



TOLEDO ROTARY SPOKE

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MONDAY, MARCH 18TH

Find Your Place

Jason Kucsma's nearly 20 years of leadership in libraries comes after nearly a decade leading a nonprofit independent media organization and publishing an internationally distributed politics and culture magazine while living in northwest Ohio. Kucsma is a born-and-raised Ohioan who earned his bachelor's degree in Communication and master's degree in American Culture Studies at Bowling Green State University. He earned his master's degree in Library and Information Science at the University of Arizona before moving to New York City to work with public, academic, school, and special libraries as Executive Director of the Metropolitan New York Library Council. Kucsma returned to Ohio in 2015 to assume the role of Deputy Director at Toledo Lucas County Public Library. He was appointed Executive Director in August 2019 where he helms a leadership team and staff of nearly 400 employees providing world-class library services to the diverse communities of Lucas County. His work in libraries is informed and driven by his dedication to the role public libraries play in building strong communities through equitable access to information and technology—and the expertise library staff bring to help navigate both.

Join us on Monday to discover why preserving and enhancing these communal spaces is crucial for cultivating vibrant and interconnected communities, where the idea of a library is not just a building with books but a cornerstone of community engagement and empowerment.



Jason Kucsma
Executive Director/Fiscal Officer
Toledo Lucas County
Public Library

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



NOTICE: MEETING ROOM CHANGE FOR MONDAY, MARCH 18TH

Due to extenuating circumstances, the Glass City Center is moving us from our normal 2nd floor ballroom to another space on the 2nd floor.

- We will be in rooms "Jefferson D-G".
- Members & guests can still arrive to the 2nd floor in the same way, via parking garage elevator but go straight instead of left towards our normal Ballroom. GCC will have staff stationed along the 2nd floor to assist our members with wayfinding.
- If individuals have mobility limitations, they should plan to park at the back of the parking garage and use that elevator.
- Guests are still more than welcome to attend this program & we will still be Zooming the program.



Meeting Location:
Glass City Center
2nd Floor
Jefferson D-G

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!

03/25

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

04/01

No Meeting - In Honor of
Easter Holiday

04/08

No Meeting - In Honor of
Total Solar Eclipse

Thank you to March'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!

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/>

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](#)

Save the Date!

Disability Services Committee is hosting
Camp Day again this spring!

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

Sign Up Today!

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

YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE GRANTS FUNDS TO THE PROGRAM INC

Tramain Rayford, Founder and CEO of The Program Inc, accepts grant check at 3.11.24 meeting



Congratulations to the The Program Inc. on receiving this \$10,000 grant from our Foundation to host three signature events, serving over 150 participants.

Through interactive events, The Program Inc. is able to impact boys and the community on a personal level. They coordinate activities to build character and self-esteem, developing leadership skills, overcoming obstacles and many more essential life lessons.

To learn more about this organization, visit their website: <https://www.programinc.org/>

Feedback Requested!

Community Services Committee is planning to host Sound the Alarm again this spring!

Please fill out this quick survey to choose your preferred date:
Sound the Alarm

CLUB HAPPY HOUR

The Membership Committee would like to remind you of our monthly Happy Hour!

Join us on Thursday, March 21st starting at 4:00 PM when we meet at Shawn's Irish Tavern
4400 Heatherdowns, Toledo, OH 43614

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 3rd Thursday of every month. Mark your calendar and join when you are able!



MEMBER NEWS & EVENTS

TOLEDO ROTARY CLUB GOLF LEAGUE

The Club's golf league is looking for substitute players and possibly 1-2 other Rotarians for the full season.

Below is the schedule:

1. Monday May 6th the Founder's Day Golf Outing at SCC
2. League play:
3. Friday May 17 at TCC 12:00 shotgun start
4. Friday June 14 at CIC 12:30 shotgun start, with BLT's after golf at the golf shop patio
5. Friday July 12 at Stone Oak tee times
6. Thursday August 15 SCC tee times starting at noon
7. Friday September 13 Belmont tee times starting at 12:30

If interested, please email brad@toledospring.com

For those on Zoom, our membership committee is trying something new. We are encouraging individuals to login a few minutes early to chat and catch up, make introductions with each other, etc.

Rotarian Zahra Collins of the membership committee will be doing this somewhat regularly - please jump in and engage prior to the meeting! And feel free to submit your feedback on this concept when completing the weekly program evaluation.

We are always looking for ways to make more engagement opportunities for each of you.

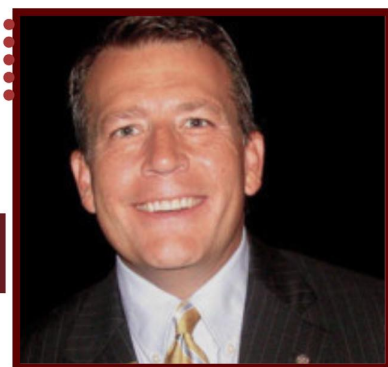
SAVE THE DATE



PINLEADER™
PODCAST
with Dr. Shonda Gore
MAYS™

THIS WEEK:
LEADING ABROAD

MR. TRAVIS TANGEMAN
PRESIDENT AND CEO OF
HARBORLINK



Take a listen to our own President Travis speaking about pioneering free Wifi, but also what Rotary means to him, and our work abroad!

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
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3	4 Past President's Meeting 1 PM	5 Coffee Connection 9 AM SIP Coffee	6 Environmental 12 PM Toledo Technology Academy	7	8	9
10	11 Membership 1 PM	12 Book Club 5:30 PM Poco Piatti on Central	13	14	15	16
17	18 International at 11 AM Program at 1 PM	19	20	21 Monthly Happy Hour 4 - 6 PM Shawn's on Heatherdowns	22	23
24	25 Peace Com. & Youth Services 1 PM	26 Comm. Services Meeting 4:30 pm social 5:00 PM start Poco Loco downtown	27	28	29	30
31	April 1 No Meeting In Honor of Easter	2 (April Coffee Connection moved to April 9th)	3	4	5	6