



TOLEDO ROTARY SPOKE

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MONDAY, MARCH 20TH

Will Lucas is an entrepreneur and content creator. He is founder and CEO at Creadio, a marketing technology and production agency, TolHouse, a private social club located in his hometown of Toledo, OH, and he serves as Brand Manager for both AfroTech and Black Tech Green Money, where he leads brand strategy.

AfroTech is the largest Black tech digital platform and conference globally, hosting more than 18k technologists, founders, and investors in technology industries annually in for the annual conference. Black Tech Green Money is an imprint of AfroTech which explores insights for creating wealth and legacy in tech, media and business through the Black Tech Green Money podcast, which boasts an NAACP Image Award nomination (2023).

Personally committed to restoring his hometown of Toledo, Ohio's vibrancy and attractiveness to up-and-coming talent and entrepreneurs, Will purchased and is developing three buildings including more than 50,000 sq. ft. of real estate along the waterfront of the city's downtown corridor.

Outside of his business endeavors, Will was named Co-Chair of President Obama's Ohio Small Business Committee in 2012. In 2013, Governor John Kasich appointed Will to the Ohio Casino Control Commission, the state-wide regulatory body for casino gaming, and reappointed him for a second four-year term in 2017. He was then renamed to the commission for a third (and final) four-year term by Governor Mike Dewine in 2021. He was also named to serve on the University of Toledo Board of Trustees by Governor John Kasich in February 2016. Governor Kasich also appointed Lucas to the Ohio Martin Luther King Jr. Commission in 2014, and placed him as Chair of the commission in 2016. In 2019, Will was appointed to InnovateOhio Executive Advisory Board by Ohio Lieutenant Governor Jon Husted, where the mission is to make Ohio more innovative and entrepreneur friendly. Will also served as a co-chair on the transition team of Toledo Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz in 2017.

He is a songwriter and is listed as a co-writer on the track "How 'Bout It", found on the second studio album, Special Occasion, from R&B artist Bobby Valentino. The album, certified Gold by the RIAA, has sold over 500,000 copies.

*Will Lucas
Local Entrepreneur
and Creator*

[Zoom Link](#)
[Meeting ID: 628 349 736](#)



PLEASE NOTE:

**Meeting Location:
Huntington Center
Aquarium
1st Floor**

IMPORTANT: Monday Meeting (3.20.23) Will Be in Huntington Center Aquarium!



Due to another event using the ballroom, our meeting will take place in the Arena's Aquarium this week. Lunch costs remain the same.

Guests are welcome! If you know someone who would enjoy Will Lucas's presentation, please invite them to lunch.

Committee meetings will occur grouped at the lunch tables after the program concludes.

Use this entrance



***Use this parking lot.
For your GPS: "129 N. Huron,
Toledo, OH 43604"***

***You will want to park in the
RED lined spots ONLY. The
spots on the other side of the
alley are not available to use for
us Rotarians.***



Alternatively, you are always welcome to use a meter on the street near the arena.

WATCH PAST MEETING VIDEOS HERE!

Have you missed a Monday meeting and would like to hear what our guest speaker had to say? Or perhaps you attended and want to watch the replay?

Not to worry! You can always view past meeting videos here: [Past Meeting Videos](#)



If you aren't following our Club's social pages yet, click here:





MEMBER NEWS & EVENTS

Upcoming Monday Programs - Join Us!

3/27

*Joaquin Cintron Vega & Rachel Gagnon
Lucas Metropolitan Housing
Glass City Center
Ballroom - 2nd Floor*

4/3

*Larry Thompson - Back from Behind Bars:
A Firsthand Account
Glass City Center
Ballroom - 2nd Floor*

4/10

*No Meeting
In Honor of Easter*

*Thank you to March's
Meeting Sponsor:*

HARTMANN·BOGAN
Financial Planning

*Thank you to Donna Bogan and
Hartmann Bogan
for sponsoring!*

Two Opportunities for Service Projects in April!

*Save the Date for Tuesday, April 25th
and Saturday, April 29th
as we host two different service projects!*

Tuesday, April 25th will be **Camp Day** with Glendale-Feilbach students at Camp Miakonda. This event is supported by our Disability Services committee. You have the opportunity to buddy with students and explore Camp for the day!

Saturday, April 29th will be our **annual Food Pack** event partnered with other Rotary clubs in District 6600. This year's event will be directly supporting *Connecting Kids to Meals* in Toledo! This event is supported by our Community Services and Membership committees. We will be packing food bags for area families.

More specific details and a sign up link for both opportunities to come in next week's Spoke!

MEMBER NEWS & EVENTS

Toledo Area
Rotaract
Club



***Toledo Rotary is incredibly proud to welcome this new
Toledo Area Rotaract Club to our community!***

Congratulations to leaders Melvin Jackson, Evan Trowbridge, and Isabella Weik for chartering this group, with the support of Toledo Rotarians Mark Urrutia, Max Reddish, and others. District Governor Diana Savage was even present to sign the charter with these leaders! Congratulations Rotaractors!



*Signing the Charter for
the new group!*



*Isabella, Marvin, and Evan
pictured (left to right)*

***Vice Chair of Community Services Committee, Max Reddish,
is seeking additional feedback on this interest survey to participate in
Sound The Alarm through the American Red Cross.***

We have participated in this event in the past, but it has
been some time.

We would love to do this again,
if we gather enough interest.

SurveyMonkey Link here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CDVB8SB>



*(Click this image to learn more
about the program)*

MEMBER NEWS & EVENTS

The Membership Committee is pleased to bring this Social Calendar to us, as a way to highlight activities for the entire month. Please note this is updated each week as changes come.



Thanks to Rotarian Curt Church for creating a Google Calendar for you to link to your personal calendars! Here is the link: [GoogleCal](#)

MARCH 2023

TOLEDO ROTARY EVENTS

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MON

TUE

WED

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			1	2	3	4
5	6 Finance Public Image 1:00 PM	7 Coffee Connection Georgette's 8:00 AM	8	9	10	11
12	13 Program 1:00 PM	14 Book Club Poco Piat (on Central) 5:30 PM	15	16 Happy Hour 4:30 PM Inside the Five Perrysburg	17 <i>{Updated Location}</i>	18
19 <i>(Public Image was prev. scheduled for 3/6)</i>	20 Membership Environmental Public Image 1:00 PM	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 International 1:00 PM	28	29	30	31	April 1