

# TOLEDO ROTARY SPOKE

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Club of Toledo 

Club No. 44 Organized in 1912

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## Monday's Meeting: December 17, 2018 Toledo Symphony Chamber Orchestra *Annual Holiday Concert*

Conductor Alain Trudel, will lead the Toledo Symphony Chamber Orchestra during their annual Holiday Program at Rotary on Monday. Trudel spoke at Rotary in September after he was named the new Music Director for the Toledo Symphony Orchestra. He is excited to return so members can experience his conducting in-person and celebrate the holiday season!



*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!*

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## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Monday, December 24—NO MONDAY MEETING, Happy Holidays!

Monday, December 31—NO MONDAY MEETING, Happy New Year!

Monday, January 7—YMCA 100th Year

Monday, January 14—Brian Kennedy, Toledo Museum of Art

## SCHEDULED MEETINGS/EVENTS

Tuesday, December 18—Club Board, Park Inn, 7:30am

Thursday, January 10—Brass & Brews/ TSO Open Rehearsal Event—[Buy tickets here](#)

Monday, January 14—Community Service Committee, 1pm

Tuesday, January 15—Club Board, Park Inn, 7:30am

Monday, January 28—Program Committee, 11:00am



# Your Toledo Rotary Club Foundation



Your Toledo Rotary Club Foundation recently awarded the Girl Scouts of Western Ohio a grant in the amount of \$10,000. The funds were used for their community outreach program in Toledo to enable thousands of local girls to participate in Girl Scouting.

The Toledo Rotary Club Foundation Youth Service Committee members received the request, participated in the vetting process and made the decision to recommend grant approval to our Club Board and Foundation Trustees. It is due to the countless Toledo Rotarians who give unselfishly, which enables us to provide these grants. Thank you to every-



one who continues to support our Toledo Rotary Club Foundation, so we can continue to aid in supporting the needs of our community!

The purpose of the school-based community outreach program is to engage girls from underserved backgrounds in Girl Scout programming during the school day and in the summer.



While participating, girls grow as leaders, while learning about diverse subjects that range from conflict-resolution to Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. Thanks to support from local foundations and corporations, Girl Scouts of Western Ohio is able to offer the community outreach program to over 2,000 Toledo girls every year.

“We are grateful to the Rotary Club of Toledo for their investment in the Girl Scout mission to build girls of courage, confidence, and character,” said Roni Luckenbill, CEO

of Girl Scouts of Western Ohio. “With support from this grant, we will encourage thousands of local girls to discover themselves and their passions, connect with others, and take action to make the world a better place. We are thankful to these organizations for their belief in our work and for their investment in Toledo girls.”



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



# Meet New Member: Daniel Ebert!

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

*I am an Architect. My favorite thing about my profession is that every building is a new puzzle to solve. You certainly learn from each project, but there is only so much that you can carry over.*

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

*I like to read and watch movies, play board games, cook, collect furniture, work on remodeling projects and also enjoy entertaining and spending time with friends.*



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

*All of the great relationships that I have already built, and all of the future friendships that I know will come.*

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

*I have a wonderful wife Andria, who I married after college. We have been married for eight years and moved to Toledo in 2011.*

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

*I was homeschooled from kindergarten through high school.*

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

*“A man’s got to know his limitations.”*

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

*I honestly don’t know. Probably either working in the trades, since I have a lot of family in the trades, or another creative or design profession.*

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

*I am very involved in the local chapter of the American Institute of Architects. I am currently the President Elect, and will be President for the year of 2019.*

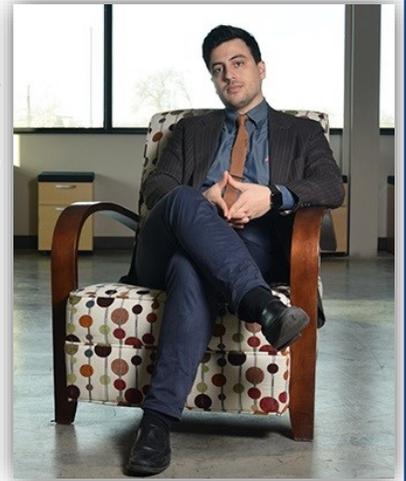
## **Where do you see yourself in ten years?**

*Working as an architect in Toledo and living with my wonderful wife, Andria.*

# Meet New Member: Jordan Valdiviez!

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

*As Incubation Operations Manager, I am tasked with the day-to-day operations of the incubator and its clients, I am the first point of contact for new applicants, generate digital media for marketing, create and manage events, and am a brand ambassador throughout the community for the institution. My favorite part of my job is meeting new people with new ideas, and meeting the people who have laid the foundation for the current growth in business, entrepreneurship, and technology.*



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

*When I am not engaged with Launchpad duties, I enjoy learning about new technology, cooking, gardening, and spending time with my tight knit community of friends who want to generate media that can influence thought leaders in the city.*

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

*I really enjoy being a part of an organization that garners the attention of our city's most influential individuals – having this arena at my disposal is definitely the most satisfying component.*

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

*My propensity towards business and entrepreneurship come from my late father, Copi Valdiviez, who was always thinking of ways to improve the non-profits he was involved with (i.e. Cherry Street Mission, United Way). My mother, Joyce, undoubtedly instilled my love for cooking, and both of my brothers, Aaron and Ryan, are musicians with church groups, one in Traverse City and one in Kansas City.*

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

*One thing people might now know about me is that I am a trained sushi chef. I had the opportunity to learn how to make sushi when I worked at Nagoya in Levis commons during college.*

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

*“Press on. Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent.” – Ray Kroc*

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

*I'd either be working in a server data center, in a startup company, in a restaurant, or on a farm.*

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

*I am on the advisory board of EPIC Toledo, the Alumni boards of the UT Colleges of Engineering and Business, the UT Alumni Student engagement board, and the advisory board for Midstory: Toledo's Media Think-Hub. I also am heading up the efforts in Toledo for ErieHack, which is a cooperative program with the Cleveland Water Alliance to help develop technology that can help solve issues related to water quality. I also run a monthly meetup called T-New-Tech, which holds panel discussions at UT's Launchpad Incubator, to talk about important emerging topics in technology.*

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

*In 10 years I hope to be a director of a public entity that is serving Toledo to cultivate a brighter future for communities through community engagement from the perspectives of technology, food, or media.*

# Toledo Rotary Club Annual Holiday Party

The Annual Toledo Rotary Club Holiday Party was held at the Toledo Country Club on Friday, December 7. Over 100 Rotarians and their guests enjoyed a fun night of fellowship!



## DID YOU KNOW?

Rotary was assigned the copyright on the "4-Way Test" in 1954 when its author, Herbert Taylor, became President of Rotary International.



The Four-Way Test is a nonpartisan and nonsectarian ethical guide for Rotarians to use in their personal and professional relationships. The test has been translated into more than 100 languages, and Rotarians recite it at club meetings:

Of the things we think, say or do

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# Brass & Brews

Thursday, January 10, 2019

6:30 - 7:30pm - Social Hour in Peristyle Lobby

7:30pm - TSO "Open Rehearsal" in Peristyle

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# Past Program: December 10, 2018

## Dave Wehrmeister

### *Boys & Girls Club of Toledo*



In the late 19th century, Toledo was a difficult place for children. Some boys found work in the glass industry, while others sold newspapers on street corners. John Gunckel sought to help the “newsies”, as well as bring some control to their largely ungovernable group. In 1892, he threw a Christmas dinner for the boys, and helped them create the Toledo Newsboys Association, which Gunckel called “Boyville”. The association was governed by officers elected by the members, and they had to behave according to laws, which were written by the members. The boys were honored to be members of the association and followed the “laws” with pride. After Gunckel’s death, the association was taken over by the President of Libbey Glass and expanded—eventually becoming affiliated with the Boys Clubs of America, and expanding membership to include any Toledo boy who wanted to join. In 1982, the Boys Clubs began to offer activities to girls one day a week; over 3,000 girls joined. In 1985, a capital campaign provided funds for building renovations to incorporate girls full time. Today, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Toledo provide programming at four facilities located in North Toledo, South Toledo, East Toledo, and near downtown. The mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Toledo still reflects the same values and goals of those first articulated by John Gunckel at that first Christmas party in 1892. The activities are still building-based, although today those buildings include public schools. Those who participate are still “members,” and proudly show off their membership cards. Children are still treated with respect and dignity, and they still have the right to make their own choice—with adult supervision and guidance. And still today, the impact of the clubs are felt throughout the city. By helping children, the clubs are helping the community and shaping our future.

The December 10 meeting can be viewed here: [Dave Wehrmeister](#)



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# December Birthdays

Stacy Hammer—1  
Peter Handwork—2  
Olivia Summons—2  
Zak Vassar—3  
Rick Marshall—4  
Jay Morgan—4  
Mary Westphal—5  
Tom Waniewski—9  
Maria White—9  
Robert Ruse—10  
Romules Durant—11  
Lori Hauser—13  
Frank Viviano—13  
David Effler—13  
Brian Kennedy—15  
Jim Kamsickas—15  
Jack Newton—16  
Jack Zouhary—18  
Gregor Emmert—21  
Josh Yecke—23  
Ron Olszewski—23  
Ray Micham—25  
Tom Wright—26  
Lisa McDuffie—26  
Helyn Bolanis—26  
Eric Summons—27  
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