



TOLEDO ROTARY SPOKE

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

“Educational Innovation Drives Community Revitalization - the TPS Vision for Scott Park ”

Dr. Romules Durant, the CEO/Superintendent of Toledo Public Schools, stands as an inspiration for innovation and dedication in the field of education. As the 29th superintendent of TPS, Dr. Durant has exemplified an unparalleled commitment to his hometown of Toledo and his dynamic leadership has led the district on a path of success.

Last year, he celebrated his 10th anniversary at the helm of Toledo Public Schools, the fifth-largest school district in Ohio. According to the Council of Great City Schools, Dr. Durant is currently the longest-serving superintendent of a large urban school district within its network of 78 school districts. Dr. Durant is traveling to Dallas, Texas later this week for the Council of Great City Schools annual fall conference - he has been named as a finalist for the Council's prestigious Superintendent of the Year Award. We are hopeful that Dr. Durant's esteemed colleagues recognize his dedication, passion for innovation and his commitment to public education and that he receives the Green Garner Award.

Toledo Public Schools now has five thematic magnet high schools which enhance the diverse interests of students from across the region. These schools foster a culture of academic excellence for their students. Each has established strong partnerships with area industry leaders in the hopes of developing a pipeline of new employees and keeping TPS graduates in Toledo.

Dr. Durant's influence and reputation extend far and wide as he currently serves on 14 area boards of trustees. He has also received numerous accolades during his professional career, including the Ohio School Board Association President's Award, and the Buckeye Association of School Administrators Exemplary Leadership Award.

A holder of three degrees from the University of Toledo, Dr. Durant's commitment to excellence echoes through every facet of his professional journey. As he looks to the future, he plans to continue spearheading transformative change that will continue to propel the district to new heights.



Dr. Romules Durant,
CEO/Superintendent
TPS

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



[Meeting Location:](#)
[Glass City Center,](#)
[2nd floor](#)

NOTICE: MEETING ROOM FOR MONDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

Monday's event will take place in our normal 2nd floor ballroom

- We encourage everyone to arrive early as there will be over 200 guests for this meeting.
- If you bring a guest please make sure they sign in at the table or they can be pre-registered that morning [HERE](#) (please do not register them before Monday)
- Overflow parking can be found in Commodore Perry garage

Thank you to our 2024-2025 Corporate Members!

We are grateful for your support of our club!



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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!

10/21

He for She Forum
Collaboration with Women of Toledo
Huntington Center Aquarium
[Click Here for More Info](#)

10/28

Service Above Self Day - Sign Up Form
Coming Soon.
[Fill out this form to receive a complimentary
t-shirt for Service Above Self Day.](#)

11/04

Justin Moor
Re-Imagining Aging
Glass City Center

Thank you to October's Meeting Sponsor:



Thank you to Danberry Realtors
and to
Rotarian Max Reddish
for sponsoring this month's weekly meetings!

HAPPY HOUR JOIN US FOR A DRINK!

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

Join us on Thursday, October 17th 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!

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.

Fill out this form to receive a
complimentary t-shirt for Service
Above Self Day

MEMBER NEWS & EVENTS



Futures Golf Outing Recap



Thank you to all Rotarians that joined us for our first ever *Futures Golf Outing* at Ottawa Park; and thank you to students from Scott, Rodgers, and Start High School that joined us!



MEMBER NEWS & EVENTS



Cares for Kids Coat Drive Joint Service Project between Youth Services Committee & Community Services Committee.

Coats can be dropped off at Rotary
Luncheons from now until November 25th.
Must be new coats.

To learn more about this drive, visit:
<https://icareforkids.org/events/care-for-kids-coat-drive-2024/>



2024

COAT DRIVE

Now - November 25th

The Peace Committee in partnership with the Neighbor to Neighbor initiative has declared October 28th-November 5th as Intentional Acts of Kindness Week.

“Let’s blanket our community with Acts of Kindness.”

For ideas click [Here](#)



Chair: Brooke Schlageter
Partners in Education-Executive Director

Committee Highlight

INTERNATIONAL SERVICES



Vice-Chair: Raina Dawson
Advocates for Basic Legal Equality-Advocate

What made you want to join this committee?

Brooke; “I lived internationally for 4 years in Warsaw, Poland and loved traveling. I was interesting to see the impact Rotary has globally. The work they’ve done is very inspiring.”

What are some projects that you’ve worked in this committee?

Brooke; “We recently approved a grant to move forward with clean water access in Cameroon”

What are your goals for the end of the year?

Brooke; “I hope to learn more about projects that need funding and what we can do to support at an international scale; also learning and developing a good strategy to pick projects that align with Rotary.”

Why should members join this committee?

Brooke; “Members should join this committee because it is an opportunity to expand horizons and develop an understanding of Rotary International.”

Interested in joining this committee? Reach out to Brooke or Raina for more information
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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](#)

October 2024

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
	Sept. 30	1 <i>Annual Zoo Day Field Trip RSVP HERE</i>	2	3	4 <i>FAC at 8 am Glass City Center Futures Golf 11 am Ottawa Park</i>	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 <i>Membership Committee 1 pm</i>	15	16	17 <i>Happy Hour Casual Pint 4-6 pm</i>	18	19
20	21 <i>Foundation Trustees Program Committee Community Services 1 pm</i>	22 <i>Enviro Committee 12 noon SAME Cafe</i>	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	Nov. 1 <i>Coffee Connection TolHouse 8-9:30 am</i>	2