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## Monday's Meeting February 29, 2016: Tim Kasunic and Dianne Cherry: Harnessing the Immune System to Fight Cancer: A New Frontier

Dr. Tim Kasunic will discuss the latest advances in treating cancer, including immunotherapy, as well as other exciting breakthroughs. Dianne Cherry will conclude by introducing the role The Victory Center plays in treating the whole person. Dr. Kasunic received his M.D. from Wayne State University School of Medicine and served a fellowship at the Henry Ford Hospital in the Department of Hematology/Oncology. He has offices at the Toledo Clinic Cancer Center and Flower Hospital. He has many professional affiliations and serves on many boards and committees. Dr. Kasunic has been involved in research since 1993 and has authored numerous publications and abstracts in leading journals including *Breast Cancer Research and Treatment*, the *Breast Cancer Journal*, and the *Journal of Biological Chemistry*, *Cellular Physiology*, and *Biochemical and Biophysical Research Communications*. Rotarian Dianne Cherry is the executive director of The Victory Center which provides hope and support to cancer patients, survivors, and those closest to them. Since 1996, the Victory Center has been reaching out to cancer patients and their families in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan providing love, support, compassion, hope and laughter.



## Rotary Unplugged TONIGHT

The next Rotary Unplugged will take place **tonight** from 4:30-6:30 pm at Veritas Cork and Craft (505 Jefferson Ave), Toledo's hottest wine bar. A cash bar and some light hors d'oeuvres will be available. Come meet your fellow Club members.

## Upcoming Meetings/Events

### THURSDAY, February 25 **TONIGHT**

4:30—6:30 pm **Rotary Unplugged**, Veritas Wine Bar

**MONDAY, February 29**—Speaker: Tim Kasunic and Dianne Cherry

Program: Fighting Cancer

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

### Committee Meetings:

1:00 pm Water Service

### THURSDAY, March 3

7:30 am Member Engagement, Café Marie (Dussel)

**MONDAY, March 7**—Speaker: Jeff Showell

Program: BGSU Musical Arts

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

### TUESDAY, March 8

7:30 am Moon Over Middlegrounds Meeting, Café Marie (Secor)

### WEDNESDAY, March 9

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

**MONDAY, March 14**—Speaker: Father Ron Olszewski

Program: Conflict with Civility

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

### Committee Meetings:

11:00 am Strategic Planning

### WEDNESDAY, March 16

7:30 am Board Meeting, Toledo Club



**Internet Viewing:** The past meeting can be viewed online at  
<https://vimeo.com/156349339>.

## Mayor Paul Hicks-Hudson: State of the City Update

Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson announced she was honored to be speaking to the Club. She summarized the Club's support and leadership on Lake Erie's water issues. The Mayor declared that 80% of the world's fresh water is in the Great Lakes. She wanted to share Toledo's "story." Toledo is ideally located for travel and industry and became the glass capital of the world because of the plentiful natural resources in the area. She added that there are many choices for higher learning and the region is home to many businesses' world headquarters. Mayor Hicks-Hudson feels that "things are slowly but surely turning around"; however, the City needs to find ways to make up for the state budget reductions. Toledo needs to address its aging infrastructure, safety challenges, job growth, and source water issues. To counter balance the economic constraints and make Toledo a 21st Century city, the Mayor is proposing a .25 percent increase in the payroll tax. She was quick to point out that the increase is on wage earners and not retirees. Her administration has attempted to maximize all dollars. They spent \$50 million in 2015 upgrading the water treatment facilities without raising water rates. She thanked both Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur and the State legislature for keeping the water issue on the front burner in their respective branches of government. Mayor Hicks-Hudson stated the issue requires a multi-faceted solution based in science and not in politics. She announced that the former Raceway Park has been purchased by a railroad for a new vehicle distribution center and that the Erie Market has been sold to a local company and those plans should be released soon. The Mayor said 400 unsightly properties were demolished in 2015, and the police and fire departments have created several new programs to integrate more with the community.



## March Matchness—March 18



Join in the basketball Matchness on **Friday, March 18** from **noon til 9 pm** at the Toledo Club. The Centennial room will be decked out with multiple televisions (donated by Jamiesons' Audio/Video) so that you can watch college basketball's premier event—March Madness. There will be a cash bar and heavy hors d'oeuvres throughout the day. **"Celebrity" bartenders** will be competing for tips which will be matched as part of the Foundation's Match Challenge (see below). There will be much basketball, merriment, prizes, and who knows what else. If you want to bartend, contact [Tyler McKean](mailto:Tyler.McKean@toledorotary.org) (419.318.5500). Come join in the **FUN!**  
**[RSVP HERE TODAY!](#)**

## 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 today, member contributions have resulted in a match of **\$29,942** of the possible **\$100,000** matching dollars.

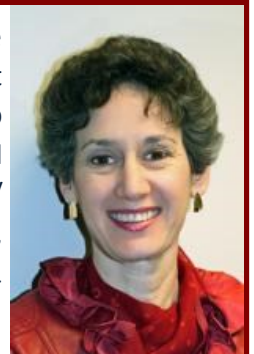


**Please consider increasing your gift as each dollar will make a difference!**

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

**Judy Leb** has been named the director of Lucas County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate). Ms. Leb has been with CASA since 2000 and served as the GAL Recruitment/Training Coordinator. Prior to that, she worked for Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick. Congratulations Judy!!



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## New Members

**Lori Vance** is the director of sales at the Park Inn Hotel.



She earned her Bachelor's Degree in marketing from Ohio University and worked for Avon Products for 19 years as district sales manager and marketing director. Lori is a past president of the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Hotel Association and currently is a member of the Hancock County Welcome Wagon. Lori is married to Jeff and they have a daughter—Gracin. She enjoys running, walking, and traveling with family. Simon Guo and Kathy Tate are her sponsors.

**Jim Vitale** is a physical therapist and partner and clinic manager at Maumee Physical Therapy and Aquatic Center. Jim and his wife, Julie, have three daughters, Sarah, Allison and Gabrielle. Jim is a BGSU graduate where he was a varsity letterman on BG's baseball team. Interesting fact about Jim's college baseball career, Jim was



catcher and was part of a battery team that included Major League pitcher Orel Hershisier. Tom Backoff and Tim Goligoski are Jim's sponsors.

Justin Moor serves as the Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio's vice president of planning & program development. Justin received a Bachelor's Degree in communication from Mt. St. Mary's College in Maryland and Master's in Public Administration from Cleveland State University. Justin and his wife, Julie, have two daughters, Journey and Faith, and son Becket. In his spare time Justin is studying to become a volunteer deacon in his church. Judy Potter and Joe Tafelski are his sponsors.

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## Extraordinary Service Project Opportunity



Business leaders of the Rotary Club of Toledo have an incredible service project opportunity to hold a mock interview with our emerging leaders of St. Francis, the TPS Young Men of Excellence and St. Ursula Women in Business. Your leadership is needed! Every effort will be made to match each student up with a Rotarian in the field of the student's interest. The time will be best utilized with a professional, authentic conversation that is focused on empowering these young adults and future leaders.

**Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>** – 15 St. Francis students: **5 service project volunteers still needed**/9 leaders have committed

**Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>** – 12 Young Men of Excellence/Waite HS: **1 service project volunteer still needed**/11 leaders have committed

**Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>** – St. Ursula Women in Business: 0 service project volunteers still needed/12 leaders have committed

### Timeline Commitment:

*10 am– Leadership volunteers and students arrive*

*10:20 am- Welcome announcement, Steve Johnson & Rachel Hobson, Vocational Services Leadership*

*10:30 - 11:30 am- One-hour interview with your assigned student*

*11:30 am– Invite your student to sit with you during the lunch program; make introductions, explain the club and the program, answer any of their questions, etc.*

*\*\*\*President Andy will make an announcement that our students are present, therefore please refrain from introducing each individually.*

*1pm- Help your student find their teacher and thank them for joining us!*

### Service Above Self:

The one- hour interview achieves several things:

- It offers high school students the chance to meet business leaders in their community in a professional environment.
- They have an opportunity to gain tremendous insight into their own journey ahead while seeing the possibilities in their own community.
- Rotarians have the chance to serve our young adults, offer insight from our own experiences and, above all, encourage the principles of our four-way test.

Contact Vice Chairman Rachel Hobson at [Rachel@HobsonCoaching.com](mailto:Rachel@HobsonCoaching.com) if you can participate or for more information.



Contributions have been made to the  
*Toledo Rotary Club Foundation*

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Walter and Julia McGhee in honor of PDG and PP Chuck Stocking and in memory of PP Dick Ruppert and Sam Sloan

## New Arrival

Board member **John Roemer** and his wife, Sara, welcomed a baby boy on February 17. Clay Gillan was delivered safely and healthy and joins brother Grant and sister Nola. Congratulations to the Roemer family!



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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.

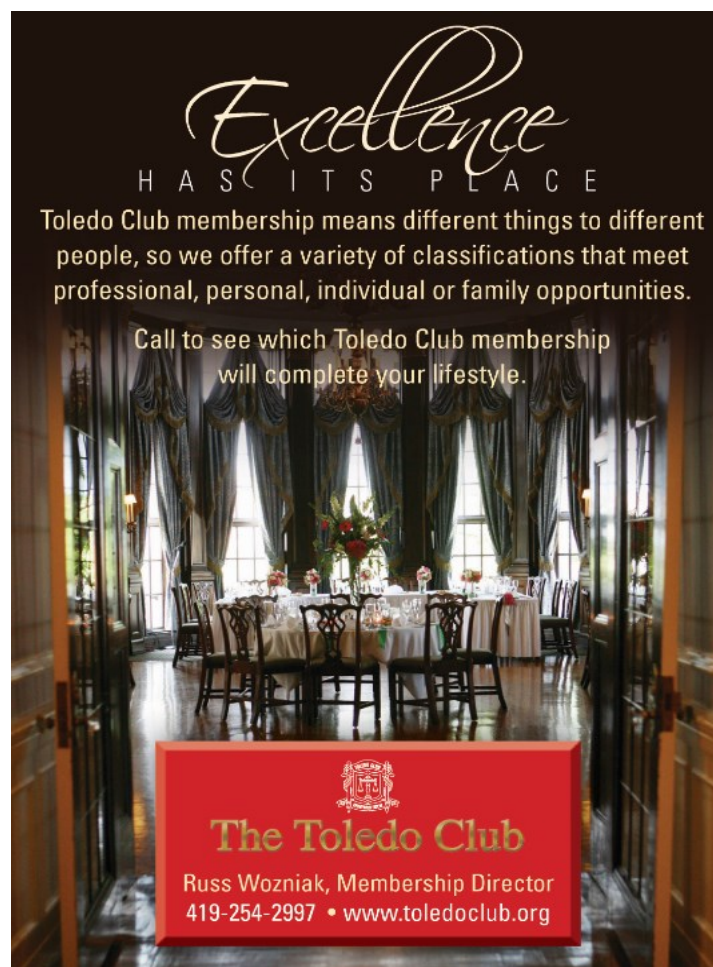
### June 18—Dragon Boat Races

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

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## Get to know . . . Tom Shafer



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

Superintendent of The Maritime Academy of Toledo. Building innovative career fields for our students, and working with them each day so they can succeed after graduation.

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

I am an avid sports fan, I love music especially Jimmy Buffett, I play golf, I like to fish, but mainly I enjoy time with my newly retired wife, my three grandchildren, and my four children. I also belong to the American Legion as I am a Navy Veteran.

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

Community service and interacting with people from many professions.

### **Tell us about your family.**

I am married. My wife's name is Sheree. I have four children all of whom have college degrees and work in professions which require service to people. I have three grandchildren and five grand dogs. I come from a large family and grew up in Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

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

I love Notre Dame football and all Cleveland pro sports. I have always wanted to own a neighborhood bar/restaurant.

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

Treasure your failures as much as your successes. They do more to improve your character and your resolve

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

Working to help people in some way.

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

I belong to an American Legion. I do volunteer work for my church. I belong to some downtown committees to help my students obtain much needed assistance.

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

Retired from Education but working. Also living close to my children and grand children and vacationing to remote islands.

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## March Birthdays

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Dick Wolff (3)  
Bill Thomas (4)  
John Lark (5)  
John Kendzel (6)  
Michael Marsh (6)  
Rob Krain (8)  
Robert Albring (9)  
Elissa Schmidt (9)  
Karen McCoy (10)  
Dean Niese (10)  
Matt Lentz (11)  
Steve Johnson (12)  
Steve Martindale (12)  
John Wiley (12)  
Chadwick Bringman (13)  
Tracey Tangeman (14)  
Travis Tangeman (14)  
Chuck Mann (15)  
Brad Stoller (16)  
Victoria Bartlett (21)  
Jamie Adams (24)  
Keith Burwell (24)  
John Nelson (26)  
John Roemer (26)  
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