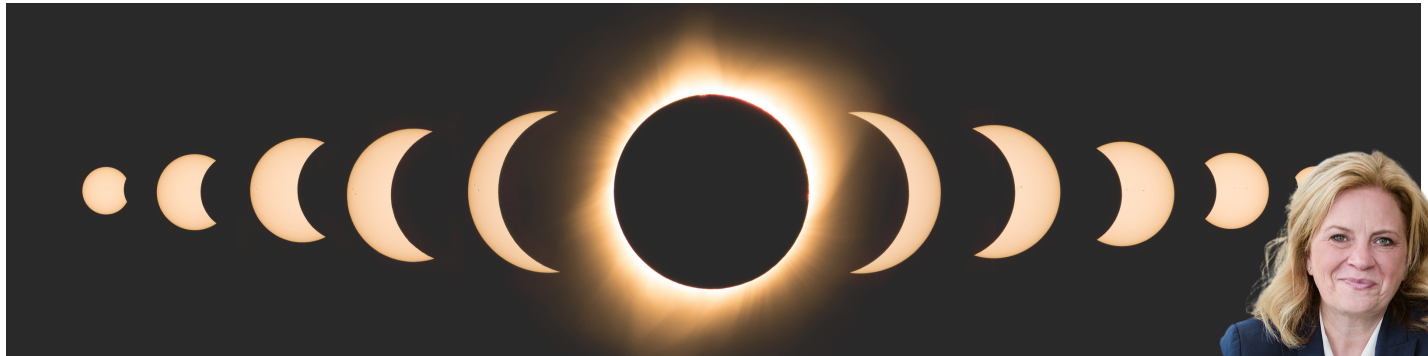




TOLEDO ROTARY SPOKE

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MONDAY, JANUARY 29TH

Totality in the 419 - A once in a lifetime event!



Lori Hauser
Chief Executive Officer
Imagination Station

Lori Hauser has dedicated the last 20 years of her career to ensuring the presence of a vibrant, science center in Toledo. Under her leadership, Imagination Station, the non-profit science center, has become a downtown landmark, providing education to school children and family entertainment for more than 200,000 people annually.

Under Lori's leadership, Imagination Station has experienced significant growth. When many non-profits faltered during COVID, the science center emerged stronger than ever. It reopened with a \$12 million capital expansion, featuring a state-of-the-art, large-format theater that offers unique and immersive learning experiences. Her unwavering commitment to science education remained steadfast throughout the pandemic delivering virtual learning experiences to our schools, educators, students and families.

Lori's strength in cultivating and maintaining partnerships enriches the science center's programs, broadening the reach of the audiences it serves. Imagination Station was chosen as one of 15 museums for the 2016 National Medal for Museum and Library Service from more than 35,000 eligible institutions, acknowledging its outstanding community service. She has successfully secured competitive grants exceeding \$600,000, dedicated to advancing early childhood education and ensuring access to educational science experiences for children in underserved communities.

Ms. Hauser is deeply passionate about creating opportunities for girls and women in STEM fields and believes that girls need to see professionals who look like themselves. Her creativity introduced Girl Power, an annual science career day for young girls. Additionally, she partnered with the Association of Science and Technology Centers, bringing local and national female STEMInist role models to the science center to inspire girls in the sciences. Ms. Hauser also spearheaded the formation of Imagination Station's "STEMInist" affinity group, that provides community STEM engagement and emphasizes the crucial role of girls and women in STEM professions.

Lori gives of her time and leadership skills freely by serving as Co-President of Toledo Area Cultural Leaders (TACL); a board member of ProMedica Russell Ebeid Children's Hospital and Destination Toledo; a member of Toledo Rotary; a member and past President of Press Club of Toledo, a 2009 nominee for 20 Under 40; and a recipient of the 2016 Woman of Distinction award from the Girl Scouts of Western Ohio. She is the 2023 YWCA Milestone Science Honoree.

Currently Lori is proudly catalyzing our region as Imagination Station prepares for one of the most noteworthy once-in-a-lifetime phenomena of science, Toledo's Total Solar Eclipse on Monday April 8.

Meeting Location:
Glass City Center
Ballroom
2nd Floor

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



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.



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"

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

Upcoming Monday Programs: Join Us!

02/05

Dr. Shanda Gore
Creating Civil Conversations
Glass City Center 2nd Floor Ballroom

02/12

District 6600 Governor Jim Duke
Glass City Center 2nd Floor Ballroom

02/19

No Meeting in Honor of
President's Day

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](#)

Thank you to January's
Meeting Sponsor:



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

We do have some upcoming months available
for Meeting Sponsorship.

Benefits include:

- Spoke Ad during the month of your choosing, which includes weblink to your business.
- Monday meeting PowerPoint slide.
- Monday meeting recognition from the podium.
- Monday Morning Email Ad during the month, with link.

Please email Jaci if you are interested!

Coffee Connection

Join us for coffee!

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce our monthly
Coffee Connection!

Join us on Tuesday, February 6th at 8am when we meet at
Rustbelt Coffee
119 N. Ontario St, Toledo, OH

These are open to any current club member and guests.
We encourage you to bring a prospective member as well!

We host these on the 1st Tuesday of every month from 8 am - 9 am.
Mark your calendar and join when you are able!

REMEMBER!

Please be reminded to scan your
badge barcode each week when
attending in person. This helps for
attendance tracking made easy. If your
badge is broken, needs updated, or is
missing a barcode, please inform Jaci.

MEMBER NEWS & EVENTS

Toledo Rotary Foundation Annual Campaign Goal Update:



Current dollars raised: \$90,000
72% of our \$ Goal Reached

*Thank you to all who have contributed
to our Foundation Campaign this far!*

As of Monday, 1/22/24,

*Chairman Jim Layman announced
that we have successfully raised over
\$75,000 which will be matched by the
Past Presidents of our club
by an additional \$15,000!*

YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS!

*We invite all Rotarians to contribute
to our Foundation.*

*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](#)



ROTARY DISTRICT 6600

PEACE SUMMIT 2024

SATURDAY, FEB 17, 2024 | 9 am - 3 pm

LORAIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

STOCKER ARTS CENTER

1005 N. ABBE RD, ELYRIA, OH

FREEDOM ISN'T FREE - CREATE HOPE IN THE WORLD

*A one day community event dedicated to peace through collaboration,
conflict resolution, and multicultural awareness.*



WORKSHOP TOPICS

"Renounce/Denounce"
Youth Violence Intervention Program
...
You're Not Hearing Me!
An Intergenerational Dialogue
...
Culture Wars Disinformation
...
Interfaith Dialogue to
Transformative Partnerships

PLENARY SPEAKERS/PRESENTERS

Rev. Thomas Bowen, Dir. of Religious and Minority
Affairs for Mayor Muriel Bowser, Washington D.C.
Topic - Transformative Partnerships

Benedict Giamo, Professor Emeritus of American
Studies, University of Notre Dame
Topic - What Does It Mean to Be an American?

Jen Miller, CEO Ohio League of Women Voters
Topic - Civic Engagement

FREE TO ALL

Rotarians, Non-Rotarians, Youth
(HS & College). Parking is free.
Registration required.

REGISTER NOW

AGENDA

Registration: 8:00AM - 9:00AM
Complimentary Breakfast: 8:00AM - 8:45AM
Opening Plenary 9:00AM
Complimentary Lunch: Time TBD

Sponsoring Clubs

Elyria, Elyria
Sunrise, Lorain,
North Coast,
Perrysburg and
Vermilion

eliminating racism
empowering women
ywca
Elyria

Other Sponsors

Community Foundation of
Lorain County
League of Women Voters of
Lorain County
Lakeland Community
Foundation



For more information please email Jeanine Donaldson at jpd@elyriaywca.org

*To learn more about the Peace Summit and
Register, please visit:*

[https://www.ismyrotaryclub.org/story/More.cfm?
StoryID=239650](https://www.ismyrotaryclub.org/story/More.cfm?StoryID=239650)

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

SAVE THE DATE!

1st Annual

TOLEDO ROTARY FOUNDER'S DAY GOLF OUTING

Monday, May 6th, 2024

Presented By:

Title Sponsor



Birdie
Sponsors:

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at **SYLVANIA COUNTRY CLUB**

Lunch program at 11:30 am • Shotgun Start at 1:00 pm

Annually, the Toledo Rotary Club Foundation supports the community by funding more than \$275,000 in grants to over 30 community organizations, totaling more than \$1,550,000 since 2016. Proceeds from this outing will continue to support these initiatives.

18 Hole Scramble

**Entry Fee: \$800 per team of 4,
Lunch + 2 Drink Tickets Included for Golfers, plus
Golf Cart for 4-Some. Rain or Shine event.**

Foursomes & Sponsorships Available!

**If you are interested in more information, please contact Jaci in the Rotary office,
or Alex Due at Alex@StapletonInsurance.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. 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 4:30-6 PM Maumee Bay Brewing Co.</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