

The Finest Rotary Club in the World!

TOLEDO ROTARY SPOKE

Official Publication of the Rotary Club of Toledo
August 4, 2016 • 105 • 5

Club No. 44 Organized in 1912

Monday's Meeting August 8, 2016:

Executive Director of the Nature Conservancy in Ohio, Josh Knights



Join us for our next meeting on Monday, August 8, 2016, when our program speaker will be Executive Director of the Nature Conservancy in Ohio, Josh Knights.

Josh Knights leads a team of experts dedicated to conserving Ohio's landscapes for people and nature. Under his direction, The Nature Conservancy led the ballot campaign to renew the Clean Ohio Fund, secured the final financing needed for the state's acquisition of the 16,000-acre Vinton Furnace State Forest, and launched the first statewide mitigation program to protect streams and wetlands. Josh was appointed by the President of the Ohio Senate to serve on the Great Lakes Compact Advisory Board and by the Governor to serve on the Ohio Recreation and Resources Commission. He received the 2013 Green Leader award from the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Council for his team's work with the General Assembly to secure \$100 million for the Clean Ohio Fund. Since 2014, he has served on the board of the Ohio Travel Association.

Prior to returning to his home state, Josh headed corporate partnerships at the Conservancy's headquarters in Arlington, Virginia. He previously worked on international trade policy in Washington, D.C., at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the law firm of White & Case.

Josh lives with his wife Lara and their two children in Columbus, Ohio.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

MONDAY, AUGUST 8 — Josh Knights, Executive Director of the Nature Conservancy in Ohio. "The Great Black Swamp— Where Did It Go?"

Greeters: Stacey Butts, Mary Ann Culpert, Janina Douglas, Katie Enright, Mary Fedderke, Scott Fry, Tom Fry, Peter Bowmer, Jane Marie Rahe, Time Menke, Karen Ranney Wolkins, Linda Greene, Bob Gardner

MONDAY, AUGUST 8 — 1:00 pm, Marketing Committee Meeting, North Cape, Park Inn

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10 — 7:30 am, Joint Board & Foundation Executive Committee Meeting, The Original Pancake House

MONDAY, AUGUST 15 — Do K. Nguyen, District Governor

Greeters: Joe Habib, Tim Harrington, Scot Hinshaw, Bob Huber, Bernd Hunger, Zac Isaac, Garrick Johnson, Brian Kennedy, Tim Koder, Rob Krain, Martin LaMar, Rick Marshall, Bill Ozuk, Joe Sweeney

MONDAY, AUGUST 15 — 1:00 pm, Youth Services Committee & New Member Committee

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17 — 7:30 am, Club Board Meeting, Toledo Country Club

MONDAY, AUGUST 22 — Allen Fore, VP of Public Affairs at Kinder Morgan. "Ohio's Energy and Economy & the Utopia East Pipeline Project"

MONDAY, AUGUST 22 — 1:00 pm, Foundation Trustee Meeting, Park Inn

MONDAY, AUGUST 22 — 1:00 pm, Community Service Committee Meeting, Park Inn

Internet Viewing: The August 1 meeting may be viewed online by clicking on this link: <https://vimeo.com/177171665>

Past Program: August 1, 2016



ODOT District 2 Public Information Officer, Theresa Pollick

Theresa Pollick addressed the biggest questions most people in Northwest Ohio have: what is ODOT doing to the roads, and why all at once?

With \$90 million in active construction projects, ODOT is trying to make the roads safer and more efficient. The roads were built back in the 60's—70's and the infrastructure is in need of major repairs. Safety is a huge factor in their construction process. With I-75 being a major freight corridor, widening the road to 3 lanes for a 32 mile stretch will ease traffic flow.

Along with making the roads ultimately safer, ODOT has ensured work zone safety and efficiency during the construction process. ODOT highway management will come to a driver in trouble to help solve the problem quickly before traffic builds up. In an effort to avoid these incidents, ODOT meets daily to discuss what is or isn't working. They will even change signs and road paint to help make driving in construction zones as easy as possible. In order to help prevent accidents, ODOT has released a new app, OHGO, based off of their website OHGO.com, which provides real time traffic updates on accidents, traffic speeds, restrictions and closures. Their hope is that the app will minimize incidents, and help traffic flow by allowing drivers to choose their routes based on current conditions.

When addressing the question of why the roads are all under construction at the same time—funding is the main reason. Apart from the roads being in desperate need of repair, ODOT has received funding for all of these projects and doesn't want to lose it by spreading the construction timeline. They are implementing 20 years of construction within 5 years. getting it all done at the same time.

Theresa concluded by saying an end is in sight. Barrels are being removed from 475 and by the end of the year, I-75 will be opening up. However, it isn't expected to be completely finished until 2018.

Welcome New Member DUSTIN WADE



Dustin is the Director of Sales for Arakyta – a locally-owned Technology and Consulting firm.

Born and raised in Marion, Ohio, Dustin was drawn to Toledo in the mid-1990s to attend the University of Toledo for Information Systems and couldn't resist the temptation to leave. His small-town and entrepreneurial upbringing made it very clear to see how great Toledo is to conduct business.

His career has led him through several roles from sales and product development, board member, all the way to president. In 2013, he also co-founded Toledo Spirits Company with two other co-founders.

Dustin resides in Maumee with his bride Kristie and 6-year-old son, Anderson.



Water Quality Cruise A learning trip on the Maumee River

Partners for Clean Streams & Lucas Soil and Water Conservation District, with sponsorship from the Maumee Area of Concern Advisory Committee (MAAC),

Invite you to join us aboard the Sandpiper to talk with water quality professionals about the Maumee River and Area of Concern. Come see firsthand what the river is like, and the importance it has to Toledo and our region. Ask professionals questions and discuss how we can all be part of the solution.



\$5 Registration Fee

Sandpiper Boat launches from Jefferson St. dock in Promenade Park (GPS: 1 Jefferson St., Toledo OH)

To register, call (419) 874-0727 or go online at <http://bit.ly/2abpkBR>

We hope to see you on the water!



SAVE THE DATE!
September 16, 2016

**Mark your calendar for your
VIP preview of The Middlegrounds!**

Moon Over Middlegrounds will take place **Friday, September 16, 2016** at the Rotary Club of Toledo's Century Pavilion in Toledo's newest Metropark, The Middlegrounds. Come and enjoy a BBQ buffet, live music, wine tasting, dancing, a scavenger hunt, survivor games, archery, a climbing wall, and fellowship! **This event is brought to you by Rotary Club of Toledo, Metroparks Toledo and sponsored by Taylor Automotive Family.**

— ROTARY CLUB OF TOLEDO PRESENTS —
**MOON OVER
MIDDLEGROUNDS**



**To see progress on Middlegrounds Metropark
click the picture below:**

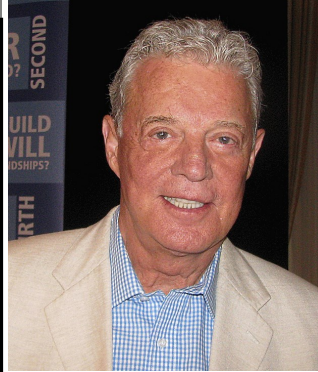


TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE!

**Adults: \$50
13-18: \$35
12 & Under Free**

[CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS](#)

**Welcome New Member:
GREG FESS**



Greg graduated from Miami University and Georgetown Law School. Much of his legal work was in support of nuclear power, environmental compliance and cleanup, and nuclear weapons production and dismantlement. Greg held a federal Q-clearance for

over 30 years, and spent several years in and out of the Soviet Union as part of a Soviet-US exchange program that promoted a peaceful dialog among national policy makers. Greg has traveled often to the United Arab Emirates in support of start-up business ventures for U.S. defense contractors. He recently spent a year abroad working with the International Atomic Energy Agency. Greg lives in Toledo and has been advising companies seeking federal grant funding in the areas of science and the environment.



V&A RISK SERVICES

Workers' Compensation Services

800.493.9662
dsandusky@variskservices.com

**The
Andersons**

**Deeply committed
to serving our community,
and grateful to those
who join us.**

Contributions have been made to the
Toledo Rotary Club Foundation

Cindy Binkley
Janina Douglas
Andria Dorsten Gustafson
Stacy Hammer
Peter Handwork
Rachel Hobson
Marlene Irwin
Reg Jackson
Tom Kabat
Brian Kennedy
Mark Korn
Joe Luzar
Phil Mariasy
Michael McIntyre
Debra Monagan
Daric Peppers
Judy Potter
John Roemer
Tom Roemer
Brad Rubini
Tim Ryan
Sharon Skilliter
Brad Stoller
Andy Stuart
Kathy Tate
Katherine A Bruhl Zraik

Contact Manpower for your customizable workforce solutions with over 250 years of staffing experience and four local locations to serve you.



Manpower Toledo
419-472-5411
4427 Talmadge Rd Suite R
Toledo, OH 43623

Manpower Maumee
419-893-4413
316 W. Dussel Dr
Maumee, OH 43537

Manpower Findlay
419-422-5434
2033 Tiffin Ave
Findlay, OH 45840

Manpower Defiance
419-782-7978
419 5th St.
Defiance, OH 43512



Rotary Club of Toledo

Rotary International CENTENNIAL WINE



Help us celebrate 100 years of doing good in the world through The Rotary Foundation with an exclusive, Private Label Red Table Wine from Firelands Winery in Sandusky, Ohio, commissioned by Ohio District 6600.

Click here to [LEARN MORE](#)



Fry
Heating - Cooling - Plumbing
"Serving Northwest Ohio Since 1930"

1909 Tremainsville Road
Toledo, Ohio 43613

114 E. Perry Street
Port Clinton, Ohio 43452

Toledo Corporate Office 419-472-1106
Port Clinton Office 419-734-3674
Toll Free 877-411-1139

WILLIS DAY

Business Center

"A place to locate...a place to grow."

**Leasing Space for
Manufacturing/Offices/Warehousing**

419.476.8000



Alpha Home Healthcare, Inc.
"Bringing Reliable Care to the Comfort of Your Home"

Phone: 419.720.0028 Fax: 419.720.0029
Serving Ohioans Since 2006. Services Available 24/7.

We Provide:
Skilled Nursing
Physical Therapy
Occupational Therapy
Speech Therapy
Personal Care
Home Making
Respite Care

We Accept:
Medicare
Medicaid
HMOs
Waiver Programs
Passport
All Major Insurances

2735 N. Holland Sylvania Rd. Suite A1 Toledo, OH 43615

www.alphahomehealthcareinc.com

**Donate to the
Toledo Rotary Club Foundation to invest in
Service Above Self!**

DISTRICT GOVERNOR MESSAGE

"To commemorate the fact that our District was the first District to receive a grant from The Rotary Foundation, my request to all Rotarians is to save at least \$1 per day for 100 days beginning July 4, 2016 and make a contribution to The Rotary Foundation to kick off our Centennial Year. The reason that I chose this special date of July 4th is because every year on this date I always feel blessed. Every year I appreciate more and more the saying: 'There is no such thing as bad day in the USA.'"

DG Do K. Nguyen

Inspiring and Connecting Thoughtful Giving



**Toledo
Community
Foundation**

www.toledocf.org



**Effler Schmitt
Company**

Residential Real Estate
4041 W. Central 419.537.1113

\$1 = \$4*

**You get \$4 in
ECONOMIC VALUE
for every \$1 spent**

*** Actual: \$3.87**

The Library partnered with Howard Fleeter & Associates for a Return on Investment Study to gauge the benefits of your taxpayer dollars. We are happy to share that for every \$1 invested in the Library, we return nearly \$4 in benefits to the public. View entire report at toledolibrary.org



**TOLEDO
LUCAS COUNTY
PUBLIC
LIBRARY**

419.259.5200

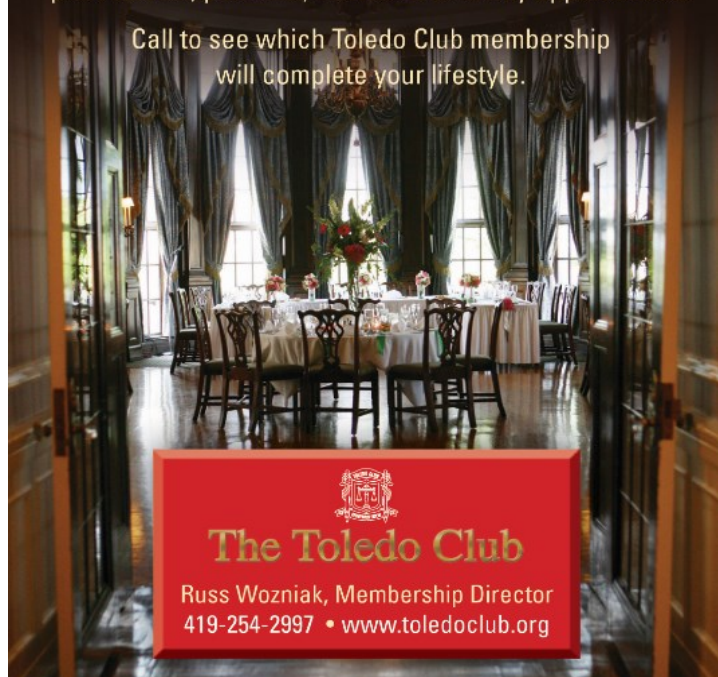
Follow us on



Excellence
H A S I T S P L A C E

Toledo Club membership means different things to different people, so we offer a variety of classifications that meet professional, personal, individual or family opportunities.

Call to see which Toledo Club membership
will complete your lifestyle.



The Toledo Club

Russ Wozniak, Membership Director
419-254-2997 • www.toledoclub.org

August Birthdays

Gennady Zak- August 1
Scott Kepp- August 4
Melissa Noe- Freeman - August 4
Chuck Schaub- August 4
Gary Walker- August 4
John Bleau- August 5
Chuck Lehnert- August 5
Bill McDonnell- August 5
Regan Smith- August 5
David Huey- August 7
Daniel Murtagh- August 7
Steve Staelin- August 7
David Cameron- August 8
Bruce Freidman- August 10
Gary Geiger- August 10
Andy Stuart- August 10
Cindy Binkley- August 11
Karen Ranney Wolkins- August 11
Sara Swisher- August 11
John Boggs- August 13
Andria Ebert - August 13
Thomas Palmer- August 13
Pamela Hershberger- Aug 14
Jim Weber- August 14
Derek Leck- August 15
Douglas Neckers- August 15
John Smythe- August 17
Dick Faist- August 18
Timothy Koder- August 18
Sydney Prochazka- August 20
Lewis Carlson- August 20
John Ehrmin- August 20
Dick Eppstein- August 20
Michelle Kravetsky- August 20
Willard Smith- August 20
Steve Boice- August 21
Mark Miller- August 21
Mike Kirby- August 22
Bob Reichert- August 23
Willis Day IV- August 24
Robert Savage- August 24
Jeff Jaffe- August 25
Linda Blackburn- August 27
Jim Walter- August 28
William Foster- August 29
Craig Hopple- August 30
David Jamieson- August 30

Advertise in the *Spoke!*

Quarterly Rates (3 months):

Business Card size: 2" x 3.5" = \$175

¼ page: 5" x 3.5" or 2.5" x 7.5" = \$300

½ page: 10" x 3.5" or 5" x 7.5" = \$550

Full page 10" x 7.5" = \$1000

Please contact the Rotary office at info@toledorotary.org or 419.241.7060 for information. Weekly rates are also available.

Club Officers and Directors

President | Stacy Hammer

President-Elect | Sharon Skilliter

1st Vice President | Dick Wolff

2nd Vice President | Tim Ryan

Secretary-Treasurer | Reg Jackson

Board Members | Bob DiNardo, Jennifer Hildebrand, Brian Kennedy, Mike McIntyre, Dean Niese, Judy Potter, Daniel Skilliter

Foundation Officers and Trustees

Chairman | Louise Jackson

Vice Chairman | Kathy Mikolajczak

Secretary-Treasurer | Gary Murphy

Trustees | Tom Backoff, Carol Bintz, Eric Fankhauser, Judy Leb, Mary Mancini, Chuck Stocking

Staff

Executive Director | Kathy Tate

Office Assistant | Emily Clement

Toledo Rotary Website | toledorotary.org

Toledo Rotary Phone | 419.241.7060

Rotary International

President | John Germ

Governor, District 6600 | Do Nguyen

Area 4 Assistant Governor | Dave Dennis

RI Website | rotary.org

WWW.AVTECHPRODUCTIONS.COM

AVTECH
PRODUCTIONS, LLC

SERVING THE TOLEDO AND NORTHWEST OHIO REGION SINCE 2006
RENTAL • SALES • INSTALLATION

419-725-0138

Committee Selection Form 2016-2017

Please select & submit by July 1, 2016



COMMITTEE SELECTION FORM 2016-2017

In our large club, the best way to make acquaintances, get involved, and learn what avenue of service is most appealing to you, is through active service on committees. Please read through the committee descriptions for the next Rotary year and check those on which you want to actively serve during 2016-2017.

Please return by Friday, July 1, 2016.

Name (please print) _____

FOUNDATION SERVICE COMMITTEES

OVERVIEW

The #1 responsibility of each of the foundation service committees is to review, process, and recommend grants submitted to the Toledo Rotary Foundation. Each Rotary year has three grant deadlines:

July 31, October 31, and March 31

Each service committee participates in the due diligence process of vetting each grant. Due diligence invites Club members to review the grant application to determine if it meets our mission as well as the foundation's grant giving criteria. Participation at this level offers an opportunity to truly experience and understand how member contributions impact our community and participate in determining where funds are directed. Committee members decide which grants meet the criteria for recommendation. Each service committee chair & vice chair presents committee recommendations to the FAC.

☐ Community Service Committee

As a member of Community Service, you have an opportunity to participate in the review of grant requests from a broad section of our community. This committee meets 6-8 times/ year to review and discuss grant requests and projects impacting our local community. Non-profits we have supported in the past include the Cherry Street Mission, Sunshine, Habitat for Humanity, Toledo Ballet, Little Sisters of the Poor, Toledo Area Humane Society and many more. This committee spearheads annual service projects such as Salvation Army bell-ringers and a spring clean-up for Little Sisters of the Poor. Involvement with the Community Services Committee offers hands-on opportunities that make a difference right here in our own community.

☐ Disability Service Committee

Committee members have an opportunity to participate in the long-history of our Club's focus and service of helping others maintain a relatively normal lifestyle, no matter what their ability. Our Club's long history with Glendale Feilbach elementary school and the Ability Center have created regularly promoted committee and club projects. Among them include a day at the Toledo Zoo and Toledo Museum of Art day at the Glass Pavilion. This committee manages all grant requests for any type of disability and meets 6-8 times/year. The Disability Service Committee studies the needs and challenges of the disabled community and recommends steps and procedures to provide solutions.

☐ International Service Committee

The International Service Committee manages international grant requests and projects. International Service adopted three rural villages in Honduras with a commitment to long-term development in this area from our Club and holds 6-8 meetings per year. Using worldwide Rotary resources, this committee involves every member in advancing International understanding, goodwill, and peace. International Service Committee is connected with our Club's district 6600 through MESA (Medical Equipment Supplies Abroad), water projects, and more.

☐ Vocational Service Committee

Vocational Service Committee members play an integral role in mentoring youth and adults in their respective vocations. Committee members focus on development of professions, trades, and education within the community's chosen vocations. As a Vocational Service Committee member, you will have an opportunity to review and manage grant requests for new and existing vocational programs; this committee has 6-8 meetings per year. Vocational Service provides an opportunity to showcase member career skills while participating in mentoring opportunities as well as the promotion & education of the application of the 4-way test in all vocations, at any age.

☐ Youth Service Committee

The Youth Services Committee members have an opportunity to experience and manage multiple grant requests that impact the youth in our immediate area. Past Youth Service grant requests have come from Claire's Day, Toledo School for the Arts, Early Childhood Development & more. This committee will manage grant requests during each of the grant cycles, participate in site visits, and make recommendations to their committee for projects they feel will have the greatest impact, meeting 6-8 times during the year. The committee discovers the problems challenging young people, cooperates with existing social agencies, and establishes help with new organizations when needed.

☐ Water Service Committee

The Water Services Committee members will evaluate foundation grant requests relating to waterways & bodies of water within and/or contiguous to the U.S. The committee leadership will present recommendations to the FAC. This committee may meet 6-8 times during the year.

☐ Foundation Advisory Committee

The FAC plays a key role in administering and providing the final steps of due diligence in our grant making process. This committee serves as the platform to hear and review each grant request presented by each chair or vice chair of the service committees. Together, members decide and recommend which grants will move forward for final approval from the Club Board and Foundation Trustees. The FAC is comprised of each service committee chair, vice chair, a foundation trustee, and members at large. Overall it is not anticipated that this committee would consist of more than 20.

Committee Selections—Page 2

TOLEDO ROTARY CLUB COMMITTEES

☐ Finance/Audit Committee

This Club committee works directly with the president and executive director to develop a comprehensive annual budget for the Club, makes recommendations for policy & procedure surrounding financial record-keeping & processing. The committee reviews the annual audit in September. The finance committee meets quarterly or as called upon to review the budget.

☐ Membership Engagement Committee

This Club committee engages members in activities outside of the Monday meetings with emphasis on new members. Included in these activities would be developing ones around retention and mentoring. This committee encourages members to regularly attend meetings and get involved in all facets of the Club.

☐ Marketing/Communications Committee

This Club committee recommends, reviews, and implements activities regarding external communications and promotion. This encompasses creation and management of marketing campaigns, maintaining contacts with local media through periodic press releases regarding meetings and events of notable public interest, and maintaining internal connections with other Club functions and committees in support of membership recruitment, retention, and Club sustainability.

☐ New Member

This committee is responsible for the onboarding of new members during their first year of membership. This committee and its members will determine, develop, and implement at least one committee service project during the fiscal year.

☐ Member Development Committee

This committee orchestrates a fun annual membership campaign, complete with team captains and competition so bring your team spirit to these meetings. Committee encourages current members to seek and propose new members.

☐ Program Committee

This Club committee prepares & arranges programs for all Club meetings. The Program committee meets quarterly to review submitted ideas & speakers and determine the viability of speakers. Members vote to approve or deny which speakers will become part of our Monday program meetings.

☐ Strategic Planning Committee

The Club's strategic plan provides a road map for our Club into 2017. Be a part of the exciting process as our Club members work together in the implementation of our Clubs transformational project(s) funded by our foundation. Members of this committee have the opportunity to participate in orchestrating and implementing the Club's five initiatives as outlined in our long-range strategic plan. This committee meets a minimum of every-other month.

☐ Youth Exchange Student Committee

The Club will host an exchange student from Taiwan in 2016-17; she will arrive in late August and attend Maumee High School. Committee members will assist with transportation from time to time, and help develop enriching experiences between student and club members.

☐ Friendship Committee

This Club committee communicates with members in times of illness. This committee also oversees informing the Club of the passing of past and current members.

☐ Greeters Committee

This Club committee extends the hand of friendship in greeting members, visiting Rotarians, and other visitors arriving at meetings.

☐ Invocation Committee

This Club committee provides the invocation at regular and special club meetings. Members wishing to participate should contact the chairman.

☐ Constitution Committee

This Club committee reviews and recommends changes to the Club Constitution or by-laws to the Board for approval

☐ AV Committee

Be part of the Monday 'behind the scenes' AV studio

TOLEDO ROTARY AD HOC COMMITTEES

☐ Water Conference Planning Committee

This Ad Hoc committee will plan, implement, and host a conference focusing on Lake Erie water improvement. The Water Conference is scheduled for October 28, 2016.

☐ Moon Over Middlegrounds—Centennial Project First downtown Metropark Opens

This Ad Hoc committee will plan, implement, and host a celebration event on September 16, 2016. This is a Rotary VIP preview celebration; Middlegrounds opens to the public on September 17, 2016.

TOLEDO ROTARY FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

☐ Bicycling

☐ Golf

☐ Bowling

☐ Motorcycle riding

☐ International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians (IYFR)

☐ Running/walking