



TOLEDO ROTARY SPOKE

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Frank LaRose - Ohio Secretary of State

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Frank LaRose became Ohio's 51st Secretary of State on January 14, 2019. As Secretary of State, he oversees a statewide constitutional office responsible for administering elections and incorporating new businesses. Secretary LaRose principally serves as the state's chief elections officer, working with 88 county boards of elections to ensure the security, accuracy, and accessibility of Ohio's voting process

LaRose developed his strong work ethic and sense of responsibility at a young age while working on a small, family-owned farm in Northeast Ohio. After graduating from Copley High School, he fulfilled a lifelong dream of enlisting in the United States Army with the 101st Airborne, ultimately serving as a U.S. Special Forces Green Beret. During his decade in uniform around the globe, LaRose received numerous commendations and honors, including the Bronze Star. He continues to serve as an Army Reservist and helps to support his fellow veterans and advance the cause of patriotism as a member of the VFW and as a local board member for the Green Beret Foundation. LaRose graduated from The Ohio State University with a degree in Consumer Affairs and Business. A life-long Northeast Ohioan, he now lives in Central Ohio with his wife, Lauren, and their three daughters.

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



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

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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 February's Meeting Sponsor:



Thank you to DMD Technology Group and to Rotarian Pat Sheehan 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](#)



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](#)

February 2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
						1 <i>District Peace Summit Lorain County Community College</i>
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