing villages in the Philippines. The wheel has helped restore the local fishing industry which was devastated by large-scale commercial fishing vessels that used dynamite, cyanide, and fine mesh nets from the late 1990s through the early 2000s.

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Reef revisited

# Membership News

## Welcome New Member Marcus Henderson!



Marcus Henderson is a husband, father, realtor and a consultant with Danberry Realtors. He has property listings in Monclova, Holland, Toledo, Sylvania, Perrysburg, and Maumee.

As a realtor, Marcus is customer focused. He has a passion for people and a personal mission is to bring an element of customer service into every real estate transaction.

He enjoys forging relationships in order to educate his clients, and he continues those connections by keeping in touch long after the closing in order to provide answers, share industry insight, and offer referrals.

Before moving to real estate full-time, Marcus worked as an Audio Engineer from the Institute of Audio Research in New York City.

He is a member of Toastmaster Trendsetters, The Toledo Chamber of Commerce, and has been a member of The Real Estate Investors Association since 2009.

In his spare time, he likes to spend quiet evenings at home with his family, read a good book, play a round of golf, or listen to his favorite music.

His pet peeve is dirty dishes in the sink.

His future involves traveling internationally with his family and visiting Spain, Greece, Japan, China, Rome, and France.

## Members Invited to Rotary International HQ

Rotary International Headquarters will host members from Toledo Rotary and other regional Clubs at the World HQ on Friday, October 19, 2018. This is a great opportunity to experience the true essence of the largest service organization in the World, learn more and have fun at the same time!

We have a block of rooms at the Hilton/Orrington in Evanston, IL beginning 10/16/18 if you wish to go early. We'll spend one-full day at Rotary International Headquarters on Friday, October 19th. You can stay longer or head back to Toledo on Friday...or you can just come for the day at Rotary International! You will have a unique opportunity to meet one-on-one with international staff leaders, visit RI President Barry Rassin's office, experience their state-of-the art board room and so much more!

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## Past Program: July 30, 2018

### Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz

Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz stepped up to the podium on Monday and commanded the stage with his very presence, at one point asking if the stage would really hold him as he heard the squeaks and groans of an old stage—we assured him it would hold!

His presence is big and the steps taken in his first seven months in office are equal to his stature. The Mayor began by ‘talking up our city’, suggesting we all have a lot to be proud of; I believe we do! He reminded Rotarians that it was the Jeep, built in Toledo, Ohio that won WWII! He reminded us that it was the Haughton elevator, built in Toledo, Ohio, which took the astronauts up as they prepared for launch to the moon on July 20, 1969 and that Owens Corning created the fibers that protected the space craft as it reentered the earth’s atmosphere! Toledo was the first city in the world, in 1931, to adopt a ‘sister city’, ours being that of Toledo, Spain. The Mayor proceeded to provide an overview of where we are in these first 7 months and provided an awareness of the on-going conversations addressing ‘regional water’. He highlighted several areas including: Budget—working with City Council, the city passed the first balanced budget unanimously for the first time in several years. Audited for the first time in 33 years and he noted that the 8.2M brought to light in the media last year didn’t even merit notation. City hired 80 new police officers after graduating two classes, growing in size to 600 officers; ideal is 2.4 per one thousand residents—the City needs to improve here . The Mayor mentioned with pride that he was speaking to the members of the 9th largest Rotary Club in the World! He stated that two years ago there were no \$ for road repair; to date, the city has filled 50,345 potholes and is spending \$10M to resurface roads equal to 20 miles! Additionally, unemployment is 1% lower than last year; the city is cleaning the land that previously housed Champion Spark Plug, and the city is working on a partnership between Metroparks and City Parks. Mayor Kapszukiewicz also noted that the transfer out of LY capital budget to general budget was \$11M and this year only \$2M with the goal of no transfers in the future and so much more.

The Mayor ended his presentation by addressing the tragic event of Friday night, sharing the reasoning and importance of the ultimate decision to unveil the police-cam video and its intention and result of avoiding catastrophe. The Mayor thanked Toledo Rotary for the opportunity and the Rotary members in attendance gave applause and a standing ovation to a well-delivered address!

### INTERNET VIEWING

The July 30 meeting can be viewed here: [Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz](#)



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# Toledo Rotary Club's Youth Study Exchange Student Arrives in August!



Our Club's YSE student becomes part of our Club during this fiscal year starting in August. Manuel is from Guasave, Sinaloa, Mexico and will be 16 years old in October!

Manuel is an excellent student, speaks English very well and loves sports—he is also an accomplished saxophone player. While here, he will attend St. Francis High School as a Junior. Directly from Manuel: "My best wishes to my future family! I can't wait to meet you and I thank you for letting me be part of your family!"

Many thanks to Rotarian Karen Ranney Wolkins for her leadership in securing multiple host families for the year. Fellow Rotarian Patrick Sheehan will take the lead upon his arrival. Look for more information on Manuel's arrival and future participation in our Club as he brings new insight and new energy to our Club!

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## MEETING GUESTS!

When you bring a guest on Monday please have them check-in on the tablet at the "Membership Information" table in the ballroom lobby. They will find a lot of great information about Toledo Rotary and how to become a member!

Be sure to sit at one of the guest tables at lunch, so fellow Rotarians can introduce themselves and welcome your guests to the meeting!



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to serving our **community**,  
and **grateful** to those  
who join us.

## August Birthdays

Chuck Schaub—4  
Melissa Freeman—4  
Scott Kepp—4  
John Bleau—5  
Bill McDonnell—5  
Chuck Lehnert—5  
Steve Staelin—7  
Dave Huey—7  
Dan Murtagh—7  
David Cameron—8  
Bruce Friedman—10  
Gary Geiger—10  
Andy Stuart—10  
Cindy Binkley—11  
Sara Swisher—11  
Karen Ranney Wolkins—11  
Andria Dorsten Ebert—13  
John Boggs—13  
Tom Palmer—13  
Pam Hershberger—14  
Jim Weber—14  
Ford Bennett—14  
Doug Neckers—15  
Derek Leck—15  
Donna Bogan—16  
John Smythe—17  
Dick Faist—18  
Emily Skilliter—19  
Dick Eppstein—20  
John Ehrmin—20  
Willard Smith—20  
Lewis Carlson—20  
Steve Boice—21  
Mark Miller—21  
Mike Kirby—22  
Amy Wachob—22  
Bob Reichert—23  
Bob Savage—24  
Willis Day—24  
Jeff Jaffe—25  
Tim Murphy—26  
Jim Walter—28  
Rachel Bach—29  
David Jamieson—30  
Craig Hopple—30

## SAVE THE DATE!

Happy  
Hour 

Thursday, August 16

4-7 pm at H2O Lounge  
(behind Imagination  
Station)

Appetizers

Cash Bar

Lots of Games!

### Club Officers and Directors

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