

# TOLEDO ROTARY SPOKE

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**Monday, April 4th, 2022**



**Ambassador (ret.) Yoram Ettinger**  
Israeli Researcher and Diplomat  
The Ettinger Report

**ZOOM LINK!**

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

Zoom Meeting ID:  
628 349 736

Iran's Ayatollahs reflect Middle East violent intolerance. Their anti-US vision and policy are driven by a 1,400-year-old history." "Their ambition is not limited to the Persian Gulf and the Middle East, but extends all the way to Latin America and the US-Mexico border. Is the US avoiding or repeating mistakes, which have been committed since the 1978/79 Islamic Revolution?"

Ambassador (ret.) Yoram Ettinger has served as a diplomat, researcher, writer, lecturer, consultant, dedicated to education through well-documented, out-of-the-box and politically-incorrect thinking on US-Israel relations, Middle East affairs, the Palestinian issue, the Iranian threat, Jewish-Arab demography.

A Consultant to US and Israeli movers & shakers on US-Israel relations and Mideast affairs since 1993, 3-5 annual visits to the US – two to five weeks each - for briefings, lectures and interviews. He is the author of a weekly English and Hebrew politically-incorrect brief/article, analyzing the mutually-beneficial US-Israel cooperation, US-Israel mutual threats and challenges, the impact of the Palestinian issue on US interests, Middle East turbulence and the Jewish-Arab demographic balance.

As a co-founder of the America-Israel Demographic Research Group, he has exposed the myth of the Arab demographic time bomb, while documenting an unprecedented Jewish demographic tailwind resulting in frequently interviews by Israeli and US TV and radio via zoom and in studio. In 1989-1992 he was in-charge of Israel relations with the US Congress – with the rank of Ambassador - at Israel's Embassy in Washington, DC. Prior work includes 1988-1989 Director of Israel's Government Press Office, coordinating relations with overseas journalists.

In 1985-1988 Ambassador (ret.) Yoram Ettinger served as Israel's Consul General to the Southwestern USA, based in Houston, Texas, furthering ties with politicians, clergy, businessmen, independent oil producers, ranchers, Hispanic, Black, Christian and Jewish leaders and organizations in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. He has widely lectured on US politics as part of the Hebrew University Executive MBA Program. Other credits include 1997-2000 Alabama Trade Representative in Israel. 1976-1985 Yoram was head of a Middle East research unit in Israel's civil service, and editor of the Contemporary Mideast Backgrounder, a newsletter, disseminated to policy-makers and public opinion molders in Hebrew, English, Spanish, French and German. The newsletter dealt with Mideast politics, US policy in the Mideast, international terrorism, the Palestinian issue, etc.

Ambassador (ret.) Yoram Ettinger has a M.S. in International Management, UCLA (1971)., CPA (certified by the AICPA), California (1970) and a B.A. in Business Administration, Univ. of Texas at El Paso (1969).

He is Married to Ora with three daughters, Tal, Adi and Deganit and three grandchildren – Noga, Roni and Guy.

**For Your Information:**  
**Monday, April 4th Meeting**  
**at Main Library - Downtown Toledo**

As a reminder, on Monday, April 4th our lunch program will again be at the Main Library Branch in Downtown Toledo.

This time we will be back on the 1st floor, in the Glass Classroom.

Parking is covered and free.

We will have a catered lunch available at our normal \$15 rate.

Please try to pay with exact change if cash, otherwise credit card and check are accepted.

We invite you to arrive as early as 11:30 to grab a bite to eat!



## Monday, March 28th Recap



**Chester "Chet" Trail**  
Director of Diversity and Inclusion  
Sylvania City Schools

[Watch Meeting  
Video HERE](#)

*On Monday, March 28th, we were joined by Chet Trail, of Sylvania Schools. Chet discussed his history playing professional baseball, and how he ended up working in Diversity and Inclusion locally. To watch the meeting in it's entirety, please see the video link above.*

### Upcoming Monday Meetings

**April 11th**  
Randy Box  
MESA Update  
At Main Library

**April 18th**  
No Meeting  
In Honor of Easter

**April 25th**  
Nina Corder  
Women of Toledo

## Seeking Volunteers - We want you to join us! Glendale-Feilbach Day at Camp Miakonda

**Tuesday, April 12th**

Join us for a day of fun at Camp Miakonda!

We will be hosting students from Glendale-Feilbach School, as they play games, go fishing, visit the Wildlife Education Center, partake in a Scavenger Hunt and more!

Please use this link to sign up as an interested volunteer. We will email you with more details the week prior to our event.

<https://toledorotary.org/events-news/calendar/>



*Get your District 6600  
2022 Mustang Mach-E SUV  
raffle tickets today!*

*These ticket sales support the Seven  
Areas of Focus and Rotary  
International.*

*Click on the image to buy your tickets today!*

**Rotarian Greg Fess**  
**Appointed as Board Chair of**  
**Toledo YMCA's Camp Storer**

Please help us in congratulating Greg, as he has recently been appointed the Board Chair of the Toledo YMCA's Camp Storer, including Camp Catch a Rainbow, the camping experience for kids with cancer.



**Rotarian Erica Halada**  
**Accepts New Position as**  
**Senior Ambassador for Folds of Honor Chapter**  
**at American Interiors**

Please help us in congratulating Erica, as she recently became the Senior Ambassador for Folds of Honor Chapter at American Interiors.



Folds of Honor is a 501(C)(3) nonprofit organization, rated a four-star charity by Charity Navigator and platinum on Guide Star, that provides educational scholarships to the families of military men and women who have fallen or been disabled while on active duty in the United States armed forces.



To learn more about the organization, visit:  
<http://americaninteriors.foldsofhonor.org/>

**ANNOUNCING THE 2022 FOUR-WAY**  
**TEST SPEECH CONTEST**

The Four-Way Test Speech Contest is an annual opportunity for Toledo area high school students to share their perspective on important issues in our world today and apply the Rotary Four-Way Test. For more information and submission guidelines click the image below!

Deadline for entries: Friday, April 15, 2022

Awards announced: no later than  
 Monday, May 9th, 2022



**Rotary District 6600 offers matching donations up to \$50,000**  
**for Disaster Response Fund,**  
**to Prioritize the Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis**

All contributions need to be made to the Rotary Disaster Response fund by April 30, 2022, so that these donations are prioritized for the Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis. If we raise more than \$50,000 between March 6 and April 30, District Governor Mary AufdenKampe will suggest we make a contribution to ShelterBox.

The generosity of District 6600 Rotarians has always exceeded expectations. I know our hearts are breaking for the people of Ukraine. I do not wish to put any stress on you personally, just do what you can, whatever you can, in service to others. I am thankful for each of you.

To donate online at rotary.org visit <https://my.rotary.org/en/disaster-response-fund>.





## Happenings and Upcoming Events!

### Committee Chair Grant Process Review

If you are a current Service Committee Chair, you have received an email from Jaci requesting your attendance on **Monday, April 4th at 1 pm**, immediately following the lunch at Main Library). Cindy Binkley will be facilitating a review meeting, as we enter our 3rd Cycle for Community Grants. Please RSVP directly to Jaci (if you haven't already).

### NOMINATE AN OVER-ACHIEVER!

#### 20 UNDER 40 Nomination Deadline June 30

Nominations for the 27th annual 20 Under 40 Leadership Recognition program that salutes young, dynamic leaders under the age of 40 will be accepted through June 30, 2022.

The 20 Under 40 program focuses on individuals in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan who have distinguished themselves in their careers and/or as volunteers in their community.

To submit a nomination, go to [www.20under40toledo.com](http://www.20under40toledo.com) and complete the electronic form before midnight on Thursday, June 30, 2022.

Minimal information is required—name, company and email address of the nominee. To be eligible, candidates must be under 40 years of age as of June 30, 2022.

### Maumee Rotary Invites You to Attend Fundraiser

Complimentary Tickets!!

Please RSVP Directly to Sharon Trabbic  
by 9 am Friday morning (4/1/22)

Email [sharon@trabbic.com](mailto:sharon@trabbic.com) or text at 419-344-2881



Saturday, February 26, 2022

Cocktails at 5pm  
Dinner at 6:30pm

Parkway Place  
2592 Parkway Plaza  
Maumee, OH

Martha's Vineyard Nautical Attire

To purchase tickets or donate:  
<https://maumeerotary.home.qtego.net/>



### Golf League is Looking for Subs and Potential Full Time Players!

The following are the dates we will be playing this year:

May 13 at Toledo Country Club

June 10 at TBD

June 17 Downtown at Epilepsy golf, details to come later

July 8 at Stone Oak Country Club

August 19 at Sylvania Country Club

September 23 Belmont Country Club

Please email Past President Brad Rubini if you are interested.

[brad@toledospring.com](mailto:brad@toledospring.com)

# ROTARY AFTER HOURS

Rotary  
District 6600  
Areas 3 & 4

LOURDES  
UNIVERSITY

TRY OUR  
COMPETITION  
BEER  
BREWED ON  
CAMPUS!

APRIL 28TH  
6-8 PM

LOURDES  
UNIVERSITY

EBEID HALL  
6832 CONVENT BLVD.  
SYLVANIA, OH 43560

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#)



LEARN ABOUT LOURDES' CRAFT BEVERAGE PROGRAM. MEET THE BREWERS. TOUR THE FACILITY. MIX AND MINGLE WITH FELLOW ROTARIANS.



*As we get closer to this Community Food Packing Event,  
we want to remind you to Register to Volunteer!*

*You can click the image of the flyer to register directly, as well as make a contribution to  
support a few meals!*

*Each meal costs just 35 cents, so your dollars make a great difference.*



**April 9 @ St. John's High School**  
Join us for the  
*SewHope Community Food Packing Event*

SewHope and the Kids Coalition Against Hunger are partnering with SeaGate Food Bank and Toledo Rotary Clubs to host a Community Food Packing Event! The need for food is urgent and great in both Toledo and Guatemala, as families are pushed to brink of starvation and beyond. In 2020 alone, SewHope distributed over 35,000 emergency food packs to starving families in Guatemala. In the Toledo area, 1 in 5 children face food insecurity and daily hunger.

**Join us in our goal to raise funds and people-power to pack 50,000 meals!**

*Help us feed hungry children down the street and around the world!*



Packing Event Shifts

**1st Shift: 8am-10:30pm**

**2nd Shift: 10am-12:30pm**



Image: In 2020, a white flag flies over the home of a Guatemalan family who resigned themselves to die of starvation.

**For more information or to get involved, visit:  
[sewhope.org/community-food-packing-event](https://sewhope.org/community-food-packing-event)**

**St John's Jesuit  
5901 Airport Highway  
Toledo, OH 43615**

## Rotary Conferences

### District 6600 Conference

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

### Rotary International Conference

June 4th - 8th, 2022  
Houston, Texas

## APRIL MEETING SPONSOR



*Serving People Saving Lives*  
*Adult Outpatient Substance Abuse Disorder Treatment*

## Thank you to our 2021-2022 Meeting Sponsors

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### January Sponsor



### February Sponsor



### March Sponsor



### April Sponsor



*Serving People Saving Lives*  
*Adult Outpatient Substance Abuse Disorder Treatment*

### July & September Sponsor



### November & June Sponsor



### December Sponsor



### May Sponsor



## MONTHLY MEETING SPONSOR

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!



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### 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

### **Club Officers and Directors**

**President** | Bob DiNardo

**President-Elect** | Cindy Binkley

**Vice President** | Travis Tangeman

**Board Members** | Donna Bogan, Janina Douglas, Scot Hinshaw, Heather Karns, Steve Miller, Kevin Mullan, Pat Sheehan, Kendra Smith

### **Foundation Officers and Trustees**

**Chairman** | Mary Mancini

**Vice Chairman** | Brian Kennedy

**Secretary-Treasurer** | Mike McIntyre

**Trustees** | Brent Cousino, Jim Layman, Dean Niese, Sharon Skilliter, Joe Tafelski, Dick Wolff

### **Staff**

**Executive Director** | Jaci Bugaj

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

### **Rotary International**

**President** | Shekhar Mehta

**Governor, District 6600** | Mary L. Aufdenkampe

**Area 4 Assistant Governor** | Gary Newton

**RI Website** | [rotary.org](http://rotary.org)

***Would you like to submit a story to be featured in The Spoke?***

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

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

**NO MATTER  
THE INDUSTRY,  
WE CAN HELP.**