

TOLEDO ROTARY SPOKE

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Monday, December 13th, 2021



Laura Koprowski
CEO
TARTA

ZOOM LINK!

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

Zoom Meeting ID:
628 349 736

Laura Koprowski brings 25 years of transit and transportation experience to her role as Chief Executive Officer of the Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority (TARTA). The Toledo native came home to work for TARTA in April of 2020 after serving as Executive Director of the Ohio Public Transit Association. She has a history successfully executing innovative transit projects, including the Central Ohio Transit Authority's bus system redesign and deployment of microtransit service. While at TARTA, Laura led the implementation of TARTA's Vaccine Mobile and a new focus on economic development and workforce transit solutions.

In less than two years at TARTA, Laura has helped to oversee sweeping organizational changes, leading to dramatic improvements in efficiency, customer experience, and community relationships. Most notably, she was instrumental in the success of TARTA's Issue 12 campaign, which changed TARTA's funding structure to a sales tax, expanded its service area to all of Lucas County, and set the Authority up to fund badly needed, long-term improvements.

As a public relations expert and a skilled project manager, Laura has helped transit agencies around Ohio overcome significant challenges and meet and exceed their goals. She looks forward to continued progress at TARTA which, under her direction, continues to transform itself into the forward-thinking and effective transportation option that the people of the Toledo Metropolitan area need and deserve.

Laura is a member of the Board of Directors for the Ohio Public Transit Association and the Legislative Committee of the American Public Transportation Association. Locally, she represents TARTA on the TMACOG Board; is a member of the Toledo-Lucas County Sustainability Commission; and is co-chairing the transportation working group for the Junction McClinton Nunn Choice Neighborhoods Plan. Laura earned a Masters in Public Administration from Bowling Green State University and Bachelors of Art in Political Science from Ohio University. She is a 2020 graduate of Leadership Ohio and currently serves as an ambassador for the statewide organization.

Toledo Symphony Orchestra

Join us for our Annual Christmas Program where we are joined by members of the Toledo Symphony Orchestra. A Toledo Rotary Christmas Tradition!

Monday, December 20th at 12 noon
The Toledo Club

Please RSVP to Jaci Bugaj at jbugaj@toledorotary.org if you are planning to bring a guest

Monday, December 6th Recap

Annual Foundation Day



[Watch Meeting
Video HERE](#)

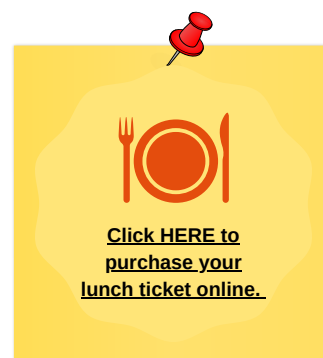
On Monday, December 6th, we were joined by Foundation Chair, Mary Mancini, to tell the story of some of our Legacy League members whose philanthropy has enabled the Foundation to build our endowment. It was a wonderful program! We also kicked off our Annual Campaign.

As an exciting update, an Anonymous donor has offered to MATCH any \$250 President's Club contribution received by December 31, 2021! Think about it - your \$250 gift will become \$500. If you are able, this is a great opportunity to double the impact your gift will have in our community and globally. If President's Club is not an option for you, please know that all gifts are tax deductible and all gifts count to our goal of \$80,000. Your gift at any level is appreciated and a great way to end 2021!

Please take a moment to donate online [here](#) or mail your gift to:

Toledo Rotary Club Foundation
c/o Greater Toledo Community Foundation
300 Madison Avenue Suite 1300
Toledo OH 43604-1583

For more information and to view the program in its entirety, please click the video link above.



Upcoming Monday Meetings

December 20th
Toledo Symphony Orchestra

December 27th
NO MEETING
In Honor of Christmas

January 3rd
NO MEETING
In Honor of New Years

January 10th
1st Meeting After the Holidays



Have an idea for a Monday
lunch program?
Submit your idea here by clicking this link:
[Program Ideas](#)

Member Highlights

We would like to resume featuring **Member Highlights and News** in the Spoke on a regular basis!

If you or a fellow club member has exciting professional or personal news to share, please email Jaci directly at jbugaj@toledorotary.org.

Please excuse the previous error, when it was stated that we would be meeting on January 3rd. There is, in fact, **NO MEETING** on that date. Thank you!

Rotary Conferences

District 6600 Conference

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

Rotary International Conference

June 4th - 8th, 2022
Houston, Texas

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Months Available for Sponsorship

February

April



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- 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
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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.**