

# TOLEDO ROTARY SPOKE

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## Monday, November 15th, 2021



**Anthony (Tony) Washington**  
Bitwise

### ZOOM LINK!

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

Zoom Meeting ID:  
628 349 736

Anthony grew up in Reseda, California. His father was accepted to University of Dayton Law School. While in Dayton, his family started the Non-Profit, *Workplace Reconnections*, a program to help formerly incarcerated persons connect to the resources to break the vicious cycle of repeat-offending. While his father helped their clients, Tony ran a peer mentorship group named "Breaking the Stereotype", a group where he would take the children of their clients to community events to fundraise, educate, and open the vision of these high risk youth. After High School, Tony was recruited to play football at University of Toledo, where he majored in international marketing and business. After graduation, he found himself in social work, working with developmentally delayed children for 3 years. After social work, he began a series of sales/marketing positions, until he was hired by Bitwise to combine his business skill set, with his social work background to make a difference in all levels of business here in the Toledo community.

Anthony Washington will speak of Bitwise's plans to not only bring nearly 400 full-time jobs to northwest Ohio, train diverse populations to earn high-paying jobs in the technology sector, and generate more than \$20 million in new annual payroll — but to also use the former Jefferson Center as a civic center of sorts that will benefit the surrounding community.

Bitwise's venture to Toledo — its first expansion outside of California — happened through a partnership with ProMedica earlier this year. The former Jefferson Center building, which was built as Toledo's central post office in 1911, and later became a vocational rehabilitation center owned by Toledo Public Schools, was purchased by the non-profit health care system in 2019 for \$1.2 million.

Seizing on the opportunity to use the building as an incubator hub that could potentially grow technology-based jobs in an area famous for its automotive and manufacturing background, ProMedica was strategic in partnering with Bitwise, a Fresno, Calif.-based company known for expanding into cities they deem "underdog cities."

***As a friendly reminder,  
Meetings from now through  
December 22nd will be in the Belvedere Room  
at The Toledo Club.***

***The Belvedere Room is on the 4th Floor at the club.  
There will be signage in the elevator to remind you.  
Thanks for your understanding!***

**Please be advised that going forward,  
Jaci Bugaj is now the sole  
employee in the  
Rotary Club of Toledo office.  
As Executive Director, she can assist  
you with all of your needs.**

**Feel free to reach out to her  
via email at  
[jbugaj@toledorotary.org](mailto:jbugaj@toledorotary.org)  
or call the office at  
419-241-7060**

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Club Foundation**



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*Save the  
Date!*

Join us for our  
lunch program on  
**Monday,  
December 6th**  
where we  
celebrate  
**Foundation Day!**

Learn about the  
good our Foundation  
has been doing in  
the last year. You  
won't want to miss it!

**2021-2022**

**1st Cycle Grant Requests**

**Awarded: \$51,275**

**Community Services:**

Aurora Project - \$10,000

Keep Toledo Lucas County Beautiful - \$10,000

**International Services:**

Missions International of America - \$10,000

**Vocational Services:**

StartHuddle - \$3,775

**Water Services:**

Cleveland Water Alliance - \$10,000

**Youth Services:**

Read for Literacy, Inc. - \$7,500

## Monday, November 1st Recap



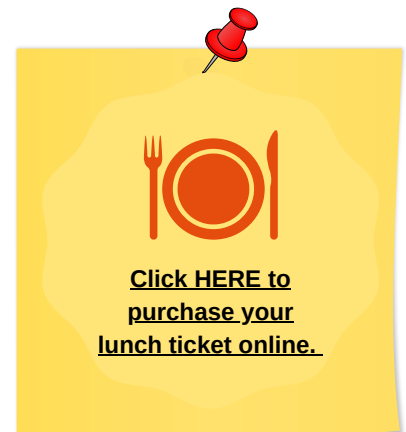
**Sean Donegan**  
President & CEO  
Satelytics

[Watch Meeting  
Video HERE](#)

On Monday, November 1st, we were joined by Sean Donegan, the President and CEO of Satelytics. Satelytics is a software company, producing geospatial analytics for early detection, location, and — in many instances — quantification of our customers' most pressing challenges.

With his energetic leadership style, Sean has always believed in building talented teams whose members are laser-focused on problem solving, results, and financial objectives. Sean led a great program, where he highlighted real satellite examples of his work and inserted a little humor along the way.

*For more information and to view the program in it's entirety, please click the link above.*



CELEBRATE THE  
HOLIDAY SEASON WITH US!

*Rotary Club of  
Toledo's*

# Annual Holiday Party

*Join us for a bit of holly jolly holiday fellowship!*

We will enjoy light hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.  
Please RSVP to attend, for headcount purposes.  
Spouses and significant others are invited!

**DECEMBER 10, 2021 | 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM**

**TOLEDO COUNTRY CLUB**  
3949 RIVER RD, TOLEDO, OH 43614

### Upcoming Monday Meetings

**November 22nd**

**Jamie Adams**

Hacking and Ransomware Problems  
Plaguing our Community

**November 29th**

**NO MEETING**

In Honor of Thanksgiving

**December 6th**

**Foundation Day**

**December 13th**

**Laura Koprowski**

TARTA - Moving the Community  
Forward



## Rotary Conferences

### District 6600 Conference

May 13th - 15th, 2022

Geneva-on-the-Lake

Geneva, Ohio

### Rotary International Conference

June 4th - 8th, 2022

Houston, Texas

## NOVEMBER MEETING SPONSOR

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Rotary Club of Toledo would like to invite your company or organization to sponsor one month of our Monday Meetings. Monthly meeting sponsorship is \$375 a month and you will receive the benefits listed below. Months that are still available are also listed below. Please email Jaci at [jbugaj@toledorotary.org](mailto:jbugaj@toledorotary.org) to reserve your month today! **Only TWO months still available**

### 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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**Toledo Rotary Website** | [toledorotary.org](http://toledorotary.org)

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**A member highlight, a committee success story, or something for the greater good.**

**Email Jaci with more details to get started!**

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THE INDUSTRY,  
WE CAN HELP.