

TOLEDO ROTARY SPOKE

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Monday, May 23rd, 2022



Coach Tricia Cullop

Women's Basketball
University of Toledo

Coach Tod Kowalczyk

Men's Basketball
University of Toledo



ZOOM LINK!

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

Zoom Meeting ID:
628 349 736

Meeting at
Main Library
Glass Classroom
1st Floor

Head coach Tod Kowalczyk has turned the University of Toledo men's basketball program into one of the best in the Mid-American Conference during his decade-plus run at the Rockets' helm. Toledo's mentor will enter the 2022-23 campaign looking to continue a run of success that has elevated the Rockets into one of the top mid-major programs in the country.

Last year, Toledo captured its second straight outright Mid-American Conference title, marking the first time in school history the Rockets have accomplished that feat. UT registered a 17-3 record in league play to follow up its 15-4 conference mark in the 2020-21 season. The Rockets' 26 wins were their second-most victories ever en route to a third appearance in the National Invitation Tournament in the last four years.

In 2018-19, Toledo tallied the third-most victories (25) in program history, captured its second straight outright MAC West Division title and earned a berth in the National Invitation Tournament.

Now in his 13th year at Toledo, Kowalczyk has guided the Rockets to six 20-win seasons in the last nine years and has posted a 193-103 win-loss mark during this stretch.

In fact, the only losing season Kowalczyk has experienced at the helm of the Rockets was in his first season. Toledo posted a 4-28 ledger in 2010-11 before posting a 15-win improvement in Year Two and capturing a share of the MAC West Division title the following season.

Those building blocks evolved into a 2013-14 campaign that brought unprecedented success for the Rockets. Toledo established a school record with 27 victories that season, captured a share of its eighth league regular-season title and appeared in its eighth National Invitation Tournament.

Kowalczyk's imprint hasn't been felt just on the hardwood. One of the most respected coaches nationally, Kowalczyk served as the chair of the NCAA's Division I Men's Basketball Ethics Coalition from 2018-20.

Entering her 14th season at the helm of the Toledo women's basketball program, head coach Tricia Cullop has rebuilt a Mid-American Conference powerhouse.

Toledo has hung eight postseason banners in Cullop's time patrolling the sidelines, including a 2011 Postseason WNIT championship, one MAC Championship, two MAC regular-season and four MAC West Division banners from the rafters of Savage Arena. Considering the Rockets experienced five-consecutive losing campaigns prior to Cullop's arrival, Toledo's turnaround has truly been a testament to her coaching ability.

Under Cullop's guidance, the Midnight Blue & Gold has amassed an impressive 267-152 overall record and a 142-84 conference mark. Her 267 wins are the most in program history. UT is also averaging a MAC-best 20.5 wins over the last 13 seasons. Individually, 13 Rockets have earned All-MAC honors on 30 occasions.

Cullop, who has a 390-262 record in her 21-year coaching career, was named the Toledo head coach on April 18, 2008, becoming the ninth coach in the program's history.

A 1993 graduate of Purdue University, Cullop received a bachelor's degree in communications. As a four-year letterwinner with the Boilermakers, she was part of three-straight NCAA Championship teams (1989-90, 1990-91, 1991-92) that won Purdue's first-ever Big Ten championship. Cullop was a team captain in 1992-93 and a three-time academic All-Big Ten selection under head coach Lin Dunn. A 2018 Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame honoree, she was named the Purdue Mortar Board Female Student-Athlete of the Year in 1993.

A native of Bicknell, Ind., Cullop was a 1989 High School All-American at North Knox High School. She was also a member of the North Squad in the 1991 U.S. Sports Festival.

Cullop, who served as President of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) during the 2019-20 and 2020-21 membership years, is the daughter of the late Theodore and Jannette Cullop, and has two sisters, Tammy and Tracy

Monday, May 16th Recap



Mike Koralewski
First Solar

Watch Meeting
Video [HERE](#)

On Monday, May 16th, we were joined by Mike Koralewski, the Chief Manufacturing Operations Officer from First Solar, who provided us with a company update.

To watch the meeting in it's entirety, please see the video link above.

Upcoming Monday Meetings

(All at Main Library)

May 30th

NO MEETING

In honor of Memorial Day

June 6th

Kirk Vashaw

Spangler Candy CEO

June 13th

Nick Eyde

Fiberglass Tower Update

**We Urge You to Attend
May 23rd Meeting at Main Library - 12 noon**

Notice of Membership Vote on Updated Constitution and By-laws

On Monday, May 23rd at Main Library, our club members will be asked to vote on our proposed Constitution and By-laws.

As our Constitution currently states members shall be notified in writing or electronically of proposed amendments at least ten (10) days before such meeting, please consider this your notice.

To view the proposed documents, click this link:

toledorotary.org/proposed-constitution-and-bylaws-2022-version/



Monday Meeting Reminder for Non-Eaters

Please note that we have reinstated our \$5 non-eater fee for all meetings going forward. This will be accepted via cash or credit card.

If you are having the catered lunch, cost remains at \$15.



Local Film Screening

Sunday, June 12, 2022
Maumee Indoor Theatre
601 Conant St, Maumee, OH

5:30 PM
(doors open at 4:30pm for a meet and greet)
[RSVP Here](#)

Lake Erie Waterkeeper presents a screening of The Erie Situation, in partnership with Plastic Oceans International and Great Lakes Outreach Media.

Director, David J. Ruck, other filmmakers, subjects in the film and local experts will be on hand for a pre-screening meet and greet, as well as for an in-depth discussion on the issues raised in the film.

COST: Suggested donation of \$10, but not required.

The Rotary Golf League Invites You to a Day of Open Fellowship!



The Epilepsy Center Practically Golf Tournament

Friday, June 17th
From 1 - 4 PM

The Blarney
601 Monroe St., Toledo

- Time is 1:00 "shotgun start"
- Cost will be \$60 per player.
- Below is a link and QR code to register specifically for the Rotary Golf League.
- If two teams want to be paired up with each other they can note that in the comment section on the registration form.
- We will make sure that the Rotary Golf League players are all grouped close together on holes to encourage competition.
- We also will have a trophy for the winning Rotary Golf Team with the Rotary logo etched on it. (See image).



The tournament typically takes just a couple of hours and is usually over by 3:30 or 4 pm, depending on the amount of players. You are welcome to arrive early for lunch before play, or stay for cocktails after play. It is sure to be a fun time for fellowship!



[Click Here to Register](#)
[or Use the QR Code!](#)



Join your fellow Rotarians in The Nest as you mingle before and during the Mudhens game at

Party in the NEST AT THE MUDHENS

Enjoy the view of Fifth Third Field and the city on the partially-covered outdoor deck, located on the ballpark's second level.



Rotary
Club of Toledo



Friday
MAY 27TH

6:00–8:00 P.M.
(Game begins at 7:05 P.M.)

\$25/pp

Includes buffet and game ticket
Guests are welcome. RSVP by May 22.

For tickets, contact the Rotary Office or visit
<https://toledorotary.org/events-news/calendar/2022/05/toledomudhens/>

Toledo Rotarians
and Guest
are invited to a

CRUISE

Rotary Club of Toledo

ON THE SANDPIPER

Sunday
JUNE 12, 2022
5:00–7:00 P.M.

Light Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served
(You may bring your own beverage as well)

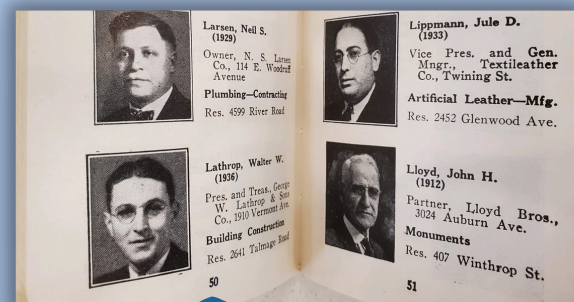
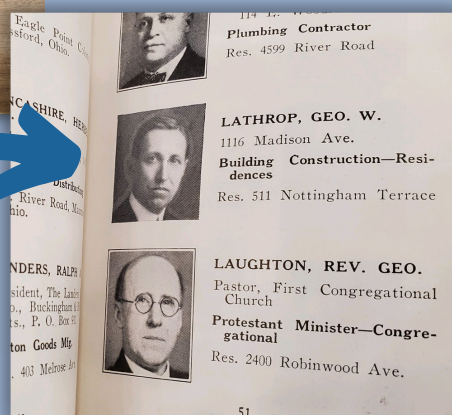
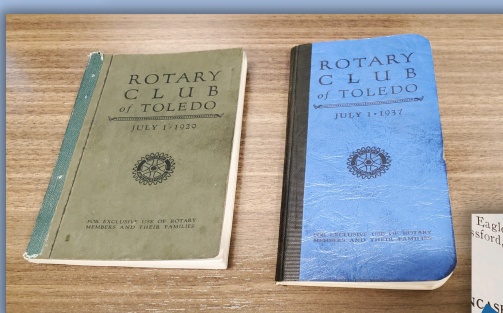
\$25/pp

For tickets, contact the Rotary Office or visit
<https://toledorotary.org/events-news/calendar/2022/06/sandpircruise/>



Recently, we posted about all of our extra historical Club directories. Rotarian and antique collector, Nelson Shaffer noticed a familiar name in some of the directories and called a friend.

Listed in the 1929 directory is George W. Lathrop, founder of George W. Lathrop & Sons Co. Listed in the 1937 directory is Walter W. Lathrop, George W.'s son. Nelson took to sharing these directories with George Lathrop, Great Grandson to George W. and Grandson of Walter W.



Rotary Conferences

Rotary International Conference

June 4th - 8th, 2022

Houston, Texas

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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 to reserve your month today!



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- 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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RI Website | 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.**