

TOLEDO ROTARY SPOKE

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**BACK AT THE TOLEDO CLUB
FOR IN PERSON MEETINGS**



Dan Cummins
Broadcaster/Journalist

41 Years in Broadcasting

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Dan Cummins' face is familiar as the Emmy Award-winning WTOL 11 former sports director and he is now seen daily as the noon newscast anchor with Amanda Fay, and on the early evening Fox newscast. He's also instrumental during WTOL's Big Board Friday nights.

Born and raised in Peoria, Illinois, Dan says he knew early on he wanted to have a career in television sports. After high school, he went to Illinois State University where he earned a BA in Mass Communication. In 2014, he was honored as a "Distinguished Alumni from ISU."

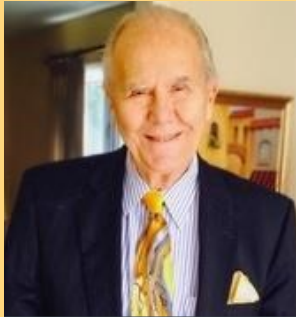
Dan says he first got a taste of show business when he starred as Charlie Brown in a high school senior play. He says television is all he ever wanted to do. After working as the weekend sports anchor for a station in his hometown of Peoria, he came to WTOL in 1980. He began as a weekend sports anchor and sports reporter at WTOL, then earned a promotion to assistant sports director. Then, when veteran sports anchor Orris Tabner retired in February 1996, Dan became the sports director.

His favorite memory while working for WTOL 11 is covering the Fiesta Bowl in which the Buckeyes won the National Championship in overtime. Dan says he worked from 9 a.m. on Friday through 5 a.m. on Saturday doing live reports. He's covered the World Series, Super Bowl, and Heisman Trophy ceremony.

Dan and his wife Barb have seven children between them. They enjoy four grandchildren. He is a workout nut, exercising several days a week.

Make-A-Wish is special to Dan's heart. He says the organization was very supportive when his stepson Steven had cancer. Steven has recovered now, but Dan and his family feel a strong commitment to Make-A-Wish. Dan has served on the organization's board and emceed many of the group's events. In 2012, Dan was inducted into the Toledo City League Athletic Hall of Fame.

In Memory of Rotarian Romilio (Rome) Marinelli



Rome was born in the Abruzzo region of Italy in November, 1928 and immigrated to the United States in 1930 where his parents eventually settled in Philadelphia. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy after high school in 1946 where he served two years. This experience allowed him to graduate from Villanova University in 1952 under the GI Bill. Soon after, he met the love of his life, Teresa, and they married in June, 1953. They started and raised their young family in Philadelphia until a new career opportunity brought them to Toledo in September 1963.

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Rome was a pioneer in automobile financing, beginning his career with GMAC in the Philadelphia and Delaware area. He was recruited by Yegen & Associates, a bank service company resulting in the move to Toledo. Under the Yegen and First National Bank of Toledo agreement, he became very successful in popularizing automobile leasing, traditional lending and auto dealership floor plan financing in the Toledo area. He made it a point to know all the salespeople and owners of the automobile dealerships in town. He made many life-long friends through his business associations priding himself in remembering people's names and where they worked. After the acquisition of First National Bank by Fifth Third Bank, he established and ran Rome Marinelli & Associates /Rome Marinelli Motor Cars with his son-in-law, Mark Frederick, until 2015. He sold quality used cars, financed mobile homes and developed other lending relationships helping a number of small local businesses.

Rome was also incredibly proud of his family, his Italian heritage, and his Philadelphia roots. He and Teresa often entertained business associates treating them to homemade Italian meals. Dedicated in their Catholic faith, they were generous donors and volunteers to area Catholic schools and institutions. Rome's hobbies once included running, even participating in 10K runs, and woodworking projects. He was most famous for his bread baking skills, taking the time to deliver his homemade loaves to family and friends.

Left to cherish his memory are his five children, Vincent (Deborah), Carol (Dennis) Montz, Janet (Ron) Badyna, MaryAnn Frederick (Gary Mertes), Lisa (Matthew) Walsh; seven grandchildren, Allen (Monika) Montz, Kristen (Christopher) Parks, Michael (Kate) Frederick, Daniel (Nikita) Frederick, Joseph (Nicole) Marinelli, Victoria Frederick, Andrew Marinelli; three great-grandchildren, Isaac, Lukas, Gemma; sisters, Rosemary Hennelly, Rita McAnally, JoAnn (James) Chadwick; son-in-law and business partner, Mark Frederick.

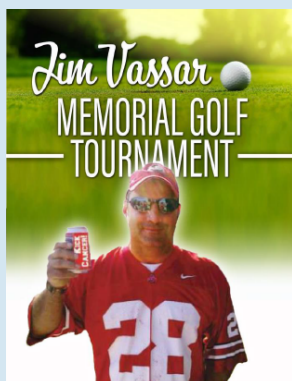
He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Teresa; his parents; sister, Rema Giordano; brothers-in-law, Guy Giordano, James McAnally, James Hennelly.

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October 30th, 2021

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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 20th

Robin Isenberg
NAMI

September 27th

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

October 4th

Scott Nelson
RI Plant Based Diet Challenge

October 11th

NO MEETING



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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

Monday, August 30th Recap

Watch Meeting
Video [HERE](#)



Dr. Romules Durant

#MAC2020: Bringing Education to Industry

On Monday, Dr. Durant gave us an exciting presentation on the good work TPS is doing to support post secondary education. TPS is providing groundbreaking programs working with local businesses and trades to launch our students with the skills to succeed after they graduate from high school. To watch the program in its entirety, click the link above.

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!

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