



TOLEDO ROTARY SPOKE

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MONDAY, JANUARY 8TH

ADA to Universal Access

Dawn Bentley was born and raised in Toledo, and had an older brother with cerebral palsy. When asked how long she has been a disability advocate, she always responds "for as long as I can remember".

Dawn attended Miami University and received her bachelor's in early childhood, early intervention, and special education. She began her career teaching while also receiving her Master's degree. Dawn has experience in the classroom, as an early intervention/developmental therapist, and working in leadership in the nonprofit sector of the disability field. She has two daughters, and she and her husband welcomed twin sons during the pandemic (they lovingly refer to it as the "twindemic" in their house). It was at this time that Dawn made the decision to pursue owning her own consulting firm, and she started CAIRE, LLC (Community Access Inclusion Representation and Equity).

CAIRE works with local community organizations who have a vested interest in accessibility and inclusion, specifically for people with disabilities. CAIRE offers accessibility audits, consultation services, training opportunities, speaking engagements, and assistance in event planning. Dawn saw the opportunity to educate the community and bring awareness of underserved populations, specifically the disability community, to businesses and organizations that have a desire to provide accessible programs, services, and employment opportunities. Dawn is a member of the Human Relations Commission and the DEAI ALLiance.

Dawn Bentley
Owner/Consultant
CAIRE, LLC

Meeting Location:
Glass City Center
Ballroom
2nd Floor

[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.

If paying by check, please make payable to "Toledo Rotary Club"

**Guests are always welcome at our
Monday luncheons!**
**Help us meet our goal of
250 guests this year!**

**If you have questions about how our
guest process works, please email Jaci.**

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.*

Your Ad Could Be Here!

We are pleased to offer Rotarians the chance to purchase paid advertising in the Spoke newsletter this year!

We continue to grow and this newsletter is distributed to over 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!



Ryan Ambrosia
President
Ambrosia's Automotive



Stuart James
Executive Director
The Ability Center of Greater Toledo



David A. Silvas
Realtor
Danberry Realtors

Let's Celebrate!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jan. 2nd	Bill McElheney	15th	Reggie Bradley
3rd	Fran Anderson	17th	Matt Arnold
4th	Gary Corrigan	17th	PP Alex Due
4th	Todd Michaelson	20th	Jeff Cole
6th	Dr. Marvin Whitfield	24th	Justin Moor
7th	Jason Kucsma	24th	Kathy Selking
7th	Amira Gohara	24th	Tom Uhler
10th	Jim Burnor	27th	PP Brad Rubini
13th	Sanford Lubin	29th	Bart Wagenman
14th	Roy Cherry	30th	Mary Mancini
14th	Megan Casiere	31st	Dan Peffley

BOOK CLUB

MEETING JANUARY 23RD

*The next Book Club meeting is
Tuesday, January 23rd, at 5:30 PM.
Happening at Poco Piatti on Central Avenue.
All are welcome!*

*The book selection is
I Have Some Questions For You by Rebecca Makkai*

*If you are interested and missed previous meetings,
please email Mari Davies at mdavies@artstoledo.com.*

Toledo Rotary Club Peace Committee

WINTER DONATION DRIVE GIVING

*Donations to benefit the Jewish Senior, Family
& Social Services Food Pantry locally.*

We Are Collecting The Following Items:

Can Openers
Readers/Cheaters
Liquid Body Wash
Deodorant
Tampons/Pads

Hand Warmers
Hats/Gloves
NEW Underwear/Socks
Gift cards to:
Target, Meijer, Walmart

Items Will Be Collected

JANUARY

2-31

Drop Off Location

Monday Rotary Luncheons
or the Rotary Office,
709 Madison Ave., Suite 305

Please email Jaci to schedule a
drop-off time, if you will be dropping
at the Rotary Office.

**FOR MORE
INFORMATION**

Please email Jaci
info@toledorotary.org

MEMBER NEWS & EVENTS

Upcoming Monday Programs: Join Us!

01/15

NO MEETING
In Honor of
Martin Luther King Jr Holiday

01/22

Lt. Governor Jon Husted
"Ohio, The Heart of It All"
Glass City Center 2nd Floor Ballroom

01/29

Lori Hauser, Imagination Station
Total Solar Eclipse
Glass City Center 2nd Floor Ballroom

Not Receiving Monday Morning Emails?

We continue to send email reminders each Monday morning with a snapshot of the day's program and committee meetings. A few of you recently have communicated to Jaci that these are not reaching your inbox. If that is the case, please send email Jaci directly and let her know you need to be added to the list. We apologize for the issue!

Make Your New Years Resolution to Join a Rotary Committee!

As we quickly finish the first half of our Rotary Year and embark on a new Calendar Year, we invite you to consider getting more involved in our Service and Social Committees.

We need YOU to help make an impact on our community and committees are the perfect opportunity!

You can join a committee at any time.

If you need help determining the best fit for you, please contact Jaci. She can go over your interests and connect you to our fellow leaders.

To sign up today, please visit:
<https://toledorotary.org/committee-selection-form/>

Thank you to January's
Meeting Sponsor:



Thank you to Browning Cousineau
and to
Rotarian Brent Cousino
for sponsoring this
month's weekly meetings!

OUTDATED CONTACT INFO?

If you have recently experienced a job change or need to update your contact info (primarily your email and mailing address), please inform Jaci by using this link:
[Update Here](#)

SIGN UP TO LEAD THE REFLECTION AND PLEDGE AT MONDAY MEETINGS



We invite you to lead both the reflection and pledge of allegiance at a Monday program. To sign up to lead this, view available dates here: [Sign-Up Genius](#)

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](#)

January 2024

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1	2 <i>No Coffee Connection this month but look for February's!</i>	3	4	5	6
7	8 <i>Disability Serv. Membership Program all at 1 PM</i>	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 <i>No Meeting In Honor of MLK Jr. Day</i>	16 <i>Community Services 4:30 PM Dorr St Cafe</i>	17	18 <i>Monthly Happy Hour Location to Come!</i>	19	20
21	22 <i>Vocational 11 AM Youth Services 1 PM</i>	23 <i>Book Club 5:30 PM Poco Piatti on Central</i>	24	25	26	27
28	29 <i>Peace Com. 1 PM</i>	30	31	Feb. 1	2	3