

TOLEDO ROTARY SPOKE

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Rotary Opens Opportunities

**MONDAY
DECEMBER 7TH, 2020
FOUNDATION DAY**

ZOOM LINK!

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 628 349 736

Upcoming Monday Meetings

**December 14th
Holiday Program**

**December 21st
NO MEETING**

**December 28th
NO MEETING**

Upcoming Committee Meetings

**December 7th
Peace Services**

**December 7th
International Services**

**December 7th
Youth Services**



Mary Mancini
Chairman



Brian Kennedy
Vice-Chairman



Michael McIntyre
Secretary/Treasurer

The Rotary Club of Toledo Foundation approved \$203,078 in grants for fiscal year 2019 - 2020!



2020-2021 Annual Campaign

It's that time of year when many of us consider our plans for charitable giving. As Rotarians, it is expected that each of us contribute to the Toledo Rotary Club Foundation every year. Please consider giving today so we can continue to support our Toledo community as well as the global community at large.

Toledo Rotary
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Dear Fellow Rotarians,

I am honored to Chair the Toledo Rotary Club Foundation's Annual Campaign for this Rotary year.

In 1912, some 108 years ago, a group of civic minded men in Toledo founded the world's 44th Rotary Club; The Rotary Club of Toledo. **Yes...our club "survived" the 1918 Pandemic!**

With over a century of service, Toledo Rotarians have proven to be incredibly resilient. We have overcome national pandemics, World Wars, military conflicts, The Great Depression, and most recently in 2008-2009, The Great Recession. We have chosen to thrive and grow to become one of largest Rotary Clubs in the world.

The cornerstone of what makes our club so unique is the Toledo Rotary Club Foundation. Our consistent level of annual giving in the Toledo community, and around the world, is what keeps the club relevant! The club's most important and impactful activities revolve around our Foundation Committees and the grants we make. Year after year, we give hundreds of thousands of dollars to help countless organizations.

It is now our time to lead. In order for our Foundation to continue to give at current levels, we will need to raise \$80,000 by the end of the Rotary year on June 30, 2021. Our goal is to have 100% participation from our current membership of 330, so the average gift this year will need to be \$242 to achieve the result needed.

The need is enormous! Humankind is facing a huge challenge. The worldwide Coronavirus Pandemic is creating havoc and uncertainty, and there is no better organization to help lead through this public health emergency than Rotary. Rotary has played a leading role in the fight to eliminate infectious disease, most notably Polio. Locally, non-profit organizations that provide the safety net for the most vulnerable in our community are severely affected. Our partners at the Greater Toledo Community Foundation shared a recent study where over half of the non-profit organizations surveyed by the Ohio Attorney General's Office estimate their loss of revenue to be 61% or greater. This at a time that their services are critically needed.

Rotarians, the need is great and "the ask" is large. I am certain we can do this. We will do it the same way generations of Rotarians have done it before us...by leading in a time of crisis. Please consider doubling your annual gift from a year ago; personally, that is my commitment. Become a member of our Presidents Club by giving a minimum of \$250, and please, please everyone, make a gift. Let us demonstrate to our community that "One Profits Most Who Serves Best"!

Toledo Rotarians are honored to serve. We take to heart the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self" and believe strongly in the "4-way Test". Our Rotary Story has been one of amazing achievement. Thank you for what you continue to do to make **The Rotary Club of Toledo, our club, one of the finest Rotary Clubs in the world!**

Yours in Rotary,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Backoff".

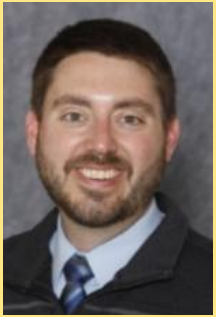
Tom Backoff

Past President, 2012-13, Past Foundation Chair, 2008-09, 2015-16



Rotarians In The News

Congratulations Randy Rothenbuhler!



Lourdes University President Mary Ann Gawelek announced last month the appointment of Randy Rothenbuhler as Lourdes University's new Vice President of Finance/Chief Financial Officer. In this cabinet level role, Mr. Rothenbuhler's portfolio will focus on managing ongoing financial and developing strategies for the University's overall health and vision for the future. The position supervises the finance personnel, facilities and oversees all contracts with vendors and partners. He assumed his duties on November 30, 2020.

Please be sure to update your directories with Randy's new contact information below.



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Last Call!

Holiday Service Opportunity



It's that time of year again! Time to ring the bell! Rotary Club of Toledo is pleased to partner with The Salvation Army to do some bell ringing for the Salvation Army's annual donation drive! **We have 5 slots still open on Saturday, December 5th** at the Churchill's in Perrysburg to ring the bell. **Volunteers are needed to fill each of these one hour shifts--1 or 2 bell ringers per shift: 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 PM** Please click on the link below for registration instructions or click the link to be directly connected to the registration form. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Kelly Trame at kellytrame@gsw.org.



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Click [HERE](#) to be directly linked to the Salvation Army Registration. When registering use the CODE: **tolrotary**.

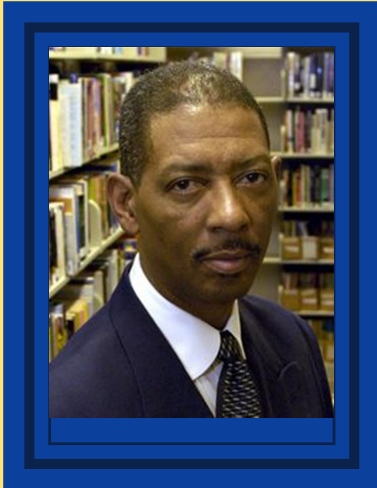


MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD RECAP

[Watch Meeting
Video HERE](#)

AFRICAN AMERICAN LEGACY PROJECT

ROBERT SMITH



Mr. Robert Lawrence Smith is the visionary and founder of The African American Legacy Project of Northwest Ohio. Unveiled in 2004, under the direction of a Board of Directors, Mr. Smith has used his formal education and life's experiences to capture important and significant stories reflecting the African American experience to share with current and future generations.

On Monday, the 23rd, during our Monday meeting, Robert shared his passion, his stories and brought history, fun, memories and more to Toledo Rotarians. Robert shared his love of tennis as we all heard a few court stories shared by President-Elect Bob DiNardo.

Robert's presentation was chalked full of history and insight into our local African American History. He covered many of the "notables" who directly impacted our community and ultimately, history. Mr. Smith talked about people like Eleanor Phillips Steward, one of the first female pharmacist who was a civil rights activist and ran a local pharmacy. In addition, he highlighted Albertus Brown, a D.C. lawyer that came to Toledo and was the founder of the Frederick Douglas Community Center. Cornelius Edwards was another notable. He was a reporter who originally who worked for the Toledo Blade. He then went on to create The Toledo Observer, the first African American Newspaper in the area.

Educated in the Toledo Public Schools, Robert attended St. Thomas Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Michigan where he minored in business with an emphasis on marketing. He graduated from the University of Toledo, majoring in Broadcast Communications. Robert worked in public television for a brief period before serving as a news videographer with WTVG TV 13, where he eventually became a producer of long form programs and commercials. To watch the presentation in it's entirety please click on the link above.



REMINDER!

Don't Forget to Vote!

2020-2021 Director Ballots are due FRIDAY DECEMBER 4th!

If you haven't already done so, please send in your votes to
info@toledorotary.org.

Ballots do not have to be attached. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Abbey at asachs@toledorotary.org

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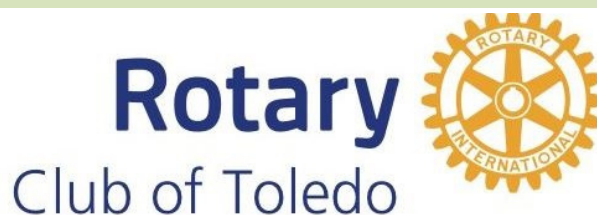
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