



# TOLEDO ROTARY SPOKE

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## "The Ability Center: Celebrating a Century of Service"

**TIM HARRINGTON**

Rotarian Tim Harrington, is the Executive Director of The Ability Center and will share the story of the evolution of the Center, made possible by Toledo Rotary 100 years ago! The organization was started as a Crippled Children's Home. As community needs changed, so have the services the Center offers. Today's programs promote independence and community living.

The Ability Center's vision is for Toledo to become the most disability friendly community in the country. The original mission and intent of Toledo Rotarians, continues today and on December 10th, 2020, the organization turned 100!

Tim obtained a BA in Business Administration from the University of Toledo. Tim has held administrative positions in both corporate and non-profit organizations prior to becoming Executive Director of the Ability Center in 1999. Tim has been married to his wife, Chris, for 34 years and has two sons. He lives in Sylvania and spends his summers at his home on Bird Lake near Hillsdale, Michigan.

**The Ability Center**

### ZOOM LINK!

[Click Here to join meeting via ZOOM](#)

Zoom Meeting ID:  
628 349 736

#### Upcoming Monday Meetings

**January 18th**  
NO MEETING

**January 25th**

Burt Logan  
Ohio History Connection

#### Upcoming Committee Meetings

**January 11th**

Program Committee - 10:45 AM  
Community Services - 1:10 PM  
Vocational Services - 1:10 PM

**Thank you! 57% or 190 Members have donated since July 1, 2020!**

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**Mike George**  
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Please help us congratulate **Rotarian Mike George** on his new position as Executive Director of the Genacross Lutheran Services Foundation. Genacross, previously Lutheran Homes Society, provides social services including help with housing and health services for individuals of all ages. Mike started his new position on January 4th, 2021. Please update your Rotary roster with Mike's new contact information below. Congrats Mike!



## President Alex establishes Community V-Project Ad Hoc Committee

PP Tom Backoff will serve as Chairman of the Rotary Club of Toledo's "Project V Ad Hoc Committee" along with President Alex, PP Tim Ryan and PP Joe Tafelski. The ad hoc committee is one of 14 subcommittees that make up the new City of Toledo Project V, launched in December 2020, consisting of a diverse leadership team from those in the private and public sector who will execute this effort and goal to have over 70% of our citizens vaccinated. Project V is a community-wide initiative with a mission, through trusted leaders, to educate citizens on the safety and effectiveness of the COVID-19 vaccine and provide logistical support for the effective delivery of the vaccine in the community. The coalition will work with the Toledo Lucas County Health Department and the Neighborhood Health Association to succeed in the goal to have over 70% of our citizens vaccinated and to be the highest vaccinated percentage community in the Midwest. We look forward to on-going updates on the success of Project V.



## Monday, January 4th Recap

Lou Hebert

### "Time Travel Tour of Toledo 100 Years Ago"

[Watch Meeting  
Video HERE](#)



On Monday we hosted award winning writer and reporter, Lou Hebert. Lou took us back in time 100 years ago to 1920 Toledo. We were transported to a time when prohibition was alive and a house in downtown Toledo was around \$3000. Lou's love and knowledge of our rich history is obvious and told in a way where you could listen for hours! Thank you Lou for taking the time to so eloquently share your knowledge and passion!

To watch the meeting in its entirety and learn a little Toledo history, click the link above.

Lou Hebert is a Toledo area native who spent over 50 years working in broadcast newsrooms in Toledo (WCWA, WTOL, WDHO WSPD) and others around the nation including Detroit, Denver, Phoenix and Chicago. He has reported and produced radio and television news and is an award winning documentary and feature reporter. He earned the coveted Peabody Award and numerous Emmy's for TV production. In recent years, Lou has become a self-professed history nerd, writing and publishing several books on Toledo regional history, including [Day by Day in Toledo](#) and [Toledo's Hidden History](#).

Lou is also a frequent public speaker on the topics of yesteryear. Lou is past president of the Toledo Police Museum, and a current board member of the Toledo History Museum. He also produces a local history blog called ToledoGazette.com and is currently writing a book on Colorado history, in addition to developing a podcast on strange and forgotten news.

Lou lives in Perrysburg with his wife Kay-Lynne and has five adult sons who are making their own way in the world. Lou is an avid writer and reader of most anything, especially old brittle newspapers. He enjoys a good action flick, loves to golf and travel.





## One Rotary Summit

**Saturday February 27, 2021 • 9 AM to Noon**

Join club and district leaders, new and experienced Rotarians and Rotaractors for a fun-filled and engaging morning focusing on membership, public image, and The Rotary Foundation, and how all three pieces of the Rotary pie work together. All Rotarians welcome! Register for free on DACdb. <https://dacdb.com/SecLogin3.cfm>



## Service Opportunity!



On January 5th, KTLCB started a month-long campaign to promote proper styrofoam recycling. Volunteers will be assisting individuals to use the correct recycling receptacles for the different materials.

- See remaining shifts available in red below.
- Shifts are in two-hour increments from 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM and 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM.
- If you have any questions please contact Kelly Trame, Chair of Community Services Committee at [kellytrame@gswo.org](mailto:kellytrame@gswo.org).

**[PLEASE CLICK HERE TO REGISTER TO VOLUNTEER FOR A SHIFT.](#)**

**ONLY A FEW MORE SHIFTS to fill ALL of the locations with Rotarians!**

JAN 8th – two slots for 11:30 am – 1:30 pm ONLY  
 JAN 13th – two slots for 11:30 am – 1:30 pm ONLY  
 JAN 15th – two slots for 11:30 am – 1:30 pm ONLY  
 JAN 16th – one slot for 11:30 am – 1:30 pm ONLY

### DATES AND LOCATIONS

January 6th - Kroger, 7545 Sylvania Avenue, Sylvania, OH  
 January 8th - Eastern Community YMCA, 2960 Pickle Road, Oregon, OH  
 January 9th - Girl Scouts of Western Ohio, 460 W Dussel Drive, Maumee, OH  
 January 13th - Ottawa Hills Municipal Building, 2125 Richards Road, Ottawa Hills, OH  
 January 15th - Kroger, 8730 Waterville-Swanton Road, Waterville, OH  
 January 16th - Keep Toledo/Lucas County Beautiful, 1011 Matzinger Road, Toledo, OH



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