



# TOLEDO ROTARY SPOKE

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## MONDAY, MAY 15TH

### *An Update from The Toledo Ballet*

*Eric Otto  
Artistic Director & Head of Curriculum  
Toledo Ballet*

Join us on Monday to hear from Eric Otto, the Artistic Director and Head of Curriculum at Toledo Ballet. He will update us on what the Ballet does in the community with outreach, education, and their performance opportunities.

Eric Otto was born and raised in Westchester County, New York. He began dancing at the age of seven with the School of American Ballet in New York City. He has danced professionally with the New York City Ballet, American Ballet Theatre, Metropolitan Opera Ballet, Cedar Lake Contemporary Ballet and BalletX.

He was an original cast member of Twyla Tharp's *Come Fly Away*, performing the leading role of Sid. Mr. Otto was invited to join the cast of Tharp's *Movin' Out* where he starred in the Broadway and First National Tour companies as James. He has appeared on Broadway in *The Phantom of the Opera* and toured with Twyla Tharp for her 50th Anniversary.

Mr. Otto has performed an extensive repertoire, including ballets by Frederick Ashton, George Balanchine, John Cranko, Jiri Kylian, Kenneth MacMillan, and Jerome Robbins. He has danced roles created for him by Twyla Tharp, Paul Taylor, Lynne Taylor-Corbette and Matthew Neenan.

Most recently, Eric served as the Artistic Director of the Peoria Ballet in Illinois. He has also been a Ballet Master for BalletX in Philadelphia and taught on faculty at Ballet Academy East and Peridance in NYC. He is on guest faculty with The Rock School for Dance Education and the Joffrey Academy of Dance in Chicago. Eric Otto is an ABT Certified Teacher, who has successfully completed the ABT Teacher Training Intensive in Pre-Primary through Level 6/7 and Partnering of the ABT National Training Curriculum.

As a choreographer, Eric has received commissions by Peoria Ballet Company, Albany Berkshire Ballet, The Joffrey Academy Of Dance, Saratoga Arts Fest, The Bruce Museum, Bucknell University and Skidmore College.

[Zoom Link](#)

[Meeting ID: 628 349 736](#)



**Meeting Location:**  
**Glass City Center**  
**Ballroom**  
**2nd Floor**

## Important Member News: Notice of Proposed Dues Increase

*The Toledo Rotary Board of Directors, at the recommendation of the Finance Committee, approved a proposed increase in Club membership dues.*

*The proposed increase over current rates will be:*

*\$25 increase for Under 40 members*

*\$50 increase for over 40 members*

*(No rate change for Corporate Members, and the new member entry fees remain the same)*

***The proposed new rates are as follows:***

*\$300 annually for Under 40 members*

*\$600 annually for Over 40 members*

*The club has not had an increase in membership dues since 2013.*

*Please plan to attend the Monday, May 22nd lunch program at Glass City Center, as our policy requires a membership vote to approve this recommended rate increase.*

*Per policy, a summary of financial position (audited, projected & next fiscal year budget) and current balance sheet is printed, front/back with copies placed on each table for all members.*

*President Cindy will walk members through the financial summary and current balance sheet, then ask members for questions and discussion. At that point, President Cindy entertains a motion to approve the dues increase, asks for a 2nd, all approved, any nays.*



## Committee Selection for New Rotary Year

*As we quickly wind down this current Rotary year, a friendly reminder that we will begin a new year in July.*

*Please start thinking about what Toledo Rotary means to you, and how you want to get involved;  
both in committee selection and service projects.*

*In June, we will officially begin committee selection for the 2023-2024 Rotary Year.*

*We hope that all Rotarians will sit on at least one committee and actively participate.*

*Our club continues to be great because of the hard work that our members put in, through our various service committees.*



### 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!

5/22

Keith Burwell - 50 Years of GTCF  
Glass City Center  
Ballroom - 2nd Floor

5/29

No Meeting  
In Honor of  
Memorial Day

6/5

Transformational Projects Panel Discussion  
Glass City Center  
Ballroom - 2nd Floor

Thank you to May's  
Meeting Sponsor:



Thank you to Keith Burwell and  
Greater Toledo  
Community Foundation  
for sponsoring!

*Voting Now Open!*

## Toledo Rotary Membership Awards

*Your Membership Committee is pleased to bring you a new event this year,  
recognizing and celebrating our members!*

*Join us on Thursday, June 15th  
at Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick  
(in place of our Monthly Happy Hour)*

*Awards  
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*To Submit Your Votes,  
Visit: 2022-2023 Membership Awards!*



## TOLEDO ROTARY MAY HAPPY HOUR THU, MAY 18, AT 4:30 PM

GET READY TO UNWIND AND CELEBRATE WITH FELLOW ROTARIANS AT  
OUR MAY HAPPY HOUR EVENT!  
THIS MONTH'S EVENT WILL BE AT  
HANNON'S BLOCK GARAGE (DOWNTOWN).

PLEASE CLICK HERE TO RSVP THIS MONTH



## AN EVENING WITH PEYTON MANNING PRESENTED BY HYLANT & CISCO



**Wednesday, May 31st, 2023**

**Stranahan Theater**

Join us for 'An Evening with Peyton Manning' with special guest, comedian, Henry Cho! We hope you will attend this fun-filled event with NFL Hall of Famer and two-time Super Bowl MVP! All proceeds will support this year's LPGA Dana Open children's charities.

### \$225 VIP Ticket

Includes premium, reserved seating in the Stranahan Theater along with a pre-program reception serving complimentary wine, beer, seltzers and heavy hors d'oeuvres (Cash bar for cocktails) | Reception 4:30pm - 6:00pm / Program 6:00pm - 8:00pm

### \$100 Program Only Ticket

Includes reserved seating in the Stranahan Theater | 6:00pm - 8:00pm

To purchase tickets please visit:

<https://events.trustevent.com/index.cfm?eid=4507> or  
[danaopen.com](http://danaopen.com)

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## BOOK CLUB

### MEETING MAY 23RD

The next Book Club meeting is

Tuesday, May 23rd, at 5:30 PM.

Happening at Poco Piatti on Central Avenue.

All are welcome!

The May book selection is

Once Upon a River by Diane Setterfield.

If you are interested and missed previous meetings, please  
email Mari Davies at [mdavies@artstoledo.com](mailto:mdavies@artstoledo.com).



## 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](#)*

# MAY 2023

## TOLEDO ROTARY EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						<b>April 29</b> Food Pack Event St. John's Jesuit 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM
30	<b>May 1</b> Disability, Environ., International, & Youth 1:00 PM	<b>2</b> Coffee Connection Rustbelt 8:00 AM	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Ramp It Up Event 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Location TBA	<b>6</b>
7	<b>8</b> Membership Finance 1:00 PM	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Comm. Services Via Zoom 9:30 AM	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> District Conference Cleveland "Rotary Rocks!"
14	<b>15</b> Vocational 1:00 PM	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Happy Hour Hannon's Garage 4:30 PM	<b>19</b> Foundation Advisory Comm. 8:00 AM	<b>20</b>
21	<b>22</b> Program 1:00 PM	<b>23</b> Book Club Poco Piatti - Central 5:30 PM	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
28	<b>29</b> NO MEETING In Honor of Memorial Day	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Rotary Mixer at H.O.O.V.E.S. Save the date!	<b>June 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>