



TOLEDO ROTARY SPOKE

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In this conversation, Bryan Blair will explore how the success of Toledo Athletics is deeply intertwined with the strength and spirit of the greater NW Ohio community. From championship seasons and sold-out crowds to transformative events like Glass City Live, the Rockets serve as a driver of economic activity, civic pride, and national visibility for the region.

Bryan Blair
Vice President & Director
of Athletics
University of Toledo

Blair will highlight the #TeamToledo mindset—where campus, community, and competition align—and share how collective momentum is creating opportunity and energy that reaches far beyond the field. Whether through record-breaking success, collaborative service projects, or new revenue-generating events, Toledo is proving that when we rise together, we all win.

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



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

Thank you for your honest and insightful feedback, regarding our Transformational Focus!

We had over 100 Rotarians in attendance at Monday's program on May 12th, and about 30 more on Zoom. We had great participatory feedback during the noon program and then received many additional responses on our feedback survey that President Kevin emailed out Monday afternoon. With that, we have generated a comprehensive recap & analysis of where to go from here and will be assembling next action steps with our Club Board of Directors. Stay tuned in coming weeks for details, but know that we value each of you for your feedback and participation in our club and community!



FIVE YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

2025-2029



Strategic Priority #1:

Increase Community Impact and Strategic Partnerships

Enhance our community and regional impact by building strategic partnerships with key community and anchor institutions driving meaningful initiatives. We aim to address the critical challenges facing our area and work together to improve the quality of life for all residents.



Strategic Priority #2:

Strengthen Member Connection and Engagement

Create an inclusive environment that connects and engages multigenerational leaders by enriching member experiences, offering engaging opportunities for involvement, and fostering meaningful relationships. We aim to build a vibrant and unified membership that reflects the diversity of our community.



Strategic Priority #3:

Grow Our Regional Brand Awareness and Visibility

Promote our impactful work and enhance brand visibility by positioning the club as a trusted partner for both emerging and established leaders. We aim to be recognized as the premier platform for leaders to come together, take action, and drive meaningful change in the community.



Strategic Priority #4:

Strengthen Ability to Adapt and Innovate

Strengthen our ability to adapt and innovate by embracing new ideas, fostering creativity, and responding proactively to change. We aim to stay ahead of challenges and seize emerging opportunities to drive continuous improvement by cultivating a culture of flexibility and forward-thinking.

From the Membership Committee:

Welcome to our newest Rotarians, who joined us as official members on May 15th! We are happy to have you with us!



Dan Ahren
Client Executive
Hylant



Josh Rupli
Client Executive
Hylant



Wendi Huntley
President & CEO
Connecting Kids to Meals



Kenny Farrar
Managing Director
Yellow Beet



Ashley Stenger
Senior Project Manager
Mercy Health



Jim Walter
Retired
Returning Member



Thank you to all of the individuals who have joined us this year. We are beyond happy to have you! Together, we make Toledo a better place!

SERVICE ABOVE SELF



WE PROUDLY PRESENT
TOLEDO ROTARY'S 3RD ANNUAL

MEMBER AWARDS event

Celebrating the successes of our members and our leaders.
We hope you will join us!

06.19.2025 | 5:00 PM

HOSTED AT OFFICES OF SHUMAKER, LOOP & KENDRICK
1000 JACKSON ST, TOLEDO, OH 43604

JOIN US ON JUNE 19TH FOR OUR ANNUAL MEMBER AWARDS event

NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN
FOR THESE AWARDS!
[CLICK HERE FOR VOTING.](#)

We are looking for the following for this year's event:

Presenting Sponsorship
Awards Sponsor
& Decor Sponsor

If you are interested, please email
Carin@toledorotary.org



UPDATED CONTACT INFO?

We are upon the close of the Rotary year and will be teeing up new invoices soon, delivered to your email.

If you have recently experienced a job change or need to update your contact info (primarily your email address), please inform Jaci ASAP by using this link: [Update Here](#)



Thanks to Rotarian Ben Hunger for bringing back this Trading Banner upon his recent business trip to Taipei.

Did you know you can visit any Rotary Club across the world?

Talk to Jaci in the Rotary Office if you have questions or want to know more!



Today! HAPPY HOUR

JOIN US FOR A DRINK!

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

*Join us on Thursday, May 15th from 4-6 pm when we meet at
Toledo Pickle
1030 Water Street, Toledo*

These are open to any current club member and guests.

In 1994, Toledo Rotary Club, with the support of the Toledo Area Chamber of Commerce and local corporations, helped found Partners in Education locally. For over 30 years, PIE has worked to support Toledo-area students, empowering them with the skills, resources, and opportunities they need to thrive.

Through a variety of innovative programs and community partnerships, PIE is committed to creating a future where every student is equipped for success.

We are pleased to sponsor this event and hope you will consider attending! Click the image below for tickets or email Jaci in the Rotary office.

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Rotary Club of Toledo
Toledo Rotary Foundation

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THURSDAY
15 MAY 2025



5:30 PM
7:30 PM



THE GLASS CITY
METROPARK PAVILION



PARTNERS IN
EDUCATION



Rotary PEOPLE of ACTION

Upcoming External Volunteer Opportunities



Lutheran Social Services

STOCK THE SHELVES, FOOD DONATION EVENT

Friday, May 16th, 2025 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

2149 Collingwood Blvd., Toledo, OH 43620

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE //](#)

CONTACT TOLEDO ROTARIAN: Monique Ward. Email mward@lssnwo.org. (419)-243-9178



Stranahan Elementary PTO

INCLUSIVE & ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND BUILD

Weekend #1: Friday, 6/13 & Saturday 6/14 Weekend #2: Saturday 6/21 & Sunday, 6/22

Stranahan Elementary, 3840 N. Holland-Sylvania Rd. Toledo, OH 43615

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE //](#)

CONTACT TOLEDO ROTARIANS: JULIA HAGE/Disability Services Committee

RotaryWORKS WEEKLY HIGHLIGHT

PROMOTING BUSINESS WITH LIKEMINDED ROTARY MEMBERS WHO SHARE VALUES AND ETHICS

Be featured
next!
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Services

Ultimate neighborhood gathering place offering Craft Beers, Craft Cocktails, Wine and food.



Ideal Client

We love having families come in and play games and spend time... we do sell craft sodas for the kids. But really anyone who loves beer and likes to try different styles.



Surrounding myself with hardworking, dedicated employees



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

Will it build goodwill and better friendships?

We try to make the experience enjoyable and so many people have made new friendships at our place. We have many regular customers that have become like family.



Flowing Forward: A Clean Water Celebration

Join us for a guided tour of DARA's research sites to see firsthand how conservation practices are improving water quality and supporting productive agriculture.

Why Attend:

- Learn how research at the facility is helping reduce nutrient runoff
- Explore practical strategies to improve soil health and farm resilience
- Hear directly from OSU researchers and other community partners
- Connect with fellow farmers and conservation leaders

OSU and DARA also invites all Rotarians to this event. Rotary has supported this project through a collaborative partnership between clubs across Northwest Ohio, Michigan, and Canada, all working together to protect Lake Erie and promote sustainable agriculture.

June 27th 11:30am - 2:30pm

Defiance County Extension Office



Location: 06879 Evansport Rd,
Defiance, Ohio 43512

Date: June 27th, 2025

Time: 11:30am - 2:30pm

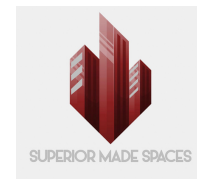
Cost: Free

Lunch Provided at no cost

RSVP Required
Spots are limited! Call the
Extension Office at
419-782-4771. or

Register online at
go.osu.edu/flowingforward

Thank you to our 2024-2025 Corporate Members!





CORPORATE POWER HOURS

W I T H
Dr. Tina Williams

Happy and Productive Employees

It's What We All Want

We can help your employees be happier and more productive — **for free and in just one hour!** With 1 in 5 workers balancing their job and caring for an aging parent or loved one, plus many pre-retirees needing support, the Area Office on Aging offers solutions. During a Corporate Power Hour, we'll visit your office to share how we can help your employees care for aging loved ones and provide resources to help pre-retirees live better and longer.

Participants will learn about:

- Home care services
- Diabetes education
- Caregiving support
- Housing resources
- Volunteer opportunities
- Fall prevention strategies
- Nutrition
- Food insecurity solutions
- Case management
- Kinship Navigator program
- Addressing social isolation
- And other related topics

Email: twilliams@areaofficeonaging.com

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For more information, call AOoA at
(419) 382-0624 ext 1137

www.AreaOfficeOnAging.com

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UPCOMING MONDAY PRESENTATIONS

5/26

No Meeting
In Honor of Memorial Day
Holiday

6/02

Lesley Doria - YMCA Toledo
More details to come!
Glass City Center Main Ballroom

6/09

Nationwide Children's Hospital
Glass City Center Main Ballroom

**Thank you to May's
Meeting Sponsor:**



Thank you to Andres O'Neil & Lowe
Insurance Agency
and Rotarian Katie Williamson for
sponsoring this month's weekly meetings!

May 2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1	2 <i>Coffee Connection Sweet Nate's (Oliver House) 8-9 am</i>	3
4	5 <i>Golf Outing Sylvania Country Club 11:30 am</i>	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 <i>Peace Committee 11 am New Member Orientation 1pm</i>	13	14	15 <i>Happy Hour Toledo Pickle 4-6pm</i>	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 <i>No Luncheon in Honor of Memorial Day</i>	27	28	29	30	31