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**Lisa McDuffie - President/CEO
YWCA of Northwest Ohio**



Racism Is a Public Health Crisis: The Toledo Black Agenda

Lisa McDuffie is the President/CEO of the YWCA of Northwest Ohio and has been a part of the agency for 25 years. Mrs. McDuffie oversees a 5-million-dollar budget; 20 county service area and staff strength of near 100 employees. Lisa's most recent accomplishment has been the startup of a new Domestic Violence Transitional house that can house 16 women. Doors opened February 2018. In 2010, Lisa orchestrated new construction, a 10-million-dollar apartment complex that houses formerly homeless women and children.

Lisa, together with a 20-member board of directors, ensure the empowerment of women and the elimination of racism is addressed in all mission-based YWCA programs such as the Domestic Violence Shelter; Rape Crisis Center; Youth Development Teen Pregnancy Prevention; Child Care Resource & Referral; Infant Vitality to prevent infant mortality and the Healthy Connections breast cancer awareness programs. The agency also has a strong advocacy arm that has led the community's efforts in March's, voter registration and power to the polls; legislative outreach and Dialogue to Change a curriculum geared to discuss issues of Racism in America.

Mrs. McDuffie has a Masters in Science and Social Administration from Case Western Reserve University and Bachelors Degree in Social Work from Findlay College and is a Licensed Independent Social Worker with Supervision status by the state of Ohio. Lisa has been extremely active on various boards and committees such as: Member of ProMedica Board of Trustees; Board member Connecting Kids to Meals; Board member of CareNet; Board member for the Toledo Museum of Arts; Health Equity Chair with Healthy Lucas County; Chair of the Regional Prevention Council to End Child Abuse for the Ohio Children's Trust Fund; Advocacy Chair the Ohio Council of YWCA's; Lisa is an active member of the Toledo Chapter of the LINKS, Inc.; and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

Lisa resides in West Toledo with her husband George of 33 years. They have two adult daughters; Victoria, who is 26 with a masters in social work and Brittany, 22 and a May 2020 grad with a bachelors in Biology/Pre-Med.

ZOOM LINK!

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

Zoom Meeting ID:
628 349 736

Upcoming Monday Meetings

March 1

Stephanie Beebe

City of Toledo-Lead Abatement Coordinator

Committee Leadership Meeting

February 22nd @ 1:10 p.m.

All Committee Chairman/Vice Chairman Marketing Impact

March 9--TUESDAY : NOTE DATE CHANGE

Senator Rob Portman

September 16, 2016

Toledo Rotary Club Foundation Archive



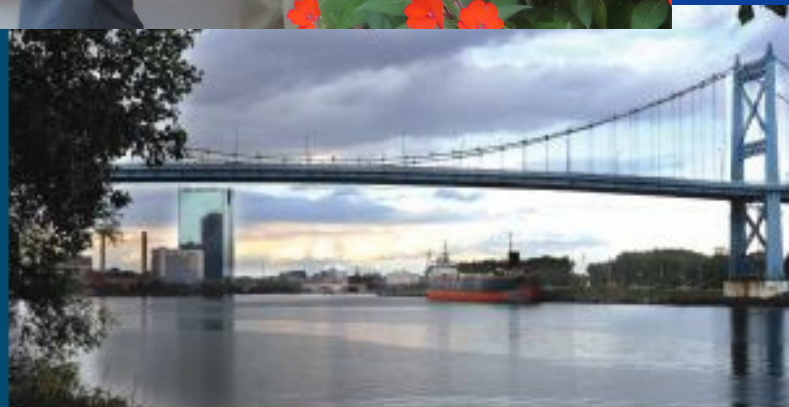
The Centennial Project

On May 3, 2012, The Rotary Club of Toledo officially celebrated 100 years of service to the Toledo community and 100 years of affecting change in the world.

The Rotary Club of Toledo is one of the strongest and largest Rotary Clubs in the world. With a motto of "Service Above Self", Rotary is dedicated to building community, fostering professional relationships and creating lasting friendships. Rotarians reach beyond borders, governments and continents for the greater good of all humanity. As a non-profit organization comprised of business and professional leaders, we proudly adhere to high ethical standards. Above all, we provide humanitarian service to groups in need at home and abroad.

Beginning with a 2009 fundraising commitment, Rotary Club of Toledo set its sights on a goal that would result in the largest single contribution to the Toledo community in our Club's history. On May 3, 2012, Toledo Rotary presented \$300,000 to Metroparks of the Toledo Area to build a public pavilion on the site of Middlegrounds Metropark - a new park in downtown Toledo.

These endeavors, along with personal commitment, financial support and the involvement of so many, embody the meaning of "Service Above Self".



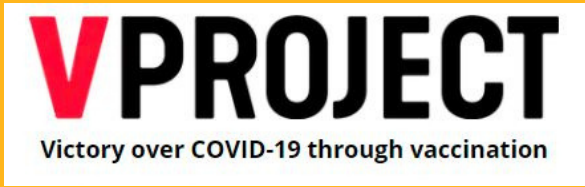
History of the new Middlegrounds Metropark

Middlegrounds is Metroparks' first downtown park in Toledo. In the city, on the banks of the Maumee River, Middlegrounds will take your breath away.

Middlegrounds, located in downtown Toledo, includes a half-mile of river frontage that begins at the Anthony Wayne Bridge and extends southwest of Martin Luther King Plaza. The decidedly urban, 28-acre greenspace will offer a meandering walking trail and tranquil views of the Maumee River.

The purchase price and other costs associated with the purchase of the property were reimbursed to the park district from a grant through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Coastal Estuarine Land Conservation Program. The grant was designated for the project by U.S. Rep. Marcy Kaptur in February 2005.

COVID-19 Vaccine Update



United Way 2-1-1 is here to assist individuals who are in the following situations when trying to make appointments for vaccinations.

- Have limited English proficiency
- Have a disability
- Have no access to technology
- Are having trouble locating health resources
- Are experiencing technical issues completing their COVID-19 vaccine pre-registrations or vaccine appointments on their respective county health department’s webpage

If an individual can access their local Health Department’s website to register or pre-register for a vaccine, we ask that they not call 2-1-1 so that we can better serve those with real needs

Times to Call for Vaccine Pre-Registrations / Registrations

- Though United Way 2-1-1 is available 24/7, Community Resource Advisors will be taking vaccine pre-registration / registration appointments.
 - Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 - Saturday through Sunday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Rotarian Jean Drees, Community Outreach Manager, NW Ohio, Brightview Health received her COVID-19 vaccine!

As a regular feature of the Spoke we are including selfie pics of Rotarians who receive the vaccine. We invite you to send your selfie and we'll look for you here!

Rotarian Jean Drees
Brightview Health

Please email to: info@toledorotary.org

ROTARIAN IN THE NEWS



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on WTOL](#)

Chef Charine

CREATING CULINARY ADVENTURES

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Our very own Rotarian Charine Mourad, was featured on **Your Day This Morning** on **WTOL** to talk about her new catering business, Chef Charine!



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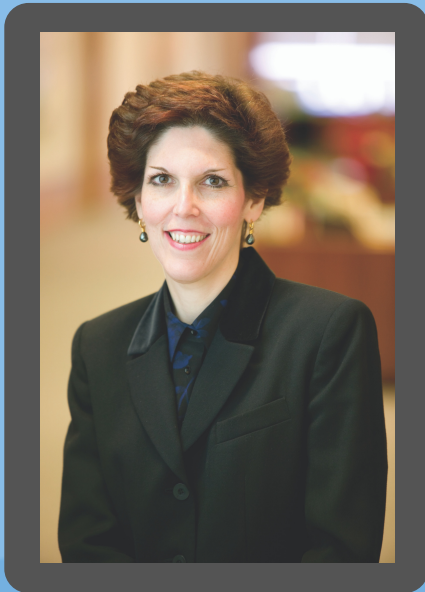
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The Rotary Golf League is looking for full time members and subs. We typically play once a month on Friday afternoons from May to September. First Match is May 14th Please email brad@toledospring.com With your desire to play.

Monday, February 4th Recap

[Watch Meeting
Video HERE](#)



President Loretta J. Mester Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland

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Dr. Mester brought her expertise to the Rotary Club of Toledo members as she shared with more than 130 Zoomed-In Rotarians an overview and Q & A session on the current state of the economy and behind the scenes steps being taken by the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland and other financial institutions. The current climate that we all live in has proven that we all need to be prepared.

As President and Chief Executive Officer of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland.

Loretta J. Mester participates in the formulation of U.S. monetary policy, and oversees 1,000 employees in Cleveland, Cincinnati, and Pittsburgh who conduct economic research, supervise banking institutions, and provide payment services to commercial banks and the U.S. government. She assumed her role as president and CEO in June 2014.

Prior to being named President and Chief Executive Officer of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, Dr. Mester had been executive vice president and director of research at the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, where she was the chief policy advisor, attended meetings of the Federal Open Market Committee, and oversaw the economists and analysts in the Research Department, as well as professionals in the Financial Statistics Department and the Payments Cards Center. She joined the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia in 1985 as an economist, becoming senior vice president and director of research in 2000, and executive vice president and director of research in 2010.

Dr. Mester is an adjunct professor of finance at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and is a fellow at the Wharton Financial Institutions Center. She has also taught in the undergraduate finance and M.B.A. programs at Wharton and in the Ph.D. program in finance at New York University.

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