



TOLEDO ROTARY SPOKE

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MONDAY, MARCH 4TH

The National Museum of the Great Lakes & Toledo: A Vision of Tomorrow

The Great Lakes represent 84% of the North American continent's freshwater....and there is a different story in every drop! The National Museum of the Great Lakes opened its doors in Toledo, Ohio in 2014 to share those stories, and since that time this institution's growth has been extraordinary. Their first decade in Toledo allowed them to establish themselves as a top destination by opening the current 11,000-square-foot facility, restoring a 617-foot lake freighter and tug boat museum vessels, and connecting it all through their Maritime Park. The second wave of growth, breaking ground in April of this year, will elevate the museum to a new vision that will both support its mission AND support Toledo. Rotary Member and new Executive Director Kate Fineske will join us to share her vision as well as highlight the local community and economic impact of this incredible resource that began a new era of opportunity on the East Bank of Toledo's Maumee River.

Kate Fineske is the Executive Director of the Great Lakes Historical Society and its National Museum of the Great Lakes. She has an undergraduate degree from the University of Toledo and a Masters of Business Administration with a emphasis on non-profit business from Lourdes University. Kate joined the museum's team in 2019, and quickly became a key member of the organization's leadership—helping guide the mission forward through a period of unprecedented growth and change. In January 2024, she became the museum's Executive Director, responsible for overseeing all aspects of the organization's operations and furthering its new vision to become the place where all Great Lakes conversations happen. With over 20 years of experience in nonprofit leadership, communications, and education, Kate is passionate about history, a strong advocate for arts and culture, and has served and supported numerous community boards including currently serving on the School Board for The Maritime Academy of Toledo.

Kate Fineske
Executive Director
National Museum of the
Great Lakes

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.

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.



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Reserve our Brew Masters Room online at toledo.thecasualpint.com

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!

03/11

Kyle Sword, NSG/Pilkington
Toledo Glass Innovation - Past and Future
Glass City Center 2nd Floor Ballroom

03/18

Jason Kucsma, TLC Public Library
"Find Your Place"
Glass City Center 2nd Floor Ballroom

03/25

FBI Assistant Special Agent In Charge
Glass City Center 2nd Floor Ballroom

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 February'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!

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.
- Monday table sign at each guest table has company logo.

Please email Jaci if you are interested!

Save the Date!

Disability Services Committee is hosting
Camp Day again this spring!

Tuesday, April 23rd
8:30 am - 1 pm

Volunteer sign up soon to come!

Save the Date!

Our Annual Food Pack event
will be hosted on Saturday, May 11th

Volunteer sign up soon to come!

This event is thanks to our Community
Services and Membership Committees.

MEMBER NEWS & EVENTS

Coffee Connection

Join us for coffee!

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

Join us on Tuesday, March 5th at 8am when we meet at
SIP Coffee
3160 Markway, 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 9am - 10am.

Mark your calendar and join when you are able!



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

Dr. Tina Williams
Director of Community Engagement
Area Office on Aging of NW Ohio

Let's Celebrate!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 1st	PP Walt Churchill	15th	PP Chuck Mann
1st	Mark Stephens	16th	Matt Sapara
3rd	Tim Harrington	18th	Matt Zaleski
3rd	PP Dick Wolff	20th	Chris Richmond
4th	Tony Washington	24th	Jamie Adams
6th	Sam Melden	24th	Keith Burwell
7th	Dan Dower	26th	Nina Corder
8th	Rob Krain	26th	John Nelson
10th	Brad Mich	26th	John Roemer
10th	Dean Niese	27th	Will Lewis
11th	Matt Lentz	27th	Kelly Trame
12th	Aaron Lusk	28th	Monique Ward
12th	PP Steve Martindale	28th	Darren Wurz
13th	John C. Jones	29th	Alex Thomas-Hollen
14th	Tracey Tangeman	29th	Dave Venable
14th	Travis Tangeman		

Happy 95th Birthday Walt!

Join The Celebration!

FRIDAY MARCH 1ST

Cake cutting will take place in Perrysburg at 11 a.m. and in Maumee at 1:30 p.m. Share your best wishes and join Walt for a slice of cake!

MEMBER NEWS & EVENTS

ROTARIANS IN ACTION:

Our Peace Committee Co-Chairs Raina Dawson & Carin Stramel worked hard on the District 6600 Peace Summit earlier this month, with over 144 in attendance!



This event was dedicated to peace through collaboration, conflict resolution, and multicultural awareness.

The Toledo Rotarians in attendance said they met some great people from other Rotary Clubs and brought back some key takeaways for ideas on how we can do better here in Toledo to help foster peace! Way to go!



If you would like to learn more about our Peace Committee, please email info@toledorotary.org.

Notice:

**No Meeting April 8th
Due to Total Solar Eclipse**

**We encourage you to
check out one of these community
events on that Monday!**

<https://www.visittoledo.org/eclipse/>

SAVE THE DATE



BACK TO BASICS

FRIENDSHIP ~ FELLOWSHIP ~ FUN

ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE

April 19 & 20, 2024
Maumee Bay State Park



BOOK CLUB

MEETING MARCH 12TH

*The next Book Club meeting is
Tuesday, March 12th, at 5:30 PM.
Happening at Poco Piatti on Central Avenue.
All are welcome!*

*The book selection is
Yellow Face by R. F. Kuang*

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

SAVE THE DATE!

1st Annual

TOLEDO ROTARY FOUNDER'S DAY GOLF OUTING

Monday, May 6th, 2024

Presented By:
Title Sponsor



Birdie
Sponsors:



Par
Sponsors:



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](#)

March 2024

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4 <i>Past President's Meeting 1 PM</i>	5 <i>Coffee Connection 9 AM SIP Coffee</i>	6 <i>Environmental 1 PM Toledo Technology Academy</i>	7	8	9
10	11 <i>Membership 1 PM</i>	12 <i>Book Club 5:30 PM Poco Piatti on Central</i>	13	14	15	16 <i>D6600 Peace Summit</i>
17	18 <i>International at 11 AM Program at 1 PM</i>	19	20	21 <i>Monthly Happy Hour 4:30-6 PM Location TBD</i>	22	23
24	25 <i>Peace Com. & Youth Services 1 PM</i>	26	27	28	29	30
31	April 1 <i>No Meeting In Honor of Easter</i>	2	3	4	5	6