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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH

State of Adoption in America

Leading the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, a national nonprofit public charity, since 2001 and the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption-Canada since 2003, Ms. Soronen works to find permanent families for the more than 140,000 waiting children in North America's foster care systems.

Under her leadership, the Foundation has significantly increased its grant-making while developing strategic initiatives that act on the urgency of the issue. In 2022, the Foundation dedicated more than \$50.4 million to grants and award-winning programs, such as Wendy's Wonderful Kids®, Adoption-Friendly Workplace™ and National Adoption Day. Additionally, through public service announcements, social media campaigns, articles, events, sponsorships and more, the Foundation is building awareness around the growing need for foster care adoption.

To read Rita's full bio and learn more about the work she has done in her career, you can visit:

<https://www.davethomasfoundation.org/board-staff/rita-soronen/>



Rita L. Soronen
President & CEO
Dave Thomas Foundation
for Adoption

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



A Reminder Regarding Lunches:

The direct link to prepay for lunches is found here: [Lunch Options](#)

If paying via credit card, please always prepay. We do not accept credit cards on site. Cash is always accepted at the door.

Meeting Location:
Glass City Center
Ballroom
2nd Floor

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.



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Your Ad Could Be Here!

We are pleased to offer Rotarians the chance to purchase paid advertising in the Spoke newsletter this year!
(See Jason Harris's ad for example.
Thanks Jason for your continued support!).

We continue to grow and this newsletter is distributed to nearly 300 members each week.
If you are interested in learning more,
please contact Jaci directly.

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

From the Membership Committee:

Welcome to our newest Rotarians! We are happy to have you with us!



William (Bill) Bisset
President
Lourdes University



Jessica Bowman
Director of Advertising
The Blade



Patrick Marchman
Principal
KM Sustainability



Mike Storey
Client Executive
Hylant



Chad Whipple
Financial Advisor
Venture Visionary Partners

Returning Rotarians:

New Corporate Membership Individuals:



Pat Appold



Amy Fitzenrider
SVP, Account Services
Communica



Jessica Hover
Director Public Relations
Communica



Dave Nottke
Director of Business Development/Sales
Grogan's Towne CJDR

New Corporate Membership Individuals (Continued):



Tim DeCant
Commercial Banker
F&M Bank



Crystal Jordan
Business Development Officer
F&M Bank



Becca Tkaczyk
Personal Banking Relationship Supervisor
F&M Bank

MEMBER NEWS & EVENTS

Upcoming Monday Programs: Join Us!

10/2

Toledo Rotary Club Foundation Day
Glass City Center
2nd Floor Ballroom

10/9

No Meeting
In Honor of Columbus Day

10/16

State of the Club
Huntington Center Aquarium
(NOT Glass City)

Thank you to September's
Meeting Sponsor:



Thank you to Equitable Advisors
and to
Rotarian Jason Harris
for sponsoring this
month's weekly meetings!



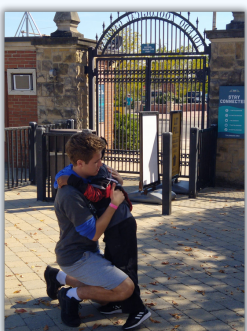
VOLUNTEER WITH US!

Tuesday, October 3rd at the Toledo Zoo

Join Disability Services Committee on Tuesday, October 3rd,
when we take our annual field trip to the Toledo Zoo with
Glendale-Feilbach school.

This event runs from 9 am - 1 pm.

Volunteer here as a buddy: [Sign Up Form](#)



Pictured are photos from last fall's event. Partnered with St. Francis Interact Students.

MEMBER NEWS & EVENTS



Thanks to those who attended the Rotary on the Road meeting at Camp Miakonda on Monday, September 18th!

We discovered an original membership directory from 1920 inside of the tin.

Many thanks to Ed Caldwell, Chuck Mann, Butch Krueger, and Jim Layman for their role in this meeting! We also thank Camp Ranger Brady for his assistance in helping make this luncheon a success!

IYFR Maumee River Cruise

Sunday, October 1st

All are welcome!

3:30 pm Cocktails @ Toledo Country Club Dock

4:30 pm Leave Dock for Cruise (boats provided)

5:30 pm Dinner at Real Seafood Company at the Docks by Boat

Cost: BYOB For TCC Dock and boat ride, then pay for your own dinner.

Hors d'oeuvres provided by IYFR.

RSVP To: Hunt Sears

hsears@millerdiversified.com or 419-250-2769

**TCC located at 3949 River Rd, Toledo.
Take driveway at south end of parking lot down to river.**

Bowling League Starts Soon!

**All Rotarians Welcome for
Family Fun Night**

**October 4th at 4:30 pm
at Bowlero Lanes**

The Bowling Season Starts October 11th

If you are interested in joining the league but unable to make it to Family Night, please reach out to Tommy Roemer at roemert45@gmail.com or 419-536-7198

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](#)

September 2023

| SUN | MON | TUES | WEDS | THURS | FRI | SAT |
|-----|---|---|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 <i>Coffee Connection 8 am Grindhers Downtown</i> | 6 <i>Enviro Comm. 12 noon Nature's Nursery</i> | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 <i>Vocational 11 am Membership Youth 1 PM</i> | 12 | 13 | 14 <i>Draft Event 6-8 pm By Invite</i> | 15 | 16 <i>Sandpiper Cruise 5-7 PM <u>TIX HERE</u></i> |
| 17 | 18 <i>Rotary on the Road at Camp Miakonda (no Glass City luncheon)</i> | 19 <i>Book Club 5:30 pm Poco Piatti on Central</i> | 20 | 21 <i>Happy Hour 4:30 PM Registry Bistro</i> | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 <i>Community Ser Youth Services Peace 1 PM</i> | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 <i>Foundation Advisory Committee 8 am Glass City Ctr</i> | 30 |