



# TOLEDO ROTARY SPOKE

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## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD

### *“How TARTA is Moving Toledo”*

*As TARTA’s Chief Executive Officer, Laura Koprowski brings 25 years of diverse transit transportation experience to the role at the state and local levels. She most recently served as part of the leadership team that has transformed TARTA in just under 2 years.*

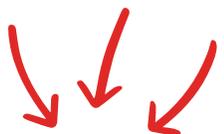
*Koprowski joined TARTA and returned to her hometown of Toledo in April 2020. She previously served as the Executive Director of the Ohio Public Transit Association. During Koprowski’s tenure as the Vice President of Government Affairs and Communications at the Central Ohio Regional Transit Authority, the organization was nationally recognized in 2018 as the outstanding mid-size public transit system by the American Public Transportation Association. She worked on a variety of projects including implementing COTA’s transit system redesign, serving as a liaison to Smart Columbus to create technology mobility solutions, and serving on the development and launch team for microtransit with COTA Plus.*

[Click Here to read Laura’s full professional biography.](#)



Laura Koprowski  
CEO  
TARTA

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



**Meeting Location:**  
Glass City Center,  
Jefferson D-G,  
2nd floor

## NOTICE: MEETING ROOM CHANGE FOR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD

**Due to other event accommodations, 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”. We have been in this space before.**
- **Members & guests should plan to park at the back of the parking garage and use that elevator straight to the 2nd floor.**
- **We will have Rotarians stationed along the 2nd floor to assist our members with wayfinding.**
- **Guests are still more than welcome to attend this program & we will be offering Zoom.**

# Thank you to our 2024-2025 Corporate Members!

We are grateful for your support of our club!



Toledo Refining Company



## 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.

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.

## 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!

09/30

Dr. John Ross, Healthcare Systems vs.  
Sick Care Systems  
Glass City Center - 2nd Floor Ballroom

10/07

Lisa McDuffie - YWCA  
"What Every Business Needs to Know About Domestic  
Violence: Saving Money and Saving Lives!"  
Glass City Center - Rooms Jefferson D-G

10/14

Dr. Durant - Toledo Public Schools  
Scott Park  
Glass City Center - 2nd Floor Ballroom

Thank you to September's  
Meeting Sponsor:

**RCO law**  
CELEBRATING 150 YEARS

Thank you to RCO Law,  
and to  
Rotarians Pete Lavalette and Bob Tucker,  
for sponsoring this month's weekly meetings!  
We are grateful for your support.

## HAPPY HOUR

### JOIN US FOR A DRINK!

The Membership Committee is pleased to  
announce our monthly Happy Hour!

Join us on Thursday, September 19th from 4-6 pm  
when we meet at  
The Casual Pint  
3350 Executive Pkwy, Toledo, Ohio 43606

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  
from 4:00 - 6:00 pm.

Mark your calendar and join when you are able!

## Save the Date

### Service Above Self Day

Our next quarterly Service  
Above Self Day is  
scheduled for Oct. 28th, in  
place of our Monday  
Luncheon.

More details to come, with  
service project information  
and sign up link.





# MEMBER NEWS & EVENTS

*From the Membership Committee:  
Welcome to our newest Rotarians! We are happy to have you with us!*



**Kathryn Tucker,**  
*Chief Experience Officer,  
Fremont Federal Credit Union*



**Arika Michaelis,**  
*Program Director,  
Leadership Toledo*



**Ali Ulrich,**  
*Project Manager,  
Libbey Glass*



**Mackenzie Bryant,**  
*Director of programming,  
Toledo Club*



**Erica Fischbach,**  
*Career Discovery Director,  
Junior Achievement of Northwestern Ohio*

## Annual Zoo Day



**When: October 1st**  
**Where: The Toledo Zoo**  
**Time: 9-1 for Volunteers**

Join Disability Services Committee on October 1st as we take our annual field trip to the Toledo Zoo with Glendale-Feilbach school. All rotarians are welcome even if you are not an official member of the Disability Services Committee. Volunteer here: [Sign up form](#)

## MEMBER NEWS &amp; EVENTS

Rotary  
District 6600

*Road Trip*

to RI Headquarters  
Evanston, Illinois

**Friday, October 25, 2024**  
**10 - 4 PM CST**

- Tour the building, offices and Paul Harris' Room 711.
- Meet with Rotary staff regarding membership engagement, public image and grants.
- Club and District Support representatives available.

Registration  
Deadline Sept 30  
[DACdb RSVP Link](#)



Overnight accommodations:  
Holiday Inn Chicago North-Evanston  
1501 Sherman Avenue, Evanston  
847-491-6400  
\$145/night standard room  
[Link to special Rotary International Room Rate](#)  
Includes breakfast and parking

All travel, lodging and meal expenses are the responsibility of the attendee.





*Are you ready for an unforgettable Rotary adventure? We're excited to announce a district-led trip to Rotary International Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, on Friday, October 25, 2024. We've planned a full day of exploration, including a tour of the building and meetings with RI staff. Join us for a unique opportunity to connect with other district Rotarians and learn more about our Rotary. An informational flyer is attached.*



# 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 2024

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2 <i>Rotary Office Closed</i>	3	4	5	6 <i>Coffee Connection SIP 8-10 am</i>	7
8	9 <i>International at 11 AM Membership &amp; Enviro. at 1 PM Comm.Serv. at 4 PM (MBBC)</i>	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 <i>Vocational at 11 AM Youth Services at 1 PM</i>	17 <i>Book Club at 5:30 PM</i>	18	19 <i>Happy Hour Casual Pint 4-6 pm</i>	20	21
22	23 <i>Disability Services Com. Services Peace Program at 1 PM</i>	24 <i>New Member Orientation 6:30 PM The Blarney</i>	25	26	27	28
29	30	Oct. 1 <i><u>Annual Zoo Day Field Trip</u> <u>RSVP HERE</u></i>	2	3	4 <i>Foundation Advisory Committee 8 am Glass City Center</i>	5