

# TOLEDO ROTARY SPOKE

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## Rotary | Rotary Opens Opportunities

**MONDAY  
NOVEMBER 16TH, 2020**



### 2021 SOLHEIM CUP

#### MEG RESSNER & BECKY NEWELL

In November of 2016 the LPGA announced that the 2021 Solheim Cup is headed to the renowned Inverness Club, in Toledo, Ohio. Inverness will play host to the 17th edition of the Solheim Cup, pitting the best players from the United States against the best from Europe.

Please join us on Monday to hear Meg Ressler and Becky Newell give us an update on the 2021 Solheim Cup and how we can get involved.

**Meg Ressler** - Meg specializes in leading organizational transitions that optimize organizational performance. From Human Resources, Sales, Customer Service, to Supply Chain Operations, she has a proven track record of structuring and leading the performance of organizations to achieve and exceed their objectives. Meg is a recognized change leader with experience in organizational re-design, complex project implementations and process re-engineering, all centered around the integration of people, process and technology. Meg formerly held the position of vice president, Human Resources Enterprise Organizations at Owens Corning. She was a member of the Global HR Executive Team, reporting to the Senior Vice President of Human Resources. Meg earned her undergraduate degree in marketing from the University of Rhode Island in 1981.

**Becky Newell** - Becky is the Championship Director, of the 2021 Solheim Cup for the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA). The Solheim Cup is the largest women's professional sporting event in the world and will be conducted at Inverness Club in the fall of 2021.

Becky joined the LPGA in December of 2010 as the Director of Sales & Marketing, 2013 Solheim Cup in Denver, Colorado and was promoted to Tournament Director in June of 2012. At the conclusion of the 2013 Solheim Cup Becky relocated the family to LPGA Headquarters in Tournament Business Affairs and is in her 9th year with the Tour.

She is a native of Maumee, Ohio and graduated with a degree in Education from Bowling Green State University in May of 1983. Becky and her husband, Mark currently reside in Monclova, OH. They have two children; Eric a graduate of Colorado State University, Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture and Nicole a graduate of the University of West Georgia in Sport Management and currently working on her Master's in Business.

### ZOOM LINK!

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 628 349 736

#### Upcoming Monday Meetings

**November 23rd**

Robert Smith  
African Legacy Society

**November 30th**

NO MEETING

#### Upcoming Committee Meetings

**November 16th**

Vocational Services  
1:10 PM via Zoom

**November 16th**

Membership Engagement  
1:10 PM via Zoom

## Join A Foundation Service Committee!

Now that we have completed the tours of our 7 Foundation Service Committees, it's time to join in the process! Hopefully, you found the committee "tours" helpful and have a grasp on how each of these 7 areas of service make a difference within our community. Committees are now preparing to review our 2nd cycle grant applicants and welcome your involvement and input to determine which grants are awarded. Approved grants truly have a significant impact on our community as they provide resources to organizations aligned with the mission of our Foundation and your donations make it possible--thank you! We invite you to consider joining a committee at this time.

Listed below are the grants submitted for the 2nd Cycle 2020 - 2021 and service committees that will review each. When you join one of these committees, you gain understanding and offer your voice in the decision-making process. Please email the chairman listed to sign up for that committee; committees will begin meeting within 10 days and will meet 2-3 times to cover this grant cycle.

### 2020-2021

## 2nd Cycle Grants For Review: \$83,925

### Community Services: \$24,000

Kelly Trame - [kellyrepka@gsw.org](mailto:kellyrepka@gsw.org)

American Heart Association - \$10,000

Kingdom Expressions - \$4,000

Valentine Theater - \$10,000

### Disability Services: \$10,000

Roy Cherry - [rcherry@epilepsycenter.org](mailto:rcherry@epilepsycenter.org)

Web Wise Enterprise - \$10,000

### International Services: \$10,000

Daniel Woodcock - [danny@peacocksocial.com](mailto:danny@peacocksocial.com)

Gift of Life International - \$10,000

### Youth Services: \$49,925

Candice Harrison - [charriso@tps.org](mailto:charriso@tps.org)

Aurora Project - \$10,000

Chrysalis Community - \$10,000

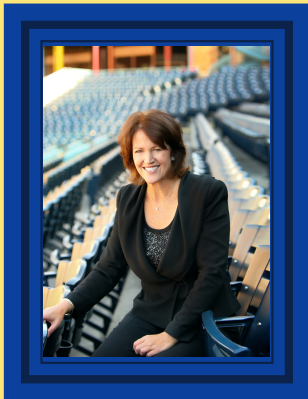
Greater Generations - \$10,000

Mareda Center - \$9,975

Tutor Smart Toledo - \$9,950

**MONDAY,  
NOVEMBER 2ND RECAP**

[Watch Meeting  
Video HERE](#)



**CHRISTINE BRENNAN**  
SPORTS COLUMNIST, USA TODAY

**"THE COVID-19 SURGE THROUGHOUT SPORTS"**

On Monday, journalist Christine Brennan joined the Rotary Club of Toledo's noon Zoom meeting. Christine shared an in-depth overview of the impact on sports brought about by the 2020 pandemic. Christine presented her analysis through five major points.

Point 1: She stated the 2021 Olympics in Tokoyo WILL happen! She went on to explain the importance of the Olympics throughout the world and how it may look very different from past Olympics. Point 2: Brennan said she felt the Big Ten made a mistake playing this year as COVID runs through our communities. She talked about the college football landscape, this year's changes and the impact on colleges and universities. Christine's third point was, "Athlete protests will continue". She went on to explain the impact of Collin Kapernik kneeling a few years ago and how the NFL is working to address the social impact of the protests. Point 4: Brennan noted that, "TV ratings for sports has been down during the pandemic and will probably will never go back to where they were." Society has changed as to how they watch and participate in sports during COVID which has led to a change that will continue for some time.

Lastly, Christine talked about the demographics of sports and how it's changing. The impact of Title IX and girls in sports is increasing and making huge strides in what was once a male dominated "field". (pun intended). Please click on the link above to watch Christine's presentation in its entirety.

Christine Brennan is an award-winning national sports columnist for USA Today, a commentator for CNN, ABC News, PBS NewsHour and National Public Radio, a best-selling author and a nationally-known speaker. [Click HERE](#) for more information on Christine Brennan.



The Rotary Club of Toledo would like to to invite you and your immediate family to join us for a fun holiday evening!

**Lights, Desserts & Family Fun!**



**December 12th, 2020  
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
The Toledo Zoo - Indigo Room**

Join us for fellowship & holiday cheer in the glow of the Toledo Zoo lights!  
Warm up in the Indigo Room with desserts and hot chocolate.  
There is no cost to attend.

Cash Bar

**RSVP by November 30th**

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Social distancing guidelines will be followed -  
Capacity is limited to the first 75.

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***VICE PRESIDENT NOMINEE***  
***Travis Tangeman***

I am honored and humbled to be nominated to serve as Vice President of the Rotary Club of Toledo. Since moving to the area and joining our club in 2015, Rotary 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.

As a member of the Board of Directors last year and currently serving as Secretary/Treasurer, I have had an inside glimpse of just how resilient this Club is; even during some of the most challenging times in our 108 years of existence. The opportunity to have worked with so many of our leaders reassures me that our Club's future is bright and our impact on our community, country, and world has never been needed more.

Prior to my role on the Board of Directors, I have had the privilege of serving on several committees including being the board liaison for the International Service and the Finance Committees, the chair of both the Marketing and Communications committee as well as the 2018 ITZA Fundraiser, and a committee member of Youth Service, New Member, Membership Engagement, Invocation, and Foundation Advisory. Of course, no listing of Rotary experience would be complete without mentioning my involvement with the Bowling and Golf leagues!

Our Club's history, status, and impact is truly remarkable. At the heart of what makes it exceptional are all the members who work tirelessly to advance ambitious projects while maintaining the fellowship and camaraderie of the club. 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

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## BOARD OF DIRECTOR NOMINEES



### **DIRECTOR NOMINEE** **Donna Bogan**

It is an honor to be considered to serve on the board of the Rotary Club of Toledo. I didn't know much about Rotary when I first joined in February of 2017, I just knew that I wanted to be involved in an organization that believed in

service to others and giving back to the community.

As a lifelong Toledoan, through our weekly meetings I have learned so much about this City and the surrounding area that I didn't know. I have had the opportunity to meet and work side by side with the great people in this organization and make some wonderful friends. Once I joined, I was hooked; serving as a greeter and joining the community service committee where I learned so much about the needs in the community and how we can help. I was privileged to be asked by Past President Dick Wolf to be vice-chair to Scot Hinshaw for the newly established membership engagement committee in 2018. Currently, I am serving my second year as chair of the finance committee which has been an interesting journey with the challenges that we have faced with the changes brought about by the pandemic and the sale of the Park Inn. I also serve as an ambassador and member of the membership engagement committee; I continue to serve on the community service committee and I look forward to joining my fellow greeters when we can have in-person meetings again.

I am humbled and honored to be nominated to serve on the Board of Directors of this fine Club. If elected, I will bring a strong work ethic and commitment to this board in the service of others and making a difference in our community.

Thank-you for your consideration



### **DIRECTOR NOMINEE** **Heather Karns**

I am excited about the opportunity to join the Board of Directors and thank you for your consideration. I may have shared my Rotary story with some of you: when attending graduate school in Clemson, South Carolina, my part-time job included

catering a weekly lunch meeting. Each Monday I would look around the room and see every University and community leaders in attendance. What did this impressive group of individuals have in common on the same day each week? They were Rotarians. Fast forward 20 years (or so) and I am honored to be a Rotarian. Whether in Clemson, SC or Toledo, OH Rotary brings community leaders together with the goal of service above self.

In 2018 I joined Toledo Rotary. When I found myself heading into a new-member sand trap of attending Monday meetings only, joining a committee seemed the next logical step. I am thankful I joined the Vocational Services Committee as my entre into Rotary service. The Vocational Services Committee provided an opportunity for me to have an immediate impact first as a member, then as Vice Chair, and now as Chair. It is my belief that committee work mirrors the work done by Rotary as a whole; through a committee we have the opportunity to make an impact and see the good work the Club is doing. In addition to involvement through Vocational Services Committee work such as grant requests and reviews, advocating for grant funding at FAC meetings, selecting 4-way speech contest winners, and coordinating mock interviews; I attended the Habitat Build, made it to a Bowling night, and participated in Program Committee Meetings and discussions.

I am looking forward to expanding my involvement and continuing to serve our community as we fulfill the mission of Rotary.

Thank you,  
Heather S. Karns

### **DIRECTOR NOMINEE** **Steve Miller**



Thank you for considering me for the board of Toledo Rotary. I look forward to everything we can accomplish in the next two years. I have been a member since 2008 serving on the Youth Committee since I started and vice chair of the Marketing Committee since 2018. In 2019, I was co-chair along with Greg Steenrod for the Toledo Rotary Club Foundation annual campaign. In addition, we were able to increase participation from the year prior. I am proud to help Toledo Rotary raise funds for our Foundation so we are able to continue giving out grants to deserving community & world non-profits.

We have a great group of leaders in Toledo Rotary. Whether it be the transformational projects for the community, the grants for our local non-profits or the volunteering for local events, the leadership in our Club has been tremendous. I look forward to serving our members and continuing to make Toledo Rotary the best in the world.



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Rotary Club of Toledo would like to invite your company or organization to sponsor one month of our Monday Meetings. Monthly meeting sponsorship is \$375 a month and you will receive the benefits listed below. Months that are still available are also listed below. Please contact Abbey at [asachs@toledorotary.org](mailto:asachs@toledorotary.org) to reserve your month today!

Weekly Meeting Sponsor Benefits—One Month Commitment

- Weekly Spoke promo: Hotlink to your website - 4 promos
- Weekly Mail Chimp email sent to all members Monday morning; featured as weekly sponsor - 4 promos
- Logo featured weekly in the Monday meeting Power-Point - 4 promos
- Logo featured weekly in the pre-meeting Power-Point - 4 promos
- Logo featured on our website throughout the Rotary year beginning the month of your sponsorship—hotlink to your website
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