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## Monday's Meeting November 16, 2015: The Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas— Holy Discipleship, Holy Families, and Holy Vocations

The Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas will speak on Holy Discipleship, Holy Families, and Holy Vocations. Bishop Thomas was born and raised in Philadelphia, PA and served as auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia before Pope Francis elevated him to take over the Diocese of Toledo a year ago. Bishop Thomas will be the eighth Roman Catholic bishop of Toledo since its founding in 1910. Before that, it was part of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and the Diocese of Cincinnati, formed in 1821. Bishop Thomas earned Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees from the Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary and a S.T.L. in dogmatic theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. Bishop Thomas is a member of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee for Clergy, Consecrated Life, Vocations and the Committee on Divine Worship; The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Task Force Commission on Certification and Accreditation; a member of the Episcopal Advisory Board for the Catholic Leadership Institute; a member of the Ohio Council of Churches, and many more.



## Upcoming Meetings/Events

### THURSDAY, November 19

11:00 am—8:00 pm Bell Ringing Anderson's Maumee

**MONDAY, November 23**—Speaker: The Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas

Program: Holy Discipleship, Holy Families, and Holy Vocations

Greeters: Sharon Gaber, Tim Harrington, Scot Hinshaw, Bob Huber, Bernd Hunger, Gary Johnson, Brian Kennedy, Tim Koder, Martin LaMar

### Committee Meetings:

11:00 am Community

1:00 pm Vocational

1:00 pm International

1:00 pm Disability

**MONDAY, November 30—NO MEETING**

### THURSDAY, December 3

11:00 am—8:00 pm Bell Ringing Anderson's Talmadge

### FRIDAY, December 4

**5:00-7:00 pm Holiday Party Inverness Club**

**MONDAY, December 7**—Speaker: Foundation Trustees

Program: Toledo Rotary Foundation Update

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

**MONDAY, December 14**—Program: Toledo Symphony

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

### Committee Meetings:

1:00 pm New Member

1:00 pm Youth Service

**MONDAY, December 21—NO MEETING**

**MONDAY, December 28—NO MEETING**

**MONDAY, January 4**—Speaker: Michael Bower

Program: Owens Community College

Greeters: Matthew Adkins, Bob Ampthor, Ryan Ball, Cindy Binkley, Linda Blackburn, Bill Buckley, Jeff Cole, Ed Caldwell, John Getchey, Erik Ibsen

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**Save the Date...**

**Club Holiday Party**

**December 4**

**Inverness Club**



**Internet Viewing:** The past meeting can be viewed online at  
<https://vimeo.com/145957194>.

## Joe Napoli—Hensville: A New Downtown Toledo Destination

Joe Napoli provided an update on the Mud Hens, Walleye, and Hensville. The teams' mission is "to provide affordable fun and year-round entertainment for all ages. To enrich the lives of others through entertaining and memorable experiences. We strive to induce smiles at every turn." Toledo has been recognized as the #1 minor leagues sports market in the U.S. by the Sports Business Journal. Since moving downtown, nearly 10 million fans have attended events at Fifth Third Field and the Huntington Center. The Mud Hens and Walleye combined annual attendance exceeds that of 21 NBA teams and all 30 NFL teams. Joe stated that nearly \$2 billion in economic impact has been realized in the Toledo region since 2002. Mud Hens and Walleye games and Huntington Center events frequently sell out—over 600 times in fact. Joe reported that the Walleye fan base has grown 53% since 2009. After just six seasons, the Walleye are now the most popular minor league hockey team in the U.S. Households with children are the number one demographic. The Mud Hens and Walleye are proud to have over 2,350 business partners. The teams provide over \$360,000 in annual giving through food station fundraising, jersey and equipment auctions, theme nights, etc. Joe announced that Hensville, which will open next spring, will be a year round venue to host outdoor concerts, theater, comedy, sports, art, conventions, and more in the Warehouse District. Over 70 new businesses have opened since 2002, real estate values are up 111%, and payroll exceeds 12 million in the District. There will be many restaurants, an expanded Swamp Shop, event spaces, sidewalk rooftop dining with views of the stadium, a landscaped park, and much more. Mr. Napoli remarked that this project is made possible with new market and historic tax credits.



## Bell Ringing

Rotarians are asked to "ring the bell" on December 3 from 11 am to 8 pm at the Talmadge Andersons. Sign up at a meeting!

## Holiday Party



Club members and their significant other are invited to the Club's Holiday Party on Friday, December 4 from 5-7 pm at the Inverness Club. Please **RSVP** by

**November 30** to [jnorman@toledorotary.org](mailto:jnorman@toledorotary.org).

## 2018-19 DG Announced



DG Gary Newton has announced that Maris Brenner of the Rotary Club of Sandusky will serve as the District Governor for 2018-2019. Ms. Brenner serves as director of community relations at the Kalahari Resort and Convention Center in Sandusky.



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## Member in the News

On November 12th, Suzanne Rorick was honored by the Association of Fundraising Professionals Northwest Ohio Chapter as the 2015 Outstanding Fund Raising Professional. Suzanne is the executive director of the Toledo Opera. Congratulations Suzanne!!



## New Members

**Erik Ibsen** is executive vice president and general manager of the Toledo Mud Hens Baseball Club. Erik came to Toledo as a college intern and has stayed since. Erik has been with the Club for 19 years and is responsible for goals and sales related to 825,000+ in annual attendance for two sports teams. He received his Bachelor of Science from the University of Arizona.

He and his wife, Jennifer, have four children—Ella, Chase, Noah, and Lexi. Erik enjoys basketball, travelling, and spending time with his family. He serves on the boards of the YMCA and Fort Meigs. Joe Napoli is Erik's sponsor and Dave Huey is his seconder.

**Neil Neukam** is the executive vice president and general manager of the Toledo Walleye Hockey Club. Neil is in his 23rd season with the organization and is part of the executive management team for both teams. He is originally from Fort Wayne, IN and graduated from the University of Toledo. His significant other is Jennifer. Neil collects sports memorabilia, plays guitar, and loves John Mellencamp. He is or has been involved with Junior Achievement, YMCA, The Epilepsy Center of NW Ohio, and many others. Joe Napoli is Neil's sponsor and Dave Huey is his seconder.

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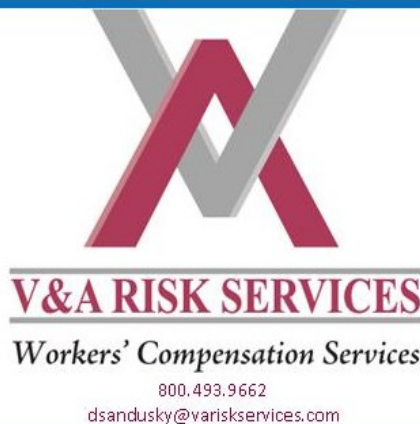
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Robert Seeman in memory of Richard F. Smith

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## Club Nominees

Ballots will be available beginning November 16

### Candidate for Second Vice President

**Name:** Tim Ryan

**Classification:** Past Service

**Joined Rotary:** March 21, 2011

**Club Positions Held:** Club Director 2013-present

**Committees:** International Service, Program, Vocational Service, PolioPlus (District)

**Foundation:** PHF, President's Club

**Attendance:** 72.2%

### Candidates for Director

**Name:** Bob DiNardo

**Classification:** Environmental Business

**Company:** Certified Environmental Services, Inc.

**Title:** President

**Joined Rotary:** July 1, 1992

**Committees:** Finance, Greeters, International, Youth Services, and MESA (District)

**Foundation:** PHF, President's Club

**Attendance:** 75.9%

**Name:** Dean Niese

**Classification:** Engineering: Consulting

**Company:** Mannik & Smith Group

**Title:** Chief Operating Officer

**Joined Rotary:** March 4, 2010

**Committees:** Greeters, International Service, Strategic Planning, MESA (District)

**Foundation:** PHF, President's Club

**Attendance:** 77.8%

**Name:** Dan Skilliter

**Classification:** Trade Show Exhibit & Display

**Company:** 2-Scale

**Title:** Vice President of Client Services

**Joined Rotary:** May 18, 2011

**Committees:** Foundation Advisory, Strategic Planning, Youth Service, Future Vision Planning (District), and Membership (District)

**Foundation:** PHF, President's Club

**Attendance:** 81.5%



## 2015-2016 Ballot

### FOR PRESIDENT 2019-2020/2ND Vice President

Vote for one

\_\_\_\_\_ Tim Ryan

\_\_\_\_\_ write in \_\_\_\_\_

### FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS—3 Year Terms 2016-2019

Vote for three

\_\_\_\_\_ Bob DiNardo

\_\_\_\_\_ Dean Niese

\_\_\_\_\_ Dan Skilliter

\_\_\_\_\_ write in \_\_\_\_\_

By printing and signing below, I affirm this is the only ballot I am submitting.

**Printed Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ballot must be signed to be counted.**

**DEPOSIT IN BALLOT BOX NO LATER THAN 1:15 pm ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2015.**

In the event you are unable to attend the meeting on December 7, 2015, you may send your ballot to the Rotary Office, 101 N. Summit Street, Suite 436, Toledo, OH 43606 or you can fax it to the Rotary Office at 419.241.5117.

**Mailed and faxed ballots must be received in the Rotary Office by 1:15 pm on Monday, December 7, 2015.**

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## Club Board Nominees' Statements

### Second Vice President 2019-2020

It is my honor to be nominated for election to the position of Second Vice President of the Toledo Rotary Club Board. I am a proud Toledo Rotarian for a lot of reasons.

I have seen Rotary at work in the Third World helping with water and sanitation, women's literacy and solar ovens. I was involved in an experimental commercial solar oven project that was funded by Rotarians in Mali. It would have worked, too, if the country had not fallen into civil war. We go into tough places. Our Toledo Club stepped forward to provide Shelter Boxes in Nepal after the earthquake. I had Nepalese friends who were made homeless and desperate.

I was proud to be part of the Toledo Rotary Centennial Project that built a school in Honduras. Our Club continues to work with Honduran Rotarians, most recently giving a microscope to a children's hospital. Because of our Toledo Rotary Club, I have been able to help END POLIO NOW! Our Club has been involved since the beginning and continues to be generous. We stand in the cold ringing a bell for the less fortunate with a smile. We work on literacy, child development, homelessness, community clean ups and many other issues. Our Club's leadership on cleaning up Lake Erie may be the defining issue of our time. I am proud of that!

I have made many friends in Rotary, locally, nationally and internationally. I am often surprised how much smarter they are than me. That's ok, I like smart people! We are a community of leaders. We solve community problems. We do not look away! We should all be proud of that. If I become Second Vice President, I will do my best to carry on our Club's proud traditions and encourage younger member participation.

Tim Ryan

### Directors 2016-2019

It is an honor to be chosen by the Nominating Committee to serve on the Board of Directors of the Toledo Rotary Club. I have been a member of the Club since 1992. I have served on numerous Club committees, including Greeters, Youth Services, Finance, and International Services. I am our Club Liaison to MESA and currently serve as the MESA Secretary. Last year, I attended the District 6600 Conference and my service with MESA has allowed me the good fortune to work with past, present, and future District Governors. Four of us from the Toledo Club attended the Uniendo Project Fair in Managua, Nicaragua last year. Our group continued to San Pedro Sula, Honduras where several clubs from our District have participated in projects. During this trip, we had the opportunity to meet and develop relationships with Rotarians from the USA, Canada, and Central America.

As a Board member, I expect to utilize the relationships and friendships I have developed to promote our Club as a leader and partner throughout the District and worldwide Rotary communities. I will support our Lake Erie Watershed Crisis and Honduran water project efforts with special interest, having been a water treatment plant operator early in my career.

I appreciate the confidence our Nominating Committee has shown by supporting me as a Board member. It is my privilege to be a part of the finest Rotary Club in the world and to do my best to live up to our motto of "Service Above Self," and our Rotary International theme to "Be a Gift to the World."

Bob DiNardo

I would be honored to serve the Club as a Board Member and would do my best to represent our members in Board business. To benefit the Club, I will utilize my professional experience in leading The Mannik & Smith Group and multiple community and technical organizations I have served as a Board member. History demonstrates I have a roll up your sleeves, let's do something to better the organization attitude when I volunteer for a role. Maybe it's the engineer in me, and even though I might not be the most outspoken, after analysis, I will offer conservative yet creative opinion to matters facing the Board. I believe in our mission, strategic plan and have high regard for our current leadership. In my 4+ years with the Rotary Club of Toledo, I have engaged with many great Rotarians who have lead our Club in the past; it is my goal to show respect to their service and positively impact the future.

Dean Niese

I truly appreciate the Nominating Committee's recommendation to become a Director of the Rotary Club of Toledo. If elected by the membership, I will use my time, talents, and treasures to further our Club's successes into the future.

As a fourth generation Toledo Rotarian, I understand the importance of the traditions that have made our Club great. Also with my district experience as District Membership Chair since 2012-2013, I have gained valuable exposure to the newest techniques in how to grow and sustain an effective club in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. If elected as a Director, I will use the combination of these two experiences to help drive the realization of our Strategic Plan.

As current chair of the Youth Services Committee, I have seen first-hand the commitment of our Toledo Rotarians to our Transformational Project as well as the grant requests received. I am honored to potentially have the ability to help guide the progression of that influence and dedication to our Club and further into our community.

I have been blessed in my life to be raised around Toledo Rotarians that have instilled in me the value of Service Above Self. This opportunity gives me the ability to give back to those who have helped me tremendously in both my personal and professional lives as well as those who need aid in this world. I am humbled by the recommendation and look forward to the prospect of expanding my service to the Finest Rotary Club in the World!

Respectfully,  
Dan Skilliter

## Get to know... Zak Vassar



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

I'm a Vice President with Fulcrum Research Group. We do quantitative and qualitative market research across a variety of industries. Every study and client is different, which keeps things fresh. I love helping companies find answers to critical questions and improve their products. For example, I'm proud of a segmentation project we just finished for a cosmetics company. We were able to shine light into areas of their sales strategy and provide some excellent data they hadn't seen before.

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

I'm a big fan of classical music, opera, and jazz—I've never been able to get enough music in my life. We're blessed to have such great access to live performances in Toledo. Give me a night out with my wife, listening to beautiful music at the Peristyle, and I'm a happy fella.

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

My late brother, Jim, was a huge advocate for Toledo Rotary. He was proud to work with area businesses and believed deeply in our community. The more I learn about Rotary ideals—including the four-way test—the more I realize how much they were at the heart of his approach to business.

### Tell us about your family.

My wife, Emilie, is an attorney with Dickinson Wright and specializes in education law. We have an adorable, one-year-old daughter, named Grace. She continually amazes us and, as she inches closer to walking, terrifies us.

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

I was born on the living room couch! It's a long, funny story. Buy me a drink, and I'll tell you about it.

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

"What you do when you don't have to will determine who you'll be when you can't help it anymore." My freshman English teacher at St. John's wrote that on the board one morning, and I copied it into my notebook. I've never forgotten it. It says a lot about going out of one's way.

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

I'd work in the arts. Once upon a time, I wanted to manage a symphony. Now, I do as much arts consulting as I can. It's very gratifying to bring new audiences into the arts and uncover new worlds for them.

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

I'm on the board at the Toledo Opera. That organization is really a phoenix that has risen from the ashes. Our opera presents fantastic performances on a "big city" level. The art direction is fantastic. The music is beautiful. If you haven't been to an opera at the Valentine, you really must see one. It's thrilling stuff.

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

I see a happy family life, with a couple kids in elementary school and probably a few more gray hairs on my head. Professionally, I plan to execute market research for more local companies.



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 Dave Fowler (3)  
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 Craig Findley (6)  
 Guisselle Mendoza (6)  
 Gary Willoughby (6)  
 Ron Cappelletti (7)  
 Mark Makulinski (7)  
 Walt McGee (9)  
 Dan Rogers (9)  
 Dennis Isabell II (10)  
 George Zilba (10)  
 Steve Miller (13)  
 Bill Rudolph (13)  
 Mary Pietras (15)  
 Timothy Pontius (15)  
 Cay Stout (15)  
 Holly Jensen (16)  
 Bob DiNardo (17)  
 Dan Skilliter (17)  
 John Wasserman (18)  
 Wendy Gramza (20)  
 Rome Marinelli (20)  
 Eric Jordan (21)  
 Brad Toft (22)  
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