

TOLEDO ROTARY SPOKE

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We Connect People



**MONDAY
MAY 11TH, 2020**



Robert Baxter
President, Mercy Health North
Bon Secours Mercy Health



Bob Baxter is the President of Mercy Health North for Bon Secours Mercy Health, the largest health system in Ohio. As a leader in Northwest Ohio, Baxter oversees strategy and operations for eight hospitals, one college, and more than 100 sites of care across Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan. The Northwest Ohio Markets employ more than 5,500 staff and 400 providers, experiences more than 47,000 admissions, and has net operating revenue of greater than \$1 billion.

Baxter previously served as the President and CEO, St. Rita's Health Partners and Senior Vice President, Mercy Health which included two hospitals, four physician joint ventures and a wholly owned physician enterprise. Prior to joining Mercy Health, Baxter served as the Chief Operating Officer at Rapid City Regional Hospital in South Dakota.

He received his bachelor's degree from The University of South Dakota in Vermillion, South Dakota. He received a MBA and a MA in Hospital and Health Administration from The University of Iowa.

Baxter is a member of the Board of Directors for the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, Regional Growth Partnership, United Way of Greater Toledo, and Connect Toledo Downtown Development Corporation. He previously served as a delegate to the American Hospital Association (AHA) Regional Policy Board, a member of the ACHE Chapters Committee, President of the South Dakota Healthcare Executive Group, and received the ACHE Early Career Healthcare Executives Regent's Award.

Zoom Meeting ID: 628-349-736

[Click Here to join meeting via ZOOM](#)

Check out our numbers! Rotarians are staying CONNECTED!!

Zoom Meetings

- 4/20 - 103 participants
- 4/27 - 139 participants
- 5/4 - 112 participants

Facebook Live

- 4/20 - 1466 reached
- 4/27 - over 5400 reached
- 5/4 - 1100 reached

Committee Meetings

May 11th

Finance Committee
10:30 AM via Zoom

May 13th

Club Executive Committee
9:00 AM via Zoom

COVID19 Ad Hoc Task Force
3:00 PM via Zoom

May 14th

Past President's
10:00 AM via Zoom

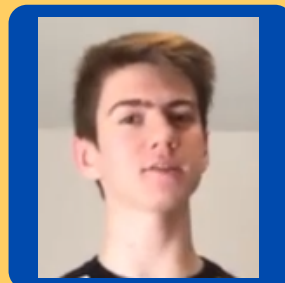
2020 4-Way Test Speech Contest Winners



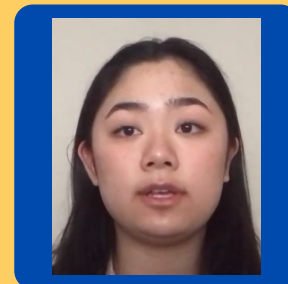
To view the speeches click on the individual's name



1st Place
Olivia Wetzle
Topic: Words & Deeds



2nd Place
Jon Burkart
Topic: School Choice



3rd Place
Emily Ly
Topic: Veteran Homelessness

REMINDER! Let's Get Noticed On Social Media!

Now more than ever, we are working to stay connected online whether it be Zoom, Twitter or Facebook. As Rotarians we have the opportunity to show others who we are and what we are doing, especially amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Below are some ways that you can help us create a larger presence on social media.

What You Can Do

- Follow Rotary Club of Toledo on social media
- Engage with content on our channels (Like, Comment and Share)
- Let us know how to communicate better (Comments, Inbox messages)
- Let us know what we are missing
- Offer posts about Rotary culture, teammates and events with appropriate images
- Update your LinkedIn profile and follow the Rotary Club of Toledo LinkedIn page
- Use hashtags #toledorotary and/or #rotary to help others find and follow Toledo Rotary Club



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Rotary Zoom Happy Hour!

If you missed us last month - here's your second chance!
Please join us from the comfort of your own home to share a cocktail & catch up!



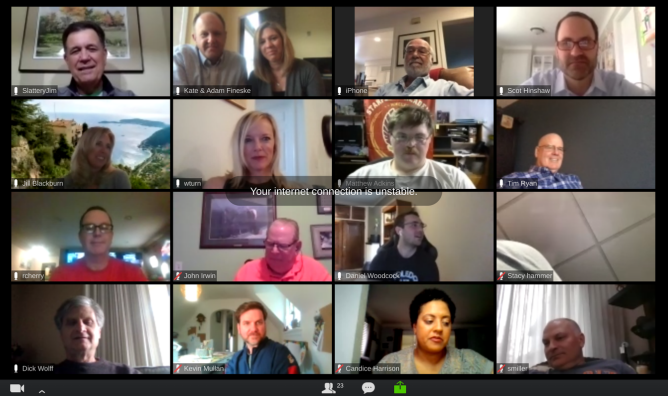
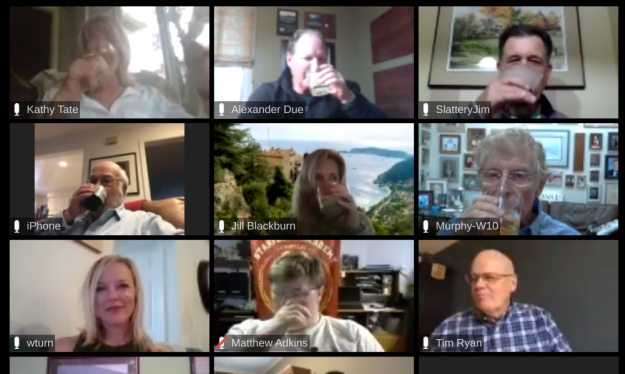
Thursday May 14th
5:30 PM

Click on this link to be directly connected to Happy Hour!
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85024018443>
Meeting ID: 850-2401-8443



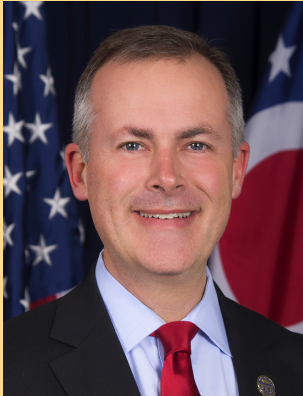
A Great Time Was Had By All!

The April 30th first ever Zoom Social was a great success! Thank you to Membership Engagement Chair Scot Hinshaw & Vice Chair Maria White for coordinating!



MONDAY, MAY 4TH RECAP

[Watch Meeting
Video HERE](#)



**ROBERT SPRAGUE
TREASURER
STATE OF OHIO**



Robert Sprague currently serves as Ohio's 49th Treasurer. Prior to becoming Treasurer, he served the 83rd District as a member of the Ohio House of Representatives from 2011 through 2018.

In his current role, he oversees the State's investment and debt portfolios, domestic and international custody portfolios, and annual cash movements and deposits. Treasurer Sprague remains committed to improving Ohio and the lives of its residents through trusted stewardship, wise investment and bold innovation. These principles have been at the forefront of his work since taking office in January 2019.

On Monday, Sprague presented to our club about the initiatives the Treasurers Office is implementing to assist businesses and organizations during the COVID-19 crisis. One of the items he discussed was the Ohio Treasurer's assistance provided to hospitals in preparing and handling COVID-19. The Treasurer stated they helped save the hospitals over \$10,000,000 dollars. In addition, his office is working in tandem with the federal government to promote the Payroll Protection Program (PPP) which is providing forgivable loans to small businesses while they are mandated to be closed.

Treasurer Sprague's commitment to strong fiscal stewardship and public service first took root in his hometown of Findlay. Prior to entering state government, he served his local community as both city auditor and treasurer. In these roles, he balanced city budgets, and helped finance a massive recovery effort after historic floods and the 2008 economic recession. While in the private sector, Treasurer Sprague was a project lead at Ernst & Young and worked on a number of high-profile engagements with Fortune 500 companies before forming his own consulting firm.

Treasurer Sprague graduated from Duke University with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and later earned a master's degree in business administration with an emphasis in finance from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. He and his wife Amanda live in Findlay with their five children.

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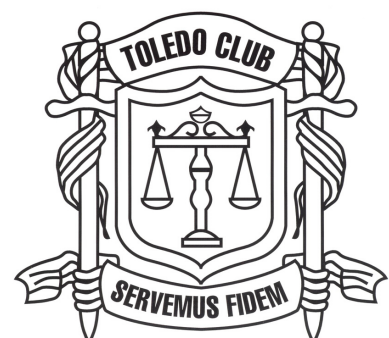
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