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## Monday's Meeting February 1, 2016: Mordechai Kedar: Middle East

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## Club Dues Due

Invoices for Club dues (Jan 1-June 30, 2016) will be sent tomorrow, Friday, January 29. For your convenience, you can pay dues by check (made payable to the Rotary Club of Toledo) or online at [toledorotary.org](http://toledorotary.org). If you have any questions after you receive your invoice, please contact [Jim](#).



## Upcoming Meetings/Events

**MONDAY, February 1**—Speaker: Mordechai Kedar

Program: Middle East

Greeters: Paul Hong, Guisselle Mendoza, Majida Mourad, Kevin Mullan, Neil Neukam, Dean Niese, Daric Peppers, Judy Potter, Brad Rubini, Hunt Sears

**MONDAY, February 8**—Speaker: Toledo Jazz Orchestra

Program: Mardi Gras

Greeters: Jim Scheib, Joe Sharp, Paul Sullivan, Travis Tangeman, Lou Tosi, Keith Walker, Tom Waniewski, Lori Vance, Zak Vassar, Dan Zimolzak

### Committee Meetings:

1:00 pm Water Service

**TUESDAY, February 9**

7:30 am ITZA Middlegrounds Event, Café Marie (Secor)

**WEDNESDAY, February 10**

7:30 am Joint Exec Meeting, Original Pancake (Central)

**MONDAY, February 15 NO MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, February 17**

7:30 am Board Meeting, Toledo Club

**MONDAY, February 22**—Speaker: Jeff Showell

Program: Musical Arts BGSU

Greeters: Matthew Adkins, Bob Amphor, Cindy Binkley, Linda Blackburn, Chad Buck, Bill Buckley, Jeff Cole, Ed Caldwell, John Getchey, Erik Ibsen

### Committee Meetings:

1:00 pm Vocational

1:00 pm International

**WEDNESDAY, February 24**

12:00 pm Trustee Meeting, Toledo Club

**MONDAY, February 29**—Speaker: Tim Kasunic

Program: Victory Center

Greeters: Bill Cook, Mary Ann Culpert, Janina Douglas, Mary Fedderke, Scott Fry, Tom Fry, Kristina Latta-Landfeld, Tony Ruth, Eric Jordan, Bob Gardner

**MONDAY, March 7**—Program: Members are the Key

Greeters: Sharon Gaber, Tim Harrington, Scot Hinshaw, Bob Huber, Bernd Hunger, Gary Johnson, Jim Kamsickas, Brian Kennedy, Tim Koder, Rob Krain, Rick Marshall, Martin LaMar



**Internet Viewing:** The past meeting can be viewed online at <https://vimeo.com/153063660>.

## Zuzanna Mleczak: Poland

Zuzanna Mleczak, the Club's Youth Exchange student discussed her experiences here in Toledo and gave members an overview of her country, Poland. Zuza has been in the U.S. since August and is currently living with the Hawkins family in Maumee where she is attending school. When she attended the orientation, she didn't think anyone here would know anything about or even where Poland was. Poland is the 9th largest country in Europe and is the size of New Mexico. The country which was founded in AD 966 is divided into 16 different regions and adopted the second constitution in the world (following the U.S.). Zuza shared that Poland has been in NATO since 1999 and in the European Union since 2004. She explained that the president of Poland has much less power than a U.S. president and that the Polish Parliament commands the power. Poland's flag consists of a white field atop a red field, and Zuza explained that private citizens are only allowed to fly the flag on certain holidays throughout the year. Many of the country's holidays revolve around religious celebrations and holy days. Zuza has studied many languages and explained that Polish is considered in the top 10 of most difficult to learn. She gave a tour of the holidays, customs, and food of her region. One custom which stood out is that Poles leave an empty place setting at their Christmas dinners in case a stranger should need a place. Zuza discussed that education, including college, is free in Poland and secondary education in the country ranks higher than in the U.S. Zuza described her city, Poznań, which has 500,000 citizens and is still rebuilding after being destroyed during World War II. She likes traveling and skiing and has found her education thus far in the U.S. easy. Zuza listed a few famous people from Poland: Frédéric Chopin (pianist), Madame Curie (scientist), Pope John Paul II, Lech Walesa (world leader), and Nicolaus Copernicus (scientist).



## Foundation Match Challenge

A Toledo Rotarian is matching contributions which will help increase giving to our Annual Campaign and grow the endowment within our Foundation. For each dollar you increase this fiscal year over last, the Toledo Rotary Club Foundation will receive a matching dollar to grow the endowment fund. Each individual Rotarian can be matched up to \$1,000, and all gifts must be received in the Rotary Office by March 31, 2016 to be matched. As of Monday, January 25, member contributions have resulted in a match of **\$26,302** of the possible **\$100,000** matching dollars.



**Please consider increasing your gift as each dollar will make a difference!**

You are part of a truly unique Rotary club that provides service and fellowship opportunities that have a tremendous effect on each of us and makes a meaningful difference in people's lives.

## Member in the News

**Kevin Mullan** has been named the vice president of advancement at Cardinal Stritch High School and St. Kateri Catholic Academy. Kevin most recently worked for Cumulus Broadcasting in Toledo. Congratulations Kevin!



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## Rotary Unplugged Feb 25



The next Rotary Unplugged will take place on **Thursday, February 25** from 4:30-6:30 pm at Veritas Cork and Craft (505 Jefferson Ave). A cash bar and some light hors d'oeuvres will be available. Come meet your fellow Club members in a relaxing atmosphere. Bring friends and co-workers!



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## SAVE THE DATES

### April 12—Art Day

Volunteer for Art Day with Glendale Feilbach students at the Toledo Museum of Art. This hands on program will introduce students to different art media.

### April 15—Paint for Polio

Come for the Rotary fellowship, drink wine, and paint your own Rembrandt, van Gogh, Pollock, or even Picasso while raising money for polio eradication.

### May 21—Kids Against Hunger

In two hours, we will pack 25,000 meals for the hungry.

### June 17—Hensville Fellowship

Join in the fellowship at Toledo's newest downtown destination.

### June 18—Dragon Boat Races

Volunteer to row in this annual race and fellowship opportunity which raises money for Partners In Education. Fun is guaranteed!

## Service Opportunity

The Vocational Services Committee is excited to announce that it will host 3 days of Interact interviews this year!

**15 Rotarians are needed per day** to volunteer to conduct a one-hour informational interview with a high school student, then serve as their host for the lunch meeting (time commitment: 10-1pm). These interviews will be conducted at the Park Inn before the regular meeting.



**Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> – St. Francis**

**Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup> – TPS: Young Men & Women of Excellence**

**Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup> – St. Ursula/Notre Dame**

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## Get to know . . . Paul Hong

### Describe your profession and what is your favorite part of it?

I am a professor in the college of business and innovation at University of Toledo. My favorite part of it is to engage with the larger world and impact the lives of students, colleagues, and business people through teaching, research, and service.

### What do you like to do when you are not working?

Welcome friends/guests from diverse backgrounds, enjoy grandchildren: five of them through two daughters, Sarah—Evan, Lucas, Sophia and Faith—Chloe and Hudson, practice martial arts (Hapkido) and take daily walk with my wife, Sarah, and help with house chores.

### What is the most satisfying benefit you get from being a Rotarian?

Being with other service-minded friends and colleagues. I appreciate Rotary's motto—Service above Self.

### Tell us about your family.

My wife, Sarah—retired army nurse (R.N), served in Vietnam through Korean Army, four children: Sarah (an attorney at Social Security Administration, graduate of UT Law School), Faith (pharmacist, UT College of Pharmacy), two sons—Augustine MD (graduate of Start High School, OSU, and U of Southern California, Internal medicine resident doctor at Case Western) and Albert MD (graduate of Start High School, U of Southern California, UPMC, emergency medicine resident doctor at Case Western) and five wonderful grandchildren (Evan, Lucas, Sophia, Chloe and Hudson).

### Share one thing people do not know about you.

Some doctors thought that because of my childhood ailments I might not live beyond 30 years of age. Yet I am alive, healthy and well. I happily practice gratitude and appreciation daily.

### Share some "words to live by" or your favorite quote.

"Appreciate life and share gift of presence around you every day."

### What would you be doing if you were not in your profession today?

I might be a medical missionary in a far distant land.

### Outside of Rotary, please share other interesting civic or community involvement of which you are a part.

While teaching full time at University of Toledo since 1987, I have been a bivocational pastor at University Bible Fellowship before retirement in 2012 and visited more than 40 countries. I organize annual international global supply chain conference and coordinate international network of research program that involves young scholars from USA/Canada, Asia (Korea, China, Japan, India) and Europe (Germany, France, Spain and others).

### Where do you see yourself in ten years?


I will still be actively engaging in global supply chain management research, teaching and service work. My particular emphasis would be mentoring young people from diverse background to fulfill their life dreams for integrity, meaning and contribution.






# 2015-16 Foundation Goals


## Contributions Simplified

 Toledo Rotary Foundation Goal: Each member supports at the President's Club Level—\$250 annually

- **President's Club:** \$250 annually=\$21/mo for 12 months

 Rotary International Foundation Goal: 'Every Rotarian Every Year' Level—\$100 annually

- **Every Rotarian Every Year** @ \$100 annually = \$9/mo for 12 months

 Rotary International Foundation Goal: 'End Polio Now'—\$25 annually

- **End Polio Now** @ \$25 annually = \$2/mo for 12 months

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 Willis Day III (4)  
 Patrick Kenney (4)  
 Robert Wilkins (5)  
 Tom Backoff (6)  
 John Getchey (7)  
 Kevin Miller (7)  
 Sharon Skilliter (10)  
 Yuval Zaliouk (10)  
 Bill Southern (11)  
 Kathy Tate (11)  
 Gerald Smolen (13)  
 Martin McManus (14)  
 Paul Hong (15)  
 Brent Schneider (15)  
 John Day (16)  
 Kenneth Kuhlman (16)  
 John Fedderke (18)  
 Amy Hoffman (19)  
 Lynette Reichle (19)  
 Joseph Luzar (19)  
 Lauren Douglas (23)  
 Megan Meyer Foes (23)  
 Mary Ellen Pisanelli (23)  
 Mark Jacobs (26)

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