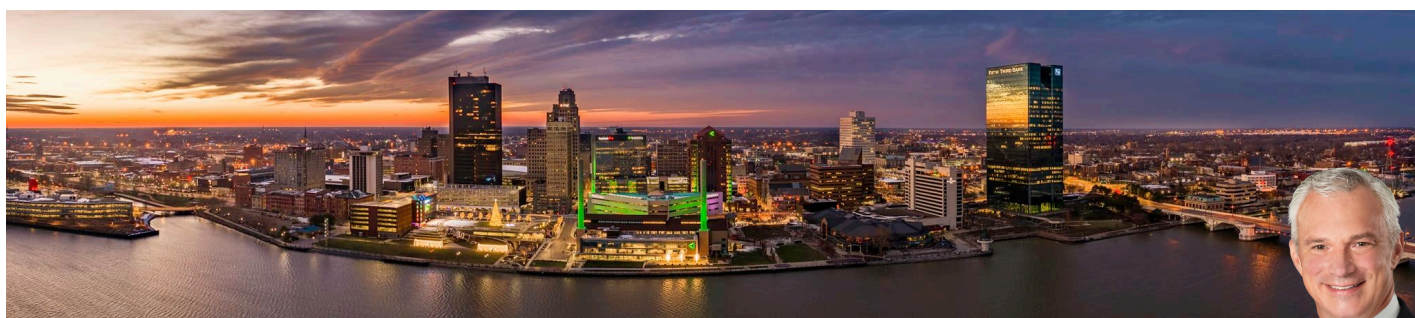




# TOLEDO ROTARY SPOKE

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## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH

*"Boy's and Girl's Club-The Best Kept Secret of Successful Afterschool Programs."*

Jim Ravas

CEO

Boys & Girls Clubs of Toledo

Jim Ravas is the President/CEO of Toledo's Boys & Girls Clubs, celebrating its 132nd anniversary. It is one of the founding Clubs of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and currently serves about 4,000 members in the Toledo metropolitan area. Jim joined the Boys & Girls Clubs in August 2020, inspired by its legacy, the need to guide through the pandemic, and its tremendous potential. In 2024, the Boys & Girls Club opened its 9th Club at Hiawatha Elementary School in Washington Local School District.

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



Jim graduated from The University of Toledo, earning a bachelor's in organizational development and a dual major MBA in Finance and International Business. He has a long history of leading companies into and through the rapid growth phase. He began with The Limited in sourcing, then the path of turning around organizations, building new brands, merging organizations in the technology and telecommunications space, and most recently, participating in the growth and merger of Tyco and Johnson Controls.

**Meeting Location:**  
Glass City Center,  
Ballroom,  
2nd floor

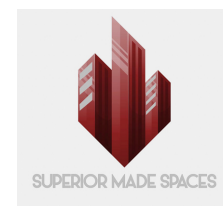
Jim brainstorms and helps colleagues in technology entrepreneurship. Jim has served on several boards in the healthcare, education, and development of new business venture spaces. Jim shared his most recent experience with Johnson Controls, "I've always been drawn to entrepreneurial potential." "Working with an organization that has shown themselves year after year to be committed to creating exciting, innovative products for customers, but also helping their customers move the needle in terms of sales."

With the Boys & Girls Clubs of Toledo, Jim shared, "I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to partner with this amazing Team of leaders and youth development professionals to help our youth to realize their fullest potential." Jim's biggest success is being a dad to his three children and husband to his wife of 33 years, Elizabeth.

Jim has a long track record of leading companies through the step change from the growth stage to industry-leading scale. However, he is most thrilled to work with the Toledo community and partner with other non-profits to serve the youth of Toledo. "It takes a village."

## Thank you to our 2024-2025 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.*



### 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!

11/18

Jim Ravas  
Boys & Girls Club  
Glass City Center

11/25

Dr. La'Shardae Scott  
Scott Center for Observation  
Treatment and Transition  
Glass City Center

12/02

No Meeting in Honor of Thanksgiving

**Thank you to Novembers  
Meeting Sponsor:**

**HARTMANN-BOGAN**  
Financial Planning

Thank you to Hartmann-Bogan  
and to  
Rotarian Donna Bogan  
for sponsoring this month's weekly meetings!

*International Services Committee is pleased to  
promote this volunteer opportunity*

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HELPS  
UKRAINE**

## COOKIE WALK

**\$10/DOZEN**

Plus nut rolls, poppy seed rolls,  
kolachy, sweet raisin bread, & more!

**SATURDAY  
DEC 7, 2024**

Rossford Recreation Center  
400 Dixie Hwy  
Rossford, OH 43460  
9am - 12pm (or until sold out)

All proceeds go towards the humanitarian  
work of Toledo Helps Ukraine.

### COOKIE DONATIONS

may be dropped off:

Friday, Dec. 6 from 3pm to 6pm  
at the Rossford Rec Center.



*We're excited to participate in this year's  
Holiday Parade!  
Click below to sign up. We will send you the  
details to your email later today.*

**Service Above Self: Blade Holiday Parade**



## MEMBER NEWS &amp; EVENTS

## BOOK CLUB

NOVEMBER 19TH

The last Book Club meeting of 2024 is  
**Tuesday, November 19th,**  
 at 5:30 PM. Happening at Poco Piatti  
 on Central Avenue.  
**All are welcome!**

The book selection is  
**"One Day: The Extraordinary Story of  
 an Ordinary Day in America" by Gene  
 Weingarten**

If you are interested in attending,  
 please email Mari Davies at  
[mdavies@artstoledo.com](mailto:mdavies@artstoledo.com).

We Invite You to Attend the Annual  
 Rotary Club of Toledo  
**HOLIDAY**  
*Party*

DECEMBER **12** AT 5:30 PM

Hosted at National Museum of the Great Lakes  
 1701 Front Street, Toledo, OH

All members are invited to attend with one guest.  
 Wear your most festive holiday formal attire!  
 Heavy hors d'oeuvres provided & cash bar.  
 Free to attend.

RSVP HERE:  
[www.toledorotary.org](http://www.toledorotary.org)

## RotaryWORKS WEEKLY HIGHLIGHT

PROMOTING BUSINESS WITH LIKEMINDED ROTARY MEMBERS WHO SHARE VALUES AND ETHICS

Be featured  
 next!  
[CLICK HERE](#)



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Ideal Client

Customers and consumers, makers of drinks, meals and memories.



Key to  
 Success

The key to my success in my professional career, without a doubt has been my mentors.



Opportunities

Typically college students that are paid for their internship. Marketing is the most common form of internship that rotates through different areas of the marketing organization; both in Toledo and Columbus.



Which pillar of the 4-Way Test resonates most with your professional life and why?

Is it the truth?

"If we do not trust one another, we are already defeated."

Allison Croggon





# MEMBER NEWS & EVENTS

*From the Membership Committee:*

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



**Lucas A Camuso-Stall**  
Director of Government Relations  
and Advocacy  
Toledo Lucas County Public Library



**Karl Strauss**  
Sr. Legal Counsel  
Owens Corning



**Laura Simmons-Wark**  
Executive Director  
Humane Ohio



**Jennifer Strauss**  
Vice President  
Nationwide Children's Hospital Toledo



**Brittany Patterson**  
Business Development  
Midwest Centers



**Scott Stigall**  
Agent/Owner  
State Farm



**Julie Grasson**  
Executive Director  
Toledo/Lucas County CareNet



**Barbara Kopp Miller**  
Vice Provost for Online and  
Workforce Development  
University of Toledo



**Mark Brazeau**  
Director of Group Sales and  
Relationship Management  
Destination Toledo



**Mortadha Hidoussi**  
VP/Commercial Lending  
Civista Bank



**Eric Heinemann**  
Relationship Sales Manager  
Destination Toledo



**Ali Abouahmed**  
Sales & Finance Project Manager  
RealSolar

Rotary Club of Toledo

NOVEMBER SOCIAL

## HOLLY TROLLEY

BAR CRAWL

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST

STARTING AT 6 PM  
CONCLUDING AT 10 PM

Tickets on Sale Now!

PROUDLY PRESENTED BY:

YOUR LOGO HERE!

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SCAN FOR TICKETS




## Coat Drive

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

To learn more visit:  
[Coat Drive Info](#)

**November 2024**

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
					1 Coffee Connection TolHouse 8-9:30 am	2
3	4 Vocational Services 11 am	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 No Luncheon in Honor of Veteran's Day	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Membership Program Committees 1 pm	19 Book Club 5:30 pm Poco Piatti on Central	20	21 Holly Trolley Bar Crawl (monthly happy hour) Buy Tix <a href="#">HERE</a>	22	23
24	25 Youth Services 1 pm	26	27	28	29	30
<div>  <div>           Rotary Office Closed In Honor of Thanksgiving         </div> </div>						