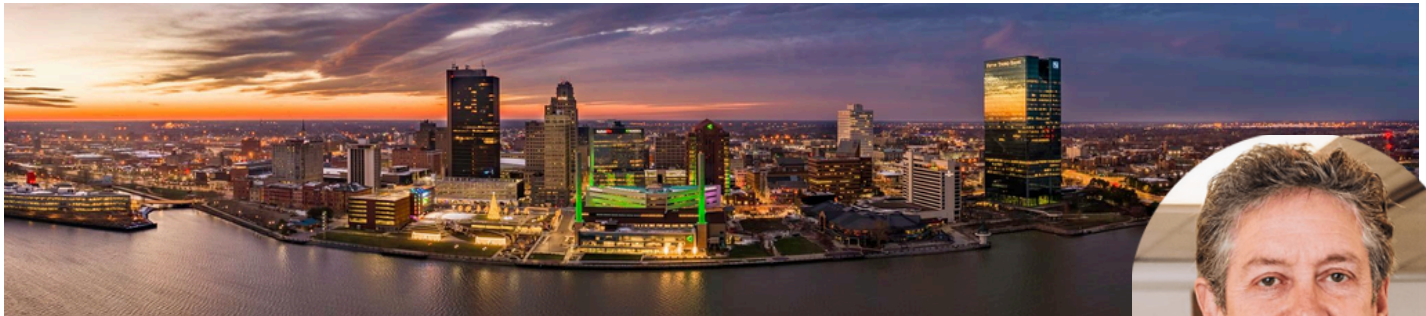




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MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025

Obtaining the Dark Matter of Biology: Unlocking Nature's Hidden Potential

Ross O. Youngs
Founder, and CEO
Biosortia

Ross has spent over 30 years inventing products, technologies, and processes for a variety of industries, and holds over 75 patents worldwide. He is driven to innovate by a focus on what is better, faster, and less expensive. Ross' recent major innovations include an R&D 100 Award for collaboration on biopolymer technologies. In 2009, Biosortia was awarded a \$6 million ARPA-E (U.S. Dept. of Energy R&D) grant for its algal harvesting technology, which helped lead to the development of Biosortia's drug discovery platform.

In 1998, Ross was awarded the Ernst & Young Ohio Entrepreneur of the Year award. Additionally, the U.S. Small Business Administration honored him as their national "Business Person of the Year" in a presentation made by Vice President Al Gore.

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



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

Thank you to our 2024-2025 Corporate Members!

We are grateful for your support of our club!



**Click on each logo to learn more about these companies directly on their website.*

For more details on the benefits of a corporate membership versus traditional membership, please contact the Rotary Office directly.



MEMBER NEWS & EVENTS

Rotary District 6600

TOWN HALL MEETING

ALL ROTARIANS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!
SATURDAY, JANUARY 25
 9AM-11AM, ZOOM

Connect and Converse with your District Leadership

DISCUSSION TOPICS
 Legacy Sheets • Quadrant Conference Status • Partnership for Lake Erie Cleanup • Status of District Surplus Funding • *plus* Breakout Sessions Focused on District Programs



NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

- Tues, Jan. 28, 2025**
- 5:30 PM**
- Shumaker
1000 Jackson Street
Toledo, OH 43604**

You will hear from club leaders, including President Kevin, Foundation Chairman Jim Layman, Committee Chairs, and more on various topics. It will be a great evening of socializing and fellowship!

Congratulations to our Newly Elected Club Officers!

Thank you to our members for participating in our election!

Donna Bogan has been named Vice President, and will serve as Club President for 2027-2028.



These individuals will serve as incoming board members for the 2025-2028 term.



Max Reddish



Tracey Ballard Tangeman



Bob Tucker



MEMBER NEWS & EVENTS

Rotary Program/Speakers

February 3
Frank LaRose, Secretary of State
State of Ohio

February 10
Lifting Black Voices - Panel Discussion

February 17
No Meeting - President's Day

February 24
Deb Ayers, Avalon Foundation,
Rare Disease Panel Discussion

Thank you to January's Meeting Sponsor:



Impact Employment Solutions

Thank you to Impact Employment Solutions
and to
Rotarian Gary "Murph" Murphy
for sponsoring this month's weekly meetings!

Rotary District 6600

2025 community PEACE summit

SATURDAY, FEB 1, 2025 | 9 am - 3 pm
LORAIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STOCKER ARTS CENTER
1005 N. ABBE RD, ELYRIA, OH

Together Towards Peace and Nonviolence

Join this free one-day community event and discover how people in our communities are promoting peace and safety. Key topics will cover innovative strategies for school safety, empowering youth, advocating for gun safety, and enhancing community well-being through urban farms and gardens.

All are welcome! Breakfast and lunch will be served.

REGISTER BELOW FOR THIS FREE EVENT!

[Click here to register for this free event](#)



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January 2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1 <i>Happy New Year</i>	2	3	4
5	6 <i>Environmental Services 1 pm</i>	7	8	9	10 <i>Golf Outing Committee 8 am at Original Pancake</i>	11
12	13 <i>Vocational 11 am Membership 1 pm Community Services 4 pm</i>	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 <i>No Luncheon in Honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>	21 <i>Book Club 5:30 pm Poco Piatti on Central</i>	22 <i>Club Happy Hour "Music & Mixology" 4:30-7pm Toledo Club</i>	23 <i>Peace Committee 12:30 pm 419 Junction Ave, Toledo, OH 43607</i>	24	25
26	27 <i>International 11 am Program 1 pm Youth Services 1 pm</i>	28 <i><u>New Member Orientation</u> 5:30 pm <u>RSVP Here</u></i>	29	30	31	Feb. 1 <i>District Peace Summit Lorain County Community College</i>



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February 2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7 <i>Coffee Connection Rustbelt 8-9 am</i>	8
9	10 <i>Membership 1 pm</i>	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 <i>No Meeting In Honor of President's Day</i>	18	19	20 <i>Club Happy Hour 4-6 pm</i>	21	22
23	24 <i>Disability Services Youth Services 1 pm</i>	25	26	27	28	March 1st