

TOLEDO ROTARY SPOKE

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Monday, June 13th, 2022



Nick Eyde
Project Developer Manager
Eyde Company

Meeting at
Main Library
Glass Classroom
1st Floor

ZOOM LINK!

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

Zoom Meeting ID:
628 349 736

In August of 2019, Nick Eyde of the Lansing-based Eyde Company moved to Toledo to work on the \$44 million renovation plan of the 28-floor Owens Corning Fiberglas Tower, Toledo's 2nd tallest skyscraper. The Tower on the Maumee was constructed as the Fiberglass Tower in the late 1960's, designed by New York architects Harrison and Abramovitz on the site of Riverview. The building is exceptionally significant as an International Style office tower and remains the most significant Modernist architectural landmark in the city. The building has been nominated to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The renovation is the biggest job of Nick Eyde's career.

The Eyde Company's spectacular renovation of Toledo's 400-foot-tall Owens Corning tower, abandoned since 1998 and nearly left to rot, has brought a mid-century Modern landmark back to life. Residents now occupy the top 11 floors with the units being one and two bedroom modern apartments and range from about 700 square feet to 1,265 square feet. Office tenants are in place on three other floors, and about 70,000 square feet of retail space was leased.

"We are still working on floors two through 13," Eyde said. But after several well-chronicled false starts, Eyde helped shift momentum, secured tax credits, and shepherded the redevelopment home. Residents have begun moving into some of the 106 upscale apartments planned for the top 11 floors.

The Eyde family business — land development and construction — ultimately prepared him, along with his brothers and sisters, for challenges like the Tower on the Maumee. But for Nick Eyde there was a detour — six years playing American football in Europe, most notably for the Italian Serie A Bolzano Giants. As with the Tower project, Eyde was the quarterback, whose exploits and long passes still live on YouTube.

It was 2006, and Nick Eyde was flinging it as the quarterback for the Bolzano Giants, 4,400 miles from his home in Lansing, Mich., and triple that from the NFL. Eyde had starred at Gustavus Adolphus College, a Division III school in Minnesota where he studied religious history, then set off to see the world playing pro football. Nick spent two seasons in Austria, then four touring the Italian Football League, from Rome to Bolzano in the northern Alps. Playing in the outsized shadow of that other foot sport, the quality of play was not great.

Teams fielded a max of five foreign players while most of the Italians played for fun after their day jobs. The locals quite literally were Playing for Pizza — the title of Grisham's 2007 book about a former Browns quarterback who revives his career in Italy — paid in food after games.

But Eyde's improv style suited him well. Think Doug Flutie. The 6-foot American always seemed to find a way. In 2006, Bolzano was improbably tied in the dying seconds with the Bergamo Lions, the eight-time reigning champions and winners of 73 straight games. With no time left, Nick hurled a 35-yard Ave Maria to the end zone and into history.

"We had grown men on the team crying," Eyde said.

The Giants' 20-14 win also proved poetic grist for Grisham, whose book ends with the protagonist launching a Hail Mary to beat undefeated Bergamo.

After the season, Nick Eyde returned home to Lansing to work for his family's development company and soon became the point man on their big money pit in Toledo. The Eyde Co. bought the Fiberglas Tower in 1998 — two years after Owens Corning left the building — and its only tenants since were asbestos and water-damaged rot. The region's top economic development official warned in 2003, "Every option has been exhausted."

Eyde figured his first Hail Mary would be his last. Then he came to Toledo. How long is this pass?

"More than my arm can throw," he said.

He and his wife Gaia have two children (George and MaryAnn) and live in Sylvania, Ohio.

Join us on Monday, June 20th for our program at Middlegrounds Metropark downtown at 12 noon, when we will be joined by bike riders from various Rotary Clubs across District 6600.

The proposed itinerary is below.

If you are interested in registering for the ride, you can visit this link: [MESA RIDE](#)

Using that link, you can also donate directly.

For any questions or to email you registration, please email Randy at Grbox1@frontier.com or Jerry at jerry.peacock@bex.net

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**6/19 Picnic Lunch (11-1) at
M.E.S.A. Warehouse
Ride to North Baltimore –
Bowling Green -Perryburg**

**6/20 Ride to Toledo (Rotary
meeting) – Maumee (Rotary
Pavilion) – Metropark's
Cannaley Treehouse Village
Dinner at Waterville (Rotary
meeting)**

**6/21 Ride to Wauseon –
Archbold – Stryker –
Montpellier – Bryan
(Overnight)**

**6/22 Ride to Hicksville –
Antwerp – Defiance
(overnight)**

**6/23 Ride to
Napoleon (Rotary meeting) –
Bowling Green(overnight)**

**6/24 Ride to North Baltimore –
Fostoria M.E.S.A. Warehouse**

Monday, June 6th Recap



SpanglerCandy

Kirkland B. Vashaw
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Spangler Candy Company



Watch Meeting
Video [HERE](#)

On Monday, June 6th, we were joined by Kirk Vashaw of Spangler Candy, who provided us with an update on the company, the dynamics of operating a family business, and the sugar industry. To watch the meeting in it's entirety, please see the video link above.

Upcoming Monday Meetings

June 20th

*MESA Bike Ride Social
at Middlegrounds Metropark*

June 27th

*Yark Dealerships
at Main Library*

July 4th

NO MEETING



Membership Dues - Invoices for New Rotary Year

Please be advised that we have sent out invoices for the upcoming Rotary year (July 1st, 2022 thru June 30th, 2023).

Fiscal responsibility by all members will be required to meet our budget. Please pay your dues no later than June 23. To accommodate personal budget constraints, members will have the option to make 2 payments (50% in June and 50% in December). Of course, full payment by June 23 is preferred!

If you cannot make your payment by June 23 and you plan to renew your membership, please contact Jaci no later than June 23, along with a plan for payment.

All members that have not paid their dues or contacted Jaci by June 23 will be removed from our Club's membership rolls. This will allow us to avoid paying membership fees to Rotary International and our District, which total \$156/member/year. Membership will be reinstated once dues are paid.

You can pay via check sent to the Rotary office, or directly online here: [PAY DUES](#)

If you have not received a copy of your invoice, or need to discuss further with our office, please contact Jaci directly via email at jbugaj@toledorotary.org.

'Tis the Season to Sign Up For A New Club Committee!

As our new Rotary year is quickly approaching (starting July 1st, 2022), we ask that all Rotarians update their committee selection for the new year.

We have many great committees in our club, and it is a perfect way to meet new Rotarians, and socialize. Our service committees are also an integral part of how we give back to our local community.

To select committees that interest you, please visit this link: [Committee Selection Form](#)

Toledo Rotarians and Guest
are invited to a

SUNSET CRUISE

Rotary
Club of Toledo

THE
SANDPIPER
OPERATED BY JEN TRAVIS LLOYD

ON THE SANDPIPER

Saturday
August 13, 2022

7:00 – 9:00 P.M.

Dessert and beverages will be served
(You may bring your own beverage as well)

\$15/pp

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

*Please note new
date for this event!*

*We are now sailing
on Saturday, August
13th for a Sunset
Cruise!*

*If you previously
bought a ticket, we
have already
reached out to you.*

*Click the image to
buy your ticket
today!*

ROTARY WOMEN'S NETWORKING SOCIAL

Hosted by Inclusivity & Rotary Club of Toledo

JULY 20, 2022

4:30 – 6:30 PM

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To RSVP please email jacibugaj@toledorotary.org



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

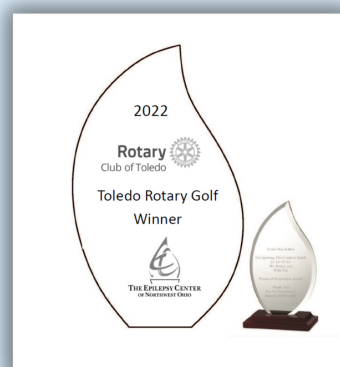
- Time is 1:00 "shotgun start"
- Cost will be \$60 per player.
- Below is a link and QR code to register specifically for the Rotary Golf League.
- If two teams want to be paired up with each other they can note that in the comment section on the registration form.
- We will make sure that the Rotary 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!](#)



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

Email Jaci with more details to get started!