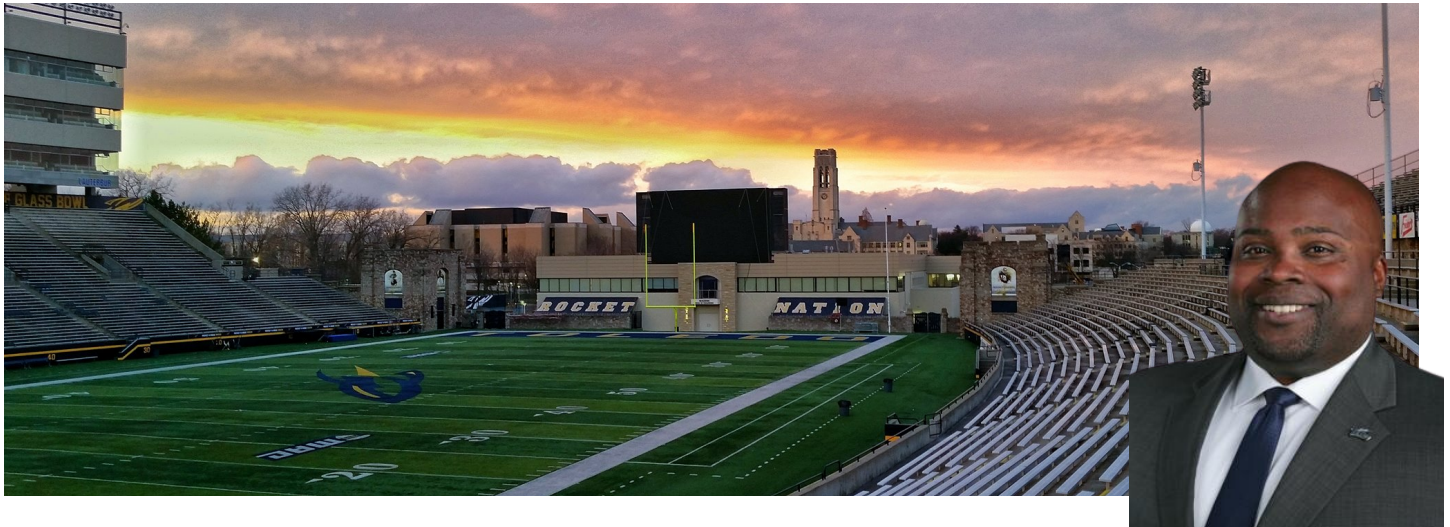




# TOLEDO ROTARY SPOKE

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## MONDAY, AUGUST 28TH

Blair, who became the 14th athletic director in the history of the University of Toledo, is the first African-American to hold the post. When he arrived at Toledo in May of 2022, he was just 37 years old, the youngest FBS athletic director in the nation at the time. He joined the Rockets after serving as the deputy athletic director and chief operating officer at Washington State University from 2018-22.

The Rockets have enjoyed unprecedented athletic and academic success in Blair's first season on the job. Toledo won MAC Championships in football, men's basketball, women's basketball, women's cross country, men's tennis and women's tennis, the first school in the history of the NCAA-FBS to win league titles in those six sports in a single season. The football team went on to win the Roofclaim.com Boca Raton Bowl, becoming the first Rocket team to win a MAC title and a bowl game in 21 years. Women's Basketball defeated No. 5 seed and Big 12 champion Iowa State in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, the Rockets first win in the NAAs in 27 years.

To read Blair's full bio, please visit: [UTRockets Website](#)

Guests of course welcome at Monday's program!

**Bryan B. Blair**  
**Vice President and**  
**Director of Athletics**  
**University of Toledo**

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



**We ask that you please try to arrive  
at Glass City Center prior to 12 noon.**

**It is important to get checked in, grab your lunch, and find a seat so we can get started on time. This helps us keep a timely meeting and allow for a Q&A Session at the end of the program, without running over. Thank you!**

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

# TOLEDO RESPONDS TO MAUI CRISIS

*August 9th, 2023 was a tragic day for Rotarians, families and friends on the Island of Maui. The fires across the island have changed lives forever. Truly devastating. Our sympathy, thoughts and prayers are with everyone impacted.*

*As people of action, we can take immediate action. As we come together to recover and rebuild, we need to support each other. We need to Create Hope for Maui.*

*If you would like to give directly to help Hawaii, Rotary District 5000 has established a committee that will work diligently to identify the most critical needs and allocate resources effectively. By centralizing the relief efforts, the goal is to provide comprehensive and impactful assistance over an extended period. To contribute to this relief effort, please visit: [DONATE TODAY](#)*

*Additionally, our friends at Walt Churchill's Market have started a Round Up campaign at their registers to support relief efforts. We encourage you to support the [Maui Strong Fund](#) of the [Hawai'i Community Foundation](#) when shopping at Churchill's.*

## SUPPORT PROJECTS IN TOLEDO TODAY!

*We invite all Rotarians to contribute to our Club's Foundation.*

*Each year, the Toledo Rotary Club Foundation grants more than \$200,000 annually to local, regional, and international 501c3 groups to better our communities.*

*Donations to the Toledo Rotary Club Foundation are used to support projects in and around Toledo, regionally, and internationally. Donations of any amount are gratefully accepted, and Rotarians who donate \$250 or more annually will be a member of the President's Club. We also offer the ability to set up recurring donations that will automatically process. It's easy! If you need help, please reach out to Jaci or a Foundation Trustee for more details.*

*Give directly using this link: [DONATE TODAY](#)*



### 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:*



## HOW TO BRING A GUEST:

*We are working hard this year to expose other Community Leaders to our great Rotary Club and need your help! We have a goal of 250 guests throughout the Rotary Year.*

*The process for bringing a guest is just a few easy steps:*

- *A guest's first visit is complimentary. No charge for their parking or lunch.*
  - *Ask them to bring their parking stub with them up to the ballroom.*
- *They sign in with the laptop at check-in, so we can capture their contact information to follow up with membership information on how to join. They will also fill out a paper name tag.*
- *Help them move through the lunch payment line, while you are taking care of your own lunch. Then grab your meals from the buffet and find a seat together.*
- *Introduce them at the floor microphone briefly when the President asks for introductions.*
  - *They do not get to say a few words, in order to keep things moving along efficiently.*
- *Jaci and the Rotary Office will follow up with them within the next day and let them know we appreciate their visit, and then outline details on how to become a true member. You may also need to help them recruit a second sponsor, if they are in need.*

***Thank you to our 2023-2024 Corporate Members!***

*We are grateful for your support of our club!*



*For more details on the benefits of a corporate membership versus traditional membership, please contact Jaci directly.*

*\*Click on each logo to learn more about these companies directly on their website.*



## MEMBER NEWS & EVENTS

### Upcoming Monday Programs: Join Us!

9/4

No Meeting in  
Honor of Labor Day

9/11

Keith Burris - Is Our Democracy in Peril?  
Glass City Center  
2nd Floor Ballroom  
(Was rescheduled from earlier this summer)

9/18

Rotary on the Road - Camp Miakonda  
Join us as we open a time capsule  
at the Rotary Cabin!  
[RSVP HERE](#)

Thank you to August's  
Meeting Sponsor:

**HARTMANN·BOGAN**  
Financial Planning

Thank you to Hartmann Bogan  
Financial Planning  
and to  
Rotarian Donna Bogan  
for sponsoring this  
month's weekly meetings!

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING ON THE

*Sandpiper*



TOLEDO ROTARY PLANS TO SET SAIL ON  
9.16.23 AT 5:00 P.M.

TICKETS ARE \$30/PP. RSVP ON THE WEBSITE NOW.

YOU COULD BE OUR PRESENTING SPONSOR  
FOR THIS EVENT!  
CONTACT SIERRA HUTTON OR JACI TODAY!

(Click Sandpiper Image to Buy Tickets.  
Ticket includes heavy apps and non-  
alcoholic drinks. BYOB)

  
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## MEMBER NEWS & EVENTS

### ***Governor Dewine Recognizes Rotarian Mark Urrutia with Distinguished Hispanic Ohioans Award for the Greater Toledo Region***

Mark Urrutia is being honored by Governor Mike DeWine and the Ohio Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs as a recipient of the 2023 Distinguished Hispanic Ohioans Award for the Greater Toledo Region.

Mark has long been a servant leader of his community, and a very active Toledo Rotarian. We are lucky to have Mark in our club and in our community. Congratulations Mark!



### **Save the Dates:**

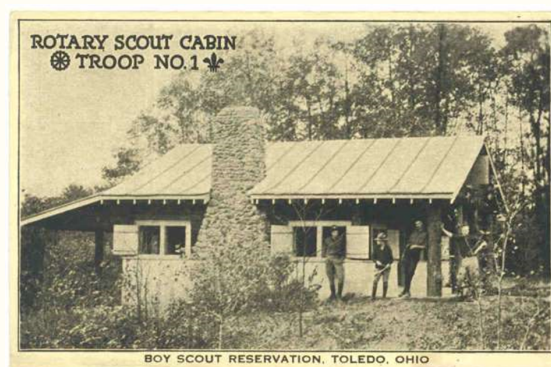
*(More specifics to come in next Spoke)*

**September Coffee Connection  
on 9/5/23 at 8 am**

**Book Club on 9/19/23 at 5:30 pm**

**September Happy Hour  
on 9/21/23 at 4:30 pm**

### ***Join us for Rotary on the Road September 18th at Camp Miakonda!***



***The Rotary luncheon on 9/18/23 will be held at Camp Miakonda, when we open a time capsule box from when the cabin was erected in 1920.***

***We ask that you RSVP For this Rotary luncheon, so we can plan for meals with catering.***

***Guests are welcome!***

**[RSVP Here](#)**

***Camp Miakonda is located at 5600 W. Sylvania Ave, Toledo***

## HOW TO SUBSCRIBE TO OUR GOOGLE CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

As noted below on the Monthly calendar, we have the option for you to subscribe and automatically add our member events to your personal calendar. Here's how:

1. On your device, open the calendar app.
2. Look for "Other Calendars", click add from the URL here: [CALENDAR](#)
3. Enter the calendar's address.
4. Click "Add Calendar". The calendar will appear under "Other Calendars".

## 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. This does not highlight the Monday Meetings, but rather Social Events and Committee Meetings. Please note this is updated each week as changes come.*

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

## August 2023

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1 <i>Coffee Connection 8 am Brew House Downtown</i>	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 <i>Environmental 11 am Membership 1 PM</i>	15	16	17 <i>Happy Hour 4:30 PM Quenched &amp; Tempered</i>	18	19 <i>Rock the Block Cleanup Event 10 am - 1 pm</i>
20	21 <i>Program International 1 PM</i>	22	23 <i>Public Image 12 Noon ICE Restaurant</i>	24	25	26
27	28 <i>Youth Community Disability Services 1 PM</i>	29	30	31	Sept. 1	2