

TOLEDO ROTARY SPOKE

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Monday, August 30th, 2021 ZOOM MEETING ONLY



**Zoom Meeting ID:
628 349 736**

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

Dr. Romules Durant

#MAC2020: Bringing Education to Industry

Dr. Romules Durant, Superintendent and CEO of the Toledo Public Schools, is a 1994 graduate of Waite High School. He went on to receive a Bachelor of Education degree in 1998, a Master's of Education degree in 2002 and a Doctorate Degree in Educational Administration and Supervision in 2007 from the University of Toledo.

Dr. Durant began his employment with TPS in 1999 and has served as a fourth grade teacher, a dean, an assistant principal, a principal and an assistant superintendent before being named Superintendent in December 2013.

Under his leadership, TPS has shown exceptional growth in the following areas: overall student and career technology enrollment, STEMM education and the development of several magnet schools and community partnerships. The district has also shown gains on the State Report Card in a number of key areas.

While his honors are many, Dr. Durant has never lost sight of the fact that he has the same goal for today's TPS students as he had for himself: to rise up from modest means and achieve success first in school, and then in life. Toledo Public Schools continues to show progress and share good news that makes our community TPS Proud!

Reminder!

**August 30th meeting
will be ZOOM ONLY.**

**We will return to the
Toledo Club on Monday
September 13th, 2021.**

Rotary Club of Toledo Introduces Jaci Bugaj, Executive Director



Jaci comes from the world of volunteer management and special events and is excited to be the new Executive Director for the Rotary Club of Toledo! For six years she worked locally at Erie Shores Council Boy Scouts of America as a District Executive (volunteer manager), overseeing many local Scout parents and leaders. In this role she also first was introduced to the world of Rotary, by joining the Oregon-Northwood Rotary Club in 2015. Jaci was the Club President from June of 2019 through July of 2020. Most recently, Jaci was the Volunteer and Special Events Coordinator for the Salvation Army of Northwest Ohio, from September of 2020 through February of 2021. She left this position to welcome her daughter Cecilia into the world and became a stay at home mom. When she learned of this opening with the Rotary Club of Toledo she knew it was the perfect opportunity to jump back into the workforce.

In her spare time, she likes to spend time with husband Vince and her five month old daughter. She also loves to bake (sugar cookies are her specialty), and is a big fan of checking out the local food scene.

District News!

If you didn't get the chance to check out this month's district news letter - here are some highlights featuring Toledo Rotary's Past President Tim Ryan.

Committee News

Environment & Water

From Environmental Committee Chair, Tim Ryan

Your new environment and water committee is off to a good start.

Janina Douglas and I plan to meet with as many Clubs and assistant district governors as possible this year. As for me, as Environmental Chair, the message will be in four parts:

1. Recognize that Environmental Sustainability is a new Rotary area of focus with Global Grant possibilities.
2. Encourage each Club to form an environmental sustainability committee
3. Encourage each Club to advocate and be seen to advocate for the environment

4.



When I say **DO SOMETHING**, it can be anything that creates environmental awareness and gets the committee functioning.

Here are a few ideas:

- Reduce plastics at Rotary meals and take pressure off the landfills
- Ask an elected official to speak environmental issues
- Partner with your land trust or park to have them GPS tree saplings, identify the species and issue a frameable quality certificate with the land trust logo and a Rotary logo. The certificate would make clear that the tree was identified and located via GPS in honor of an individual accomplishment that your Club wants to recognize. These could be the birth of a child or grandchild, a Paul Harris Fellow, an outgoing Club President, whatever is appropriate. The certificate would serve to create legacy and a bond between the recipient and Rotary.

I am sure that the Clubs will come up with more and, no doubt, better ideas. The Perrysburg, St Mary's, Milan, and Toledo Clubs have already started.

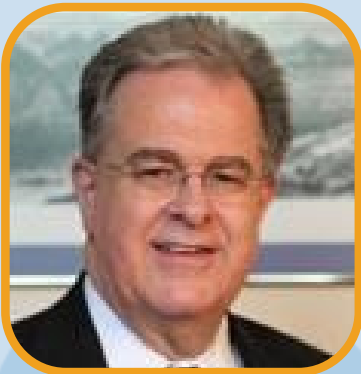


Lorena Gloden, Perrysburg Rotary President, and Tim Ryan, Environmental Chair, shake hands after Perrysburg Rotary agreed to form an Environmental Sustainability Committee.

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Monday, August 23rd Recap

[Watch Meeting
Video HERE](#)



Thomas Gouttierre
Afghanistan Expert

"How The Taliban Won"

On Monday, Tom joined our Club via Zoom for a timely informative program about Afghanistan. Tom shared a bit of the history of the Taliban and how Afghanistan has changed over the years. The program was captivating. To watch the meeting in its entirety, please click the link above.

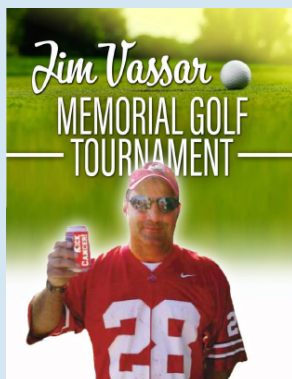
Thomas Gouttierre became a master pastry chef at 18 while working in a family bakery in Maumee, Ohio. He and his wife Marylu went to Afghanistan in 1965 as Peace Corps Volunteers; they returned in 1969 when Tom received a Fulbright Scholarship. In 1971 Tom became Executive Director of the USA Fulbright Foundation in Afghanistan.

Gouttierre served as Dean of International Studies & Programs (IS&P) and Director of the Center for Afghanistan Studies at the University Nebraska Omaha from 1974 until he retired in 2015. He also served as Dean of IS&P at the University Nebraska Medical Center from 1987 until 2010.

Throughout his time in Afghanistan, Gouttierre was coach of the Afghanistan National Basketball Team. Tom was featured in Sports Illustrated as the "Wizard of Kabul." For the full story, click this link: <https://vault.si.com/vault/2013/07/22/the-wizard-of-kabul>.

Gouttierre joined the Rotary Club of Omaha in 1975; he served as club president in 1995-96. In addition, Tom and Marylu have 3 sons and 5 grandchildren. They have lived in the same house – the only house they have ever owned – in the Dundee neighborhood throughout their 47 years in Omaha. All members of the Gouttierre family are passionate fans of Detroit Tigers baseball!

SAVE THE DATES



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Brandywine
COUNTRY CLUB

All proceeds benefit the
Rotary Club of Toledo,
American Brain Tumor
Association and Promedica
Total Rehab.



We are doing it again!
The Axe Out Polio Fundraiser
October 21st, 2021
More information to come.

MESA Ride!



Mark Your Calendars!

MESA Bike Tour
September 18th - 22nd
More Information to come!



Rotary Conferences

District 6600 Peace Conference

October 30th, 2021
Lorain Community College
Elyria, Ohio

District 6600 Conference

May 13th - 15th, 2022
Geneva-on-the-Lake
Geneva, Ohio

Rotary International Conference

June 4th - 8th, 2022
Houston, Texas

Rotary DATES

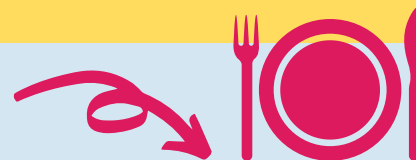
Upcoming Monday Meetings

September 6th
NO MEETING
Labor Day Holiday

September 13th
BACK @ Toledo Club
Dan Cummins
The Changes in Broadcasting

September 20th
Robin Isenberg
NAMI

September 27th
Dr. Stephen Lowell Swisher
Finding Ultimate Success in
Business & Life



Click HERE to
purchase your
lunch ticket online.

Upcoming Committee Meetings

September 13th
Community Services - 1 PM

September 17th
International Services - 8 AM
Zoom Only

September 27th
Program Committee - 1 PM

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Months Available for Sponsorship

February

April



Weekly Meeting Sponsor Benefits—One Month Commitment

- Weekly Spoke promo—Quarter page/full color ad.
 - 4 promos—Hotlink to your website
- Weekly Mail Chimp email sent to all members Monday morning
 - Featured as weekly sponsor—4 promos
- Logo featured weekly in the Monday meeting Power-Point
- Logo featured weekly in the pre-meeting Power-Point
- Logo featured on our website throughout the Rotary year beginning the month of your sponsorship—hotlink to your website
- President announces your company/organization as this month's sponsor in his/her opening and closing remarks

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