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# TOLEDO ROTARY SPOKE

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## Monday's Meeting December 14, 2015: Toledo Symphony Holiday Program

Join us for this wonderful Toledo Rotary tradition. The Toledo Symphony will play holiday music and a few sing-a-longs under the baton of Sara Jobin. Guests are welcome. Arrive early for seats!!



From the Rotary Club of Toledo Board Members, Foundation Trustees, and Staff, we wish you a Happy Chanukah, Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!

## Upcoming Meetings/Events

**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 Youth Service

**WEDNESDAY, December 16**

7:30 am Club Board, Toledo Club

**MONDAY, December 21—NO MEETING**

**MONDAY, December 28—NO MEETING**

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

Program: Owens Community College

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

**WEDNESDAY, January 6**

12:00 pm Foundation Trustees, Toledo Club

**MONDAY, January 11**—Speaker: Randy Oostra

Program: ProMedica

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

### Committee Meetings:

11:00 am Strategic Planning

1:00 pm New Member

1:00 Water Project

**WEDNESDAY, January 13**

7:30 am Executive Club, Original Pancake

**FRIDAY, January 15**

7:30 am FAC, Toledo Club

**MONDAY, January 18—NO MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, January 20**

7:30 am Club Board, Toledo Club

**THURSDAY, January 21**

7:30 am New Member Orientation, TBA

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**Internet Viewing:** The past meeting can be viewed online at  
<https://vimeo.com/148164442>.

## Tom Backoff, Louise Jackson, and Kathy Mikolajczak—Toledo Rotary Club Foundation

Tom Backoff, Louise Jackson, and Kathy Mikolajczak



presented the state of the Toledo Rotary Club Foundation established in 1952 as a 501(c)

3 non-taxable foundation and separated from the Club in 2000. Chairman Tom Backoff presented the "official" centennial \$300,000 check to the Metroparks for the Middlegrounds scheduled to open in 2016. A special treat was the appearance of Bogs, the Metropark's mascot. Vice Chairman Louise Jackson presented a video which showcased four of last year's grant

recipients—Boys and Girls Club, National Museum of the Great Lakes, Bittersweet Farms, and



Engineers without Borders. In the past 15 years, the Toledo Rotary Foundation has distributed over \$2 million in grant money to deserving non-profit organizations. Secretary-Treasurer Kathy Mikolajczak reported that the Foundation's finances are in good order. Chairman Tom announced that the Foundation will enter into a unique partnership with the Toledo Community Foundation to manage the Toledo Rotary Club Foundation's investments. The presentation concluded with the trustees asking Rotarians to give generously to the Toledo Rotary Club Foundation's Annual Campaign. The Foundation's goal is for 100% member participation. Donations can be sent by check or [credit card](#) (on the website or call the office).

## Club Officers Elected

With all of the votes counted, Club members have elected the following to Club leadership:

**Tim Ryan—2nd Vice President/President 2019-2020**

**Bob DiNardo—Director 2016-2019**

**Dean Niese—Director 2016-2019**

**Dan Skilliter—Director 2016-2019**

Congratulations to all!

## Letter to the Editor

I HAVE LISTENED TO SCORES OF ANNUAL FOUNDATION REPORTS, AND THEY USUALLY ARE VERY DRY AND DULL. IN CONTRAST, THIS WEEK'S FOUNDATION MEETING WAS VERY WELL PRESENTED AND INTERESTING.

I FOUND IT EXCITING TO BE REMINDED OF WHAT WE DO, PROUD TO BE A PART OF IT, AND HOPING THE REST OF THE MEMBERSHIP FEELS THE SAME WAY !!

CLINT MAUK  
PP & Club Historian

## Contributions have been made to the Toledo Rotary Foundation by

In memory of PP Del Palmer  
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## New Members

**James Kamsickas** is the president, CEO and a director of Dana Holding Corporation. A native of Saginaw, MI, Jim earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Central Michigan University and a masters in business administration from Michigan State University. He has participated as a select member on the supplier councils and panels for Fiat Chrysler, Ford, and General Motors. In addition, he represented the interests of automotive suppliers in U.S. congressional hearings in Washington, D.C. In 2012, he was recognized by *dBusiness* magazine and Junior Achievement as a "Champion of the New Economy." He and his wife Amy have two children—Jack and Jenna.

**Jeff Cole** is senior director of corporate communications for Dana Holding Corporation. In this role, he is responsible for global public relations, advertising, special events, branding, community relations, and government affairs for the *Fortune* 500 company. Jeff earned a Bachelor of Arts in communication and a Master of Education in education from the University of Toledo. In 2014, Jeff was appointed to the University of Toledo's board of trustees. Additionally, Jeff serves on the board of directors of the Dana Foundation and the Press Club of Toledo, of which is a past president. Previously, he served on the boards of the Greater Toledo Area Chapter of the American Red Cross; Toledo Classic, Inc; and, the St. Francis de Sales High School Alumni Association.

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## Toledo Rotary Foundation Grant Recipient Update

Thank you, Toledo Rotary Foundation, for your generosity and your recent gift of \$10,000 to Boys & Girls Clubs of Toledo. The funds received were used to purchase and install new LED lighting in the Homer Hanham Boys & Girls Club gymnasium. The existing lighting, which was over 35 years old, was unreliable. The new lighting, however, enhances the athletic and fitness programming and complements the new flooring, which was recently installed. Program directors can now run athletic and fitness programs in a safe and attractive environment. During the first five months of 2015, members used the gym over 5,600 times! Learning sportsmanship and participating in healthy activities are vitally important to kids in the inner-city. We encourage Club members to adopt a healthy diet, practice healthy lifestyle choices, and to make a lifelong commitment to fitness.



Old Lighting



New Lighting

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## Volunteers Needed



The Salvation Army is in need of volunteers to assist with their Christmas distribution on Tuesday, December 15 (8:30 am –4:30 pm) and Wednesday, December 16 (7:45 am-5:30 pm). Both of these days will take place at UAW Local 12 Hall, 2300 Ashland Ave, Toledo, OH 43610. If interested, contact Jen Conley at 419.270.8600.

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## Get to know... Guisselle Mendoza

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

I am the Executive Director at Adelante, The Latino Resources Center. My favorite part about what I do is that is the feel of waking up every single day and making a difference or impact in someone's life; whether that is directly or indirectly.

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

I don't watch a lot of TV, so if I have time I like to catch up on TV. I also like to doodle, so I have "adult" coloring books. Look it up they exist. I like to workout when ever I make it to the gym.

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

It's amazing how every time I attend a meeting I leave with a different business card, connection or simply a welcome hello and a new face I did not see before. I also like how the working initiatives take pride in what we do.

### Tell us about your family.

I am currently not married so my immediate family is my life. Both my parents and two younger sisters live in Toledo. I have two nephews who are simply amazing. I don't know where I would be without my family. They are my biggest fans.

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

I love playing the silly game candy crush. I am actually pretty good at it.

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

If you don't have control over, hand it over to God.

If you are making a decision, make sure everyone who will be affected about it know.

We were all born to love and be loved.

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

I went in to business and since I am currently in non-profit business, I might tackle owning my own business.

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

I am the President of the Latino Alliance, Board member of WGTE, Board member of The Lucas County Land Bank, Board member of CareNet, I sit on the steering committee of Welcome Toledo Lucas County initiative, I sit on the Aspire Operations Team, I am member of the Church of God of Prophecy (Spanish) in Toledo, Ohio.

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

I definitely see myself continuing the work in strengthening and empowering the community that I may be living in. My passion is with my community. One upon a time someone gave me a chance and I want to continue to offer a chance to someone who is willing to work hard and make a difference.



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## December Birthdays

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 Olivia Summons (2)  
 Zak Vassar (3)  
 Andy Devine (4)  
 Mark V'Soske (4)  
 Mary Westphal (5)  
 Jennifer Moses (6)  
 Mary Ann Culpert (8)  
 Tom Waniewski (9)  
 Robert Ruse (10)  
 Holly Verhoff (10)  
 Romules Durant (11)  
 David Effler (13)  
 Lori Hauser (13)  
 Frank Viviano (13)  
 James Kamsickas (15)  
 Brian Kennedy (15)  
 John Newton (16)  
 Matt Black (17)  
 Mike Collins (17)  
 Rebecca Zietlow (18)  
 Jack Zouhary (18)  
 Gregor Emmert, Jr (21)  
 Ron Olszewski (23)  
 Helyn Bolanis (26)  
 Lisa McDuffie (26)  
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