In 1993, Rob was first elected to Congress, where he represented the diverse, seven county Second District in southern Ohio. He was proud to serve the Second District for 12 years, and in seven elections, he never received less than 70 percent of the vote.

During his time in the House, Rob earned a reputation as a serious leader who focused on results. In September 1996, Rob founded the Coalition for a Drug-Free Greater Cincinnati, now known as PreventionFIRST!, to help keep young people from substance abuse.

He authored the Drug-Free Communities Act, which has provided more than $1 billion to community coalitions around the country in its more than two decades as law of the land.

Rob also authored several federal laws to increase retirement savings, reform the IRS, and add more than 50 new taxpayer rights, curb unfunded mandates, reduce taxes, and expand land conservation efforts. He also authored the original Second Chance Act with the late-Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones in 2005, and it was later signed into law in 2008. Since 2009, more than 850 Second Chance Act grant awards have been made to government agencies and nonprofit organizations from 49 states for reentry programs serving adults and juveniles. More than 164,000 individuals have participated in these programs. Ohio has received more than $39 million in Second Chance Act grants.

During his Senate tenure, Rob has introduced more than 240 bills, including 200 bipartisan bills, and more than 150 of his legislative priorities have been signed into law.

To read Senator Portman’s full biography, click HERE.
Because of our members generous support to the Foundation, the Rotary Club of Toledo has been able to give over 2.7 million dollars since 2000 in funding to support local and international community needs. Check out The Toledo Blade article below that touts just some of what we have done with your donations.
Peace Committee 21-Day Challenge First Discussion

Please join us on Tuesday, March 9th at 11 am to have our very first roundtable after the first week of the 21-Day Challenge for Racial Equity and Social Justice. The conversation will start promptly at 11 am and go for one hour. Rotarians Lisa McDuffie and Janet Hales will facilitate the discussion. Use our normal Zoom link to be connected to the meeting and you will then be placed in a breakout room.

TUESDAY March 9th - 11 AM
Peace Committee Service Project
21-Day Challenge Discussion
CLICK HERE TO JOIN AT 11 AM

Click HERE to REGISTER for your VACCINE

V-Project is an area-wide initiative to educate, motivate, and vaccinate the entire Northwest Ohio corridor to dramatically slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus. For up-to-date local COVID-19 and vaccine information you can access the V-Project website and/or facebook page.

As a regular feature of the Spoke we are including selfie pics of Rotarians who receive the vaccine. We invite you to send your selfie and we'll look for you here!

Please email to: info@toledorotary.org

For more information about the Ohio COVID Vaccine Program CLICK HERE.
On Monday, March 1st, 2021, Stephanie talked about the current status of lead poisoning for our community’s children. Currently, the children in Toledo have a far higher average than the national average for lead poisoning. Stephanie shared the vision of her program and how we can partner with others to better protect our community’s children. Stephanie’s presentation is significant to our Club, as Lead Abatement is one of the three Transformational projects we have committed to. To learn more about Rotary Club of Toledo's three Transformational projects, CLICK HERE.

For a copy of Stephanie's powerpoint presentation CLICK HERE

Ms. Beebe has a BS in Criminal Justice from the University of Toledo and is currently pursuing her Master’s of Public Administration. She has been working in housing and public safety since 2006, most recently for six years at the Lucas County Land Bank as a Project Manager. While in that position, Stephanie coordinated the largest demolition and vacant lot repurposing program in the City of Toledo. Click the graphic below to read about the City of Toledo Lead Ordinance.
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