

# TOLEDO ROTARY SPOKE

Rotary Club of Toledo 

Club No. 44 Organized in 1912

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## TOLEDO ROTARY CLUB FOUNDATION FOUNDATION DAY 2017-2018



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Brian Kennedy

DECEMBER 3, 2018



### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**Monday, December 10**—Dave Wehrmeister: Boys and Girls Club / Grant Recipient: Girl Scouts of Western Ohio

**Monday, December 17**—Toledo Symphony Orchestra Annual Holiday Program!

**Monday, December 24**—NO MONDAY MEETING: MERRY CHRISTMAS!

**Monday, December 31**—NO MONDAY MEETING: HAPPY NEW YEAR!

### SCHEDULED MEETINGS EVENTS

**Monday, December 3**—Member Engagement Committee, 1pm

**Friday, December 7**—**TOLEDO ROTARY ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY, 5pm—7:30pm, TOLEDO COUNTRY CLUB**

**Monday, December 10**—Service Committees Grant Reviews

- \*Community Service, 1pm
- \*International Service, 1pm
- \*Vocational Service, 1pm

**Tuesday, December 18** – Club Board, 7:30am, Park Inn

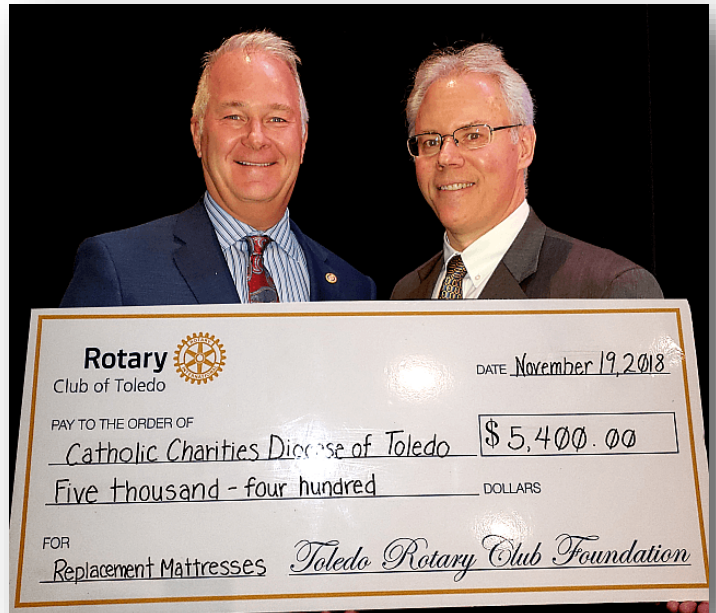




# Your Toledo Rotary Club Foundation

Your Toledo Rotary Club Foundation recently awarded the Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo a grant in the amount of \$5,400. The funds were used to purchase 20 replacement mattresses, protector pads and bedding for their La Posada Emergency Family Shelter.

The Toledo Rotary Club Foundation 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. It is due to the countless Toledo 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!



less families of all faiths and backgrounds in the Toledo area. They provide shelter, food, clothing, personal hygiene products and case management.

Catholic Charities' staff empower families to achieve self-sufficiency through programs that help them identify goals and build on their strengths to attain them. By providing shelter, supportive resources and linking people to resources in the community, Catholic Charities helps vulnerable families achieve stable housing and become self-sufficient.

Rodney Schuster, Executive Director of the Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo, attended our Monday, November 19 Rotary program, to accept the check and thank Toledo Rotarians for their support. Mr. Schuster explained that the funds they received from the Toledo Rotary Club Foundation, do more than merely replace old mattresses at their shelter. There were 38 individuals, a total of 10 families, staying at the shelter that night alone. La Posada Family Emergency Shelter offers temporary housing and supportive services to home-





## Get Involved

*Rotarians, You and Your Date are Invited:*

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# TOLEDO ROTARY ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY!

5:00 PM - 7:30 PM  
TOLEDO COUNTRY CLUB

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## GET INVOLVED!

2nd cycle 2018-2019 grant requests are in!

ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED  
TO ATTEND A SERVICE  
COMMITTEE MEETING AND  
PARTICIPATE IN THE GRANT  
REVIEW PROCESS!

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### UPCOMING GRANT REVIEW MEETINGS:

*Community Service Committee: 12/10 - 1pm*

*International Service Committee: 12/10 - 1pm*

*Vocational Service Committee: 12/10 - 1pm*



## Euchre Time! Let the Fun Begin!

### Euchre Fellowship

Embassy Condo Clubhouse—Maumee

**BYOB—BYO Snacks! \$5 to play—high score wins the pot!**

**Friday, November 30, 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!

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## “Why Rotary Has Lasted”

An Exact Reprint as it Appeared in the December 1918 Issue of *The Rotarian Magazine*

*“Some years ago I had the pleasure of a long talk with our International Secretary, Chesley Perry. In the course of our conversation we discuss whether Rotary might not flourish for a few years and then die out, either from lack of interest, or because it would be merged into some other movement. Perry was optimistic, ‘Rotary is not going to die out in your lifetime or mine,’ he said. ‘It is going to be a living and permanent force in the progress of the world.’ That was more than five years ago, and the truth of Perry’s prediction is becoming more apparent every day. At that time there were less than a hundred clubs in International Rotary, while today there are more than four hundred. So far as I have been informed, no club organized under proper auspices has ever gone out of existence. Such permanency of interest has never been maintained in any other business organization. We have seen all sorts of clubs start, flourish a little while and then die from lack of attendance, leaving only some unpaid bills as souvenirs of their existence. Now why has Rotary persevered where other organizations have failed? There is no normal man who does not enjoy a growth toward some kind of an idealism. Nowhere, I believe is this more strikingly exemplified than in Rotary. I dare say there is no member of this club, who has been in Rotary any considerable time, who cannot look back and see that he is a little better man on account of his membership. He always wanted to do the right thing and be a useful member of society, but Rotary has taught him how to do better. Right there, I believe, is the heart of Rotary and the reason that it has lasted. Men like to be better, and Rotary teaches them how.” ~Jack Sprague, 1918-19 President Rotary Club of San Antonio, TX*

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# Past Program: November 19, 2018

## Lt. Shaun Robinson & Capt. John Altman

### Ohio Highway Patrol



In 2017, there were over 3,000 traffic crashes, that resulted in over 1,000 fatalities, this year we're down 100 fatalities. Since 2011, we've had record low fatality crashes. Capt. John Altman stated they call them "crashes" and not "accidents", because they are preventable. The Ohio Highway Patrol is working hard to prevent these crashes and continues to improve the numbers. Last year, over 28,000 individuals have been arrested for impaired driving, and will surpass that number this year. Drug arrests were 17,000, felony arrests were over 6,000, and again both of those numbers will be surpassed this year. Capt. Altman said that the violent crime rate right now is down 9%, at the lowest rate since 1975 in the state of Ohio. Since 2011, \$421M worth of contraband has been seized by the Highway Patrol, and this year alone, they will have seized over 1,000 illegal weapons off of the streets. Through collaboration with state, local and federal divisions, the Highway Patrol has been able to reach these record numbers. One of the biggest problems they see is drug impaired driving—not just illicit drugs either, but also prescription drugs. An individual dies every 50 minutes due to impaired driving. To help reduce these numbers, the Ohio Highway Patrol, along with their partners, have been targeting places where the biggest problems have been statistically. Over half of the fatalities nationwide, and in Ohio, are due to people not wearing their seatbelts, while over 1/3rd of the fatalities are a result of distracted driving. Capt. Altman encouraged members to download the "Safer Ohio" app on their smartphones. The app allows individuals to report suspicious behavior or accidents to Ohio Homeland Security officials, and allows motorists to send a text for non-injury situations such as disabled vehicles, or non-injury crashes. Another tool drivers are encouraged to utilize if they see something suspicious on the roads, is to dial #677, which will connect you to a patrol dispatcher, who will then connect you with who you need to talk to. Lt. Shaun Robinson, the Toledo Post Commander, has 25 troops and said he is lucky if he has anywhere between 3 and 5 troops along the road at any one given time. Their biggest goal is to decrease fatal crashes, last year he had 44 fatal crashes which resulted in 50 people dying. This year, there have been 12 less fatal crashes. Their main goal is to remove impaired drivers from the roads, which is a collective effort of all police departments and safety patrol offices. Not only do the officers need to work together, but they need the help from the public as well. Lt. Robinson encourages all drivers, when out on the roads, if you "see something, say something".

The November 19 meeting can be viewed here: [Lt. Shaun Robinson & Capt. John Altman](#)



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# Club Board Nominees' Statements

## Directors 2019—2022

Members of the Rotary Club of Toledo,

Honored doesn't even begin to describe how I feel to have been selected by the Nominating Committee as a potential member of the Board of Directors for the esteemed Rotary Club of Toledo. When I was invited (read as instructed) by PP Sharon Skilliter to join Toledo Rotary in 2015, I had no idea what I was getting myself into. I didn't fully understand, nor know the history and impact that this incredible organization had on Toledo, and I didn't know nor understand the tremendous opportunity for growth and impact that lies ahead of us.



Perhaps I can say the same about joining the Board of Directors, but I assure you that I will approach this responsibility with the same energy, passion and chaos (see U40 Rotary Fantasy Baseball/Recruitment) as I have my previous 3 years of membership. I was told to jump in with both feet, and I believe I have. Since May 2015, I have served as the Chair/Co-Chair of Membership Recruitment, Chair of Membership Engagement, have been a member of the Youth Services Committee, and currently sit on the Peace Committee, the Auction Committee. Also, I was honored to serve as the facilitator of our Strategic Planning sessions last year, and Community Conversations around Transformational Projects earlier this year.

I have grown to love this club, and am constantly inspired by the work we do, and will continue to do, throughout the community and across the world.

As a member of the Board of Trustees, I will draw on my professional expertise to assist in fulfilling our mission and achieving our five strategic plan initiatives. I am also personally passionate about assisting our club, and ultimately Rotary International, in defining our next global transformational focus - once we eradicate Polio.

I pray that you grant me the opportunity to serve our community by serving as a member of your Board of Trustees. Thank you for this nomination and the possibility of joining the Board of Directors for one of the world's largest clubs, and the Glass City's finest assets - The Rotary Club of Toledo.

***Kevin Mullan***

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I am proud to be nominated for service on the board of Rotary Club of Toledo!

Since joining Rotary in 2002, I have met many wonderful community leaders who constantly demonstrate "service above self."

Specifically I have loved serving on the Community Services committee which has offered me the opportunity to do site visits with other Rotarians across our community. It has been eye opening to see all of the issues our society faces and learn about the good work of many worthwhile charities who are striving to fill a need. I have also served on the Program Committee and, since 2017, have had the privilege of being chair of this very important committee. I recognize how important our programs are and know that this is a significant differentiator for our club.



I am especially proud of the work Rotary does around the world, specifically the elimination of Polio. What a worthy goal! On a more regional level it has been exciting to see Rotary lead the effort for clean water and a healthy Lake Erie. Water is a very precious resource and I am so proud that Rotarians have led this effort in Toledo.

If elected, I promise to work hard on behalf of all, so that our Rotary Club of Toledo continues to be the best Rotary in the world! Thank you.

***Sincerely,  
Judy Seibenick***

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I am honored and humbled to be nominated to serve on our Board of Directors. Since moving to the area and joining the Rotary Club of Toledo in 2015, our club has become interwoven into the fabric of my life here in Toledo; both in the personal relationships I have forged and the purpose that our charitable causes have provided me.

In my time thus far, I have had the privilege of serving on several committees including Youth Service, New Member, Invocation, International Service, and the Foundation Advisory. I have also served as Chairperson for both the Marketing and Communications committee as well as the 2018 ITZA. I look forward to continued involvement.



Our club's history, status, and impact is truly remarkable. What makes it exceptional are all the members who work tirelessly to advance ambitious projects while maintaining the fellowship and camaraderie of the club. As a member of our Board of Directors, I will strive to continue that history as this storied club continues its march into the future and we successfully fulfill our many goals and initiatives.

***Travis Tangeman***





## 2018-2019 Ballot

### FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS-

#### Three Year Terms 2019-2022

Vote for three

- Kevin Mullan
- Judy Seibenick
- Travis Tangeman
- write in \_\_\_\_\_

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

Printed Name	Signature
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**Ballot MUST be signed to be counted.**

**DEPOSIT IN BALLOT BOX NO LATER THAN 1:15 pm ON MONDAY, December 3, 2018.**

In the event you are unable to attend the meeting on November 20, 2017 you may send your ballot to the Rotary Office, 101 N Summit Street, Suite 436, Toledo, OH 43604 or you can fax it to the Rotary Office at 419.241.5117. **Ballots must be received in the Rotary Office by 1:15 pm on Monday, December 3rd, 2018.**

### Candidates for Director

**Name:** Kevin Mullan

**Classification:** Fundraising

**Company:** Cardinal Stritch Catholic High School & Academy

**Title:** Vice President of Advancement

**Joined Rotary:** 5/27/2015

**Committees:** Youth Service: 2015-2017, Membership Engagement Chairman: 2017-2018, Membership Development Vice-Chairman: 2015-2017/Chairman: 2017-2018, Peace Committee 2018-2019 and TRCF Fundraiser 2018-2019



**Name:** Judy Seibenick

**Classification:** Hospice

**Company:** Hospice of Northwest Ohio

**Title:** Executive Director

**Joined Rotary:** 10/21/2002

**Committees:** Community Service: 2012-2018, Program: 2012-2013, 2014-2015/ Vice-Chairman 2013-2014, 2015-2017/ Chairman 2017-2019, Nominating: 2012-2013



**Name:** Travis Tangeman

**Classification:** Information Technology

**Company:** HarborLink Network, Ltd.

**Title:** Chief Technology Officer

**Joined Rotary:** 4/14/2015

**Committees:** New Member: 2015-2017, Membership Development: 2016-2017, Youth Service: 2015-2017, Invocation: 2015-2019, Marketing/Communications: 2017-2018/ Chairman: 2016-17, ITZA Cabaret Chairman: 2017-2018, International Service: 2018-2019, Foundation Advisory 2018-2019 and TRCF Fundraiser 2018-19



# November Birthdays

- Adam Nightingale—1
- Dennis Sawan—1
- Bill Steele—3
- Chad Buck—4
- Mike Abernathy—4
- Guisselle Mendoza—6
- Greg Fess—6
- Ben Barros—6
- Craig Findley—6
- Mark Makulinski—7
- Walt McGhee—9
- Dan Rogers—9
- George Zilba—10
- Dennis Isabell—10
- Steve Miller—13
- Bill Rudolph—13
- Mary Pietras—15
- Tim Pontius—15
- Holly Jensen—16
- Bob DiNardo—17
- Dan Skilliter—17
- John Wasserman—18
- Mike Harders—18
- Tom Blakely—19
- Michelle McCaster—20
- Wendy Gramza—20
- Rome Marinelli—20
- Craig Gabel—21
- Irshad Bannister—23
- Jennifer Hildebrand—23
- John MacKay—23
- Angie Jones—25
- Curt Hitchner—26
- Jordan Stoll—27
- Brent Mussery—27
- Bob Ampthor—28
- Rick Hartley—29

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**Secretary-Treasurer** | Jim Kniep

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**Chairman** | Kathy Mikolajczak

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**Executive Director** | Kathy Tate

**Marketing/Communications Coordinator** | Emily Skilliter

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