The Rotary Club of Toledo Foundation approved $203,078 in grants for fiscal year 2019 - 2020!

**Upcoming Monday Meetings**
- December 14th: Holiday Program
- December 21st: NO MEETING
- December 28th: NO MEETING

**Upcoming Committee Meetings**
- December 7th: Peace Services
- December 7th: International Services
- December 7th: Youth Services
Dear Fellow Rotarians,

I am honored to Chair the Toledo Rotary Club Foundation's Annual Campaign for this Rotary year.

In 1912, some 108 years ago, a group of civic minded men in Toledo founded the world's 44th Rotary Club; The Rotary Club of Toledo. **Yes...our club “survived” the 1918 Pandemic!**

With over a century of service, Toledo Rotarians have proven to be incredibly resilient. We have overcome national pandemics, World Wars, military conflicts, The Great Depression, and most recently in 2008-2009, The Great Recession. We have chosen to thrive and grow to become one of largest Rotary Clubs in the world.

The cornerstone of what makes our club so unique is the Toledo Rotary Club Foundation. Our consistent level of annual giving in the Toledo community, and around the world, is what keeps the club relevant! The club’s most important and impactful activities revolve around our Foundation Committees and the grants we make. Year after year, we give hundreds of thousands of dollars to help countless organizations.

It is now our time to lead. In order for our Foundation to continue to give at current levels, we will need to raise $80,000 by the end of the Rotary year on June 30, 2021. Our goal is to have 100% participation from our current membership of 330, so the average gift this year will need to be $242 to achieve the result needed.

The need is enormous! Humankind is facing a huge challenge. The worldwide Coronavirus Pandemic is creating havoc and uncertainty, and there is no better organization to help lead through this public health emergency than Rotary. Rotary has played a leading role in the fight to eliminate infectious disease, most notably Polio. Locally, non-profit organizations that provide the safety net for the most vulnerable in our community are severely affected. Our partners at the Greater Toledo Community Foundation shared a recent study where over half of the non-profit organizations surveyed by the Ohio Attorney General's Office estimate their loss of revenue to be 61% or greater. This at a time that their services are critically needed.

**Rotarians, the need is great and “the ask” is large.** I am certain we can do this. We will do it the same way generations of Rotarians have done it before us...by leading in a time of crisis. Please consider doubling your annual gift from a year ago; personally, that is my commitment. Become a member of our Presidents Club by giving a minimum of $250, and please, please everyone, make a gift. Let us demonstrate to our community that “One Profits Most Who Serves Best”!

Toledo Rotarians are honored to serve. We take to heart the Rotary motto of “Service Above Self” and believe strongly in the “4-way Test”. Our Rotary Story has been one of amazing achievement. Thank you for what you continue to do to make The Rotary Club of Toledo, our club, one of the finest Rotary Clubs in the world!

Yours in Rotary,

Tom Backoff  
Past President, 2012-13, Past Foundation Chair, 2008-09, 2015-16
It's that time of year again! Time to ring the bell! Rotary Club of Toledo is pleased to partner with The Salvation Army to do some bell ringing for the Salvation Army's annual donation drive! **We have 5 slots still open on Saturday, December 5th** at the Churchill's in Perrysburg to ring the bell. **Volunteers are needed to fill each of these one hour shifts--1 or 2 bell ringers per shift: 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 PM.** Please click on the link below for registration instructions or click the link to be directly connected to the registration form. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Kelly Trame at kellytrame@gswo.org.

**CLICK HERE FOR REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS**

Click HERE to be directly linked to the Salvation Army Registration. When registering use the CODE: tolrotary
AFRICAN AMERICAN LEGACY PROJECT
ROBERT SMITH

Mr. Robert Lawrence Smith is the visionary and founder of The African American Legacy Project of Northwest Ohio. Unveiled in 2004, under the direction of a Board of Directors, Mr. Smith has used his formal education and life’s experiences to capture important and significant stories reflecting the African American experience to share with current and future generations.

On Monday, the 23rd, during our Monday meeting, Robert shared his passion, his stories and brought history, fun, memories and more to Toledo Rotarians. Robert shared his love of tennis as we all heard a few court stories shared by President-Elect Bob DiNardo.

Robert's presentation was chalked full of history and insight into our local African American History. He covered many of the "notables" who directly impacted our community and ultimately, history. Mr. Smith talked about people like Eleanor Phillips Steward, one of the first female pharmacist who was a civil rights activist and ran a local pharmacy. In addition, he highlighted Albertus Brown, a D.C. lawyer that came to Toledo and was the founder of the Frederick Douglas Community Center. Cornelius Edwards was another notable. He was a reporter who originally who worked for the Toledo Blade. He then went on to create The Toledo Observer, the first African American Newspaper in the area.

Educated in the Toledo Public Schools, Robert attended St. Thomas Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Michigan where he minored in business with an emphasis on marketing. He graduated from the University of Toledo, majoring in Broadcast Communications. Robert worked in public television for a brief period before serving as a news videographer with WTVG TV 13, where he eventually became a producer of long form programs and commercials. To watch the presentation in its entirety please click on the link above.

REMINDER!
Don't Forget to Vote!
2020-2021 Director Ballots are due FRIDAY DECEMBER 4th!

If you haven't already done so, please send in your votes to info@toledorotary.org.
Ballots do not have to be attached. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Abbey at asachs@toledorotary.org
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August Meeting Sponsor: Toledo Federation of Teachers
September Meeting Sponsor: KPM
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