

# TOLEDO ROTARY SPOKE

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2019

KURT DARROW CEO, LA-Z-BOY, INC.

Executive Officer of La-Z-Boy Incorporated, a New York Stock Exchange-listed company (LZB), with fiscal 2018 revenues of \$1.58 billion. An out-of-the-box strategist and heralded by Wall Street as a turnaround specialist, he was the architect of the company's transformation from solely a chair manufacturer to one that manufactures and offers stylish furniture for every room in the home. Under Darrow's leadership, La-Z-Boy became the most recognized brand in the furniture industry, is the largest reclining chair manufacturer worldwide and is the secondlargest manufacturer/distributor of furniture in the United States. La-Z-Boy products are sold through a multitude of distribution outlets, including the La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries® store system, traditional retailers and online. Before his appointment as President and CEO of La-Z-Boy in 2003, and Chairman in 2011, Darrow was President of La-Z-Boy Residential, the company's flagship brand and largest division.

Kurt Darrow is the Chairman, President and Chief

# UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Feb. 18th
No Meeting
President's Day

Feb. 25th
Wendy Pestrue
United Way
100th Anniversary

Mar. 4th
Sam Adler
Building Bridges
through Music

Mar. 11th
President Lyle Roelofs
Berea College

Mar. 18th
Dean Horrigan
Protecting our Elders

Mar. 25th
Bernard Swiecki
Automotive
Communities
Partnership

# **Putting a label on our Club Culture**

The Rotary Club of Toledo has a culture of taking on issues locally and internationally since the clubs inception. As a club, we have JOINED LEADERS to EXCHANGE IDEAS and TAKE ACTION. One of our first major action items was helping to serve those in the community with disabilities; through these efforts, Glendale Feilbach was started. Years later the Ability Center was formed. Throughout our 106 years, we have implemented many projects that have transformed Toledo. Although we had not yet coined the phrase "transformational" in our fundraising efforts, our club has been transforming Toledo for decades.

As part of our 2012 Centennial, we pledged \$300,000 to the Middlegrounds, the first downtown Metroparks. Middlegrounds opened in 2016 and has certainly served as a transformational project with on-going interaction between the park, Rotarians and the community.

Starting in 2009, The Rotary Club of Toledo has held an annual fundraiser to support transformational projects. The fundraiser was called "ITZA". From 2009 - 2018 there were 6 ITZA fundraisers. In 2019, the annual fundraiser will be revamped and have a new name, Toledo Rotary Black Tie Affair. Save the date June 15, 2019.

**Toledo Rotary Club Foundation Video** 

Stats about our recent Annual Fundraisers - ITZA







Projects 6 undertaken





# SCHEDULED MEETINGS

#### Feb. 11th

**11am** 

Youth Services - Presque Isle

1pm

Black Tie Affair Core - Presque Isle

Feb. 19th

5:30pm

Water Services @ Rockwell's

Feb. 20th

7:30am

Club Exec Board

@ The Original Pancake House

Feb. 21st

7:30am

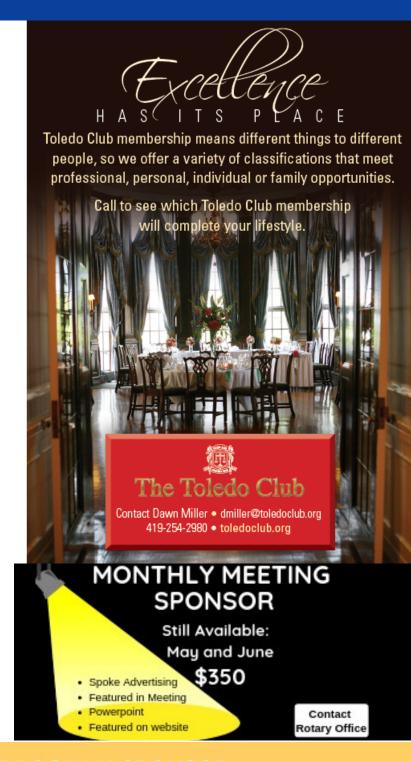
Marketing Committee

@ The Original Pancake House

5pm

New Member Reception

@Stapleton Insurance



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## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2019 RECAP

# GRANT PRESENTATION - MOM'S HOUSE & TOLEDO FIREFIGHTERS MUSEUM





The Toledo Rotary Club Foundation Chairman, Kathy Mikolajczak, presented Mom's House, Executive Director, Christina Rodriguez, with a grant for \$10,000 to upgrade the facilities security system.

Monday's program was Private Dennis Kookoothe and Retired Assistant Chief Robert Schwanzl provided a history of how the Toledo Firefighters Museum came to be, and grew to be, one of the most extensive in the country. On September 7th, 1976 the museum was established to preserve the history of the Toledo Fire Department and to provide safety prevention and education to the citizens. They primarily educate those who would be at the most risk, children and senior citizens.

On the second story of the museum, is an interactive room, Jed's Room, that demonstrates the importance of smoke detectors, escape plans and having a safe meeting place.

#### Learn more about the Toledo Firefighters Museum

### **Watch Meeting**











### **MEMBER NEWS**



Born in Toledo and raised in Michigan, Kris moved back to the area last spring after spending 25 years in Atlanta and Los Angeles.

While based in Atlanta, Kris worked for a global consulting firm called Accenture. In Los Angeles, Kris was the Chief Operating Officer and Chief Administrative Officer for a \$1 billion-dollar media and entertainment business.

Currently, Kris is the Chief Revenue Officer of the Toledo Museum of Art, focused on bringing forprofit best practices to the non-profit world, innovating improvements across museum operations that drive significant increases in both Contributed and Earned Income. She encourages all of you to stop by and experience one of our cities' treasures if you haven't been in a while (and spend some money while you are there).

She is also on the boards of Destination Toledo and the Center of Visual Expertise and is very happy to have had such a warm welcome back to the city. When she's not at the museum, you can find her traveling the world to meet up with her friends and explore new places, walking her dog, Bean, in one of our beautiful Metroparks, or torturing herself with high-intensity workouts in her basement.



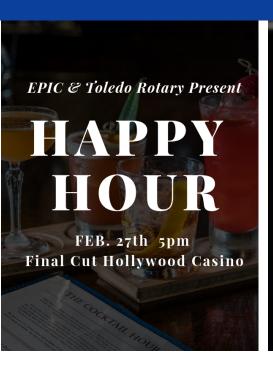
Doug Mead is currently serving as the Director of the Toledo School for the Arts. Previously, Mr. Mead has served as the Dean of the School of Health Sciences at Owens Community College, the Chair of the Fine and Performing Arts Department at Owens Community College, and Chair of the Humanities and Fine Arts Department at Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, TN.

Prior to joining Academia and Administration, Mr. Mead performed as the Principal Oboist in the Miami (FI) Symphony Orchestra, the Miami Bach Society Orchestra, and served as Guest Principal Oboe in the Florida Philharmonic Orchestra.

Mr. Mead received his Bachelors of Music from the University of Miami (FI), his Masters of Music from Yale University, and his Doctor of Musical Arts from the University of Miami (FI).

Mr. Mead currently resides in Perrysburg with his wife Jessica and his two boys Owen (6th grade) and Connor (5th grade).

In his spare time, Mr. Mead has coached his sons travel baseball and basketball teams for several years and is an avid runner, competing in several half-marathons and duathlons.









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