# **TOLEDO ROTARY SPOKE**



Club No. 44 Organized in 1912

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# Monday's Meeting: December 18, 2017 Toledo Symphony Orchestra Holiday Concert



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 PROGRAMS**

Monday, December 25—NO MEETING, MERRY CHRISTMAS & Happy Holidays!

Monday, January 1—NO MEETING, HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Monday, January 8-Dr. Hussain, Silk Road

Monday, January 15—NO MEETING, Martin Luther King Day

Rotary



### **SCHEDULED MEETINGS/EVENTS**

Wednesday, December 20—Club Board, 7:30am

Monday, January 8—Program Committee, 11am
Strategic Planning, 11am
Vocational Services, 1pm

ITZA Committee, 1pm

**Wednesday, January 10**—Executive Committee, 7:30am

#### Contributions have been made to the

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### **YOUTH SERVICES & READ FOR LITERACY BOOK & SUPPLY DRIVE**

Between now and January 31 bring your donations to Rotary to benefit students and



### schools in need!

### Wish Lists:

### Supplies

Stickers Pens

#2 Pencils Postage stamps

Crayons Bus tokens

Washable markers Large print or simple Wide ruled notebook crossword puzzles

Backpacks for Adult Stupaper

**Coloring Books** dents

Flashcards (letters, words, math)

#### Books

Red Ripe Strawberry

Audrey and Don Wood

**Polar Bears** by Laura

**Rosa Parks** by Kitson

**Storms** by Miriam Busch

There is a Bird on Your

**Head** by Mo Willems

A Tree is a Plant by

Clyde Robert Bulla

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The Biggest, Best Snow- The Little Mouse, the *man* by Margery Cuyler The Car Washing Street and the Hungry Bear by by Denise Lewis Patrick **Dinosaur Roar** by Paul Stickland

Fat Frogs on a Skinny

Log by Sara Riches Feast Jazynka

for 10 by Cathryn Falwell **Snow** by Marion Dane

Frog and Toad are

*Friends* by Arnold Lobel

Froggy Plays T-Ball by

Jonathan London

Frogs, Toads and Tad-

poles, Too by Allan

Fowler

*I Stink* by Jim and Kate

McMullan

Jackie Robinson by Will

Mara

# **DECEMBER MEETING SPONSOR**





### **WELCOME NEW MEMBER: Todd Ahrens!**

Todd Ahrens was named director of development of the Toledo Museum of Art in October 2013. He has extensive experience in arts and educational fundraising, marketing and finance, and has held senior-level



development positions at the University of Findlay, the University of Michigan Museum of Art, and St. John's Jesuit High School and Academy. He was previously a staff member at the Toledo Museum of Art from 1997-2005, having held a variety of positions in the development department, including associate director of development and interim director of development. He began his nonprofit career with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

Todd received his M.A. in German from Bowling Green State University, and his B.A. in international business and German from Simpson College. He spent two years studying abroad in Stuttgart, Germany, and Salzburg, Austria, and also completed two summer internships at Daimler Benz in Stuttgart.

Todd has served on boards for several organizations, including the Arts Commission of Greater Toledo, the Ohio Museums Association, and the Toledo Area Partnership for Philanthropic Planning. He continues to serve on the board of the Black Swamp Arts Festival, which he chaired for the fourth time in 2017, the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Festival.

Todd is originally from Iowa. In addition to the arts, he enjoys sports and travel. He particularly enjoys long-distance running, having completed nine marathons to date. He lives with his wife Amy Craft Ahrens in Bowling Green.

# WELCOME NEW MEMBER: Ford Bennett!

Sanford "Ford" Bennett attended St. Johns Jesuit High School in Toledo Ohio in 2001. He was active in athletics and various philanthropic organizations sponsored by St. Johns. He graduated in 2005 and attended Purdue University, graduating in 2009 on the Dean's List with a Bachelor of Science in Selling and Sales Management. While attending Purdue he was



an active member of Delta Upsilon International Fraternity, a social and philanthropic organization that works with charitable organizations including the Boys and Girls Club of Lafayette, Indiana. At graduation he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps and began six years of active duty service.

From 2009 to 2015 Ford was stationed on Hawaii and Okinawa. He deployed across the Pacific mentoring, training, and advising foreign allies. His work included: training the Japanese Ground Self Defense Force, The Republic of Korea Marine Corps, and working alongside multiple U.S. military branches. He separated from active duty May of 2015 and joined the Select Marine Corps Reserves. In September of 2015, Ford joined Morgan Stanley. For the next nine months Ford acquired all his Financial Advising Licenses and trained as a reservist in West Palm Beach Florida. From June 2016 through June 2017 Ford deployed to Afghanistan to train and advise the Republic of Georgia Army and Afghan National Army.

Ford married his fiancée Christine in August of 2017 at the Toledo Zoo. She is a licensed psychological therapist with her own practice in Maumee, OH. He also returned to Morgan Stanley in August, and is looking forward to a successful career alongside his partners Ann Sanford, Stephen Mayor, and Alex Francis. He became a member of the Toledo Rotary and is active in the International Service Committee. He is also active is several veterans service organizations across the greater Toledo area.

In Ford's free time, he enjoys working on his 1979 MG and Harley Davidsons. He and Christine enjoy traveling, and exploring the city of Toledo. They are Walleye fans and enjoy live sporting events and concerts. Ford, Christine, and their Okinawa-adopted dog, Lily, reside in Sylvania, Ohio.



Find inspiration around every corner at the **2018 Rotary Convention**. Register by December 15 to take advantage of the early-registration discount.

The registration fee will increase by \$75 after

December 15!

**REGISTER HERE** 

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBER: Nelson Shaffer!**

Nelson Shaffer is the Toledo Market President for Citizens National Bank, which is headquartered in Bluffton, Ohio. Presently, Citizens National Bank operates a Loan Production Office in the Executive Parkway area, but will open a full-service regional branch office at the corner of Central Avenue and Executive Parkway by this February.



Nelson is originally from Toledo,

having graduated from St. Francis de Sales High School. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Finance from The University of Toledo. In August 2014, he graduated from the Graduate School of Banking at The University of Wisconsin- Madison. During, and after college, Nelson served for 7 ½ years in the Ohio Army National Guard. Nelson has worked in the Banking and Commercial Leasing industries since 1989. He has also completed Leadership Toledo, Dale Carnegie, and the 2017 Leadership Academy Toledo course. Nelson joined Rotary in May 1997, is a Paul Harris Fellow, and is transferring to the Toledo Rotary Club from Perrysburg Rotary. In January, Nelson and his wife, Kim, will celebrate their 28<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Their son, Kyle, just started his second year of Aerospace Engineering at The University of Cincin-

In his spare time, Nelson enjoys working out. His hobbies include collecting: coins; vintage and antique toys, such as Evel Knievel; Boy Scout and military items; and old bikes. He is a member of the Toledo Distinguished Clown Corps, and the Toledo Club.

His biggest pet peeve: People driving slowly in front of him.

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Past Program: December 11, 2017

Paul Eck PIMCO

Our entire developed world owes more than they can pay, Paul Eck explained. After the financial crisis, PIMCO wrote the "new normal", which stated GDP growth would be slow and continue over a long period of time, with low interest rates. GDP growth is determined by growth



in the labor force, productivity, and how much corporations invest. Because all these numbers are low, GDP growth is expected to continue at 2%. Lowering interest rates assists in the markets growth, resulting in recovery, followed by a gradual increase in interest rates. Right now, we are at the point where interest rates are slowly going up and we have a sustaining growth rate. Following the financial crisis, investors were very cautious and didn't take as many risks. The banks, however, said that people need to take risks in order to keep interest rates low, which helps pay off more government debt. To get people to do this, central banks bought out a lot of the existing bonds. This forced people to sell their high quality bond funds and buy high yield bond funds, in order to earn the type of yield they wanted. Now, central banks in the US are starting to sell some of those bonds, but PIMCO doesn't think it will have much impact on the fixed-income market within the next 12 months. Eck predicted continuation of the current trend.

### **INTERNET VIEWING**

At the request of PIMCO, the December 11 meeting was not videotaped.

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### **Euchre Fellowship**

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**NEXT GAME:** 

Friday, January 12 at 7:00pm

Brandywine Country Club

I'd toot my own horn about how good I am at Euchre, but you'd trump it.



**CLICK TO JOIN!** 





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### We Welcome Guests at Rotary!

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Rotarians!



### **Club Officers and Directors**

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