

TOLEDO ROTARY CLUB

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Join us on Monday, September 8th at the Glass City Center, when we are joined by Tucker Rossmaessler and Ronia Romero of <u>International Samaritan</u>, as well as their President & CEO Mike Tenbusch, for a meaningful conversation about the work they do internationally in Honduras and beyond.

Tucker Rossmaessler is the Director of Engagement for International Samaritan, working out of the Ann Arbor office.

Ronia Romero is the Regional Director for Central America. She has dedicated herself to expanding opportunities for children, teens, and adults who work in municipal garbage dumps.

Together, they will participate in a discussion regarding what it's really like for families living in Honduras, surviving in a garbage dump community.

We have proudly supported this Organization before, as well as the area of Tegucigalpa, Honduras, by giving grant dollars to make a difference. Most recently, funding \$10,000 in 2024 to help them create their Samaritan Family Life Center. This family life center includes a computer lab that allows individuals to have a dedicated space for homework and learning computer skills. Read more on the 2nd page of this week's newsletter about our grant to International Samaritan.

Join us for meaningful conversation at this presentation to learn how we partner together for expanding Rotary beyond borders!





Zoom LinkMeeting ID: 827 0168 4208

YOUR DOLLARS AT WORK IN TOLEDO, AND BEYOND!

Annually, the Toledo Rotary Club Foundation annually supports over 30 local and international nonprofit organizations by funding over \$250,000 in grants. Foundation funding is made possible through the generous contributions of members of the Rotary Club of Toledo and its friends.

This grant to <u>International Samaritan</u> was used to support the Samaritan Family Life Community Center, helping outfit the computer lab specifically, in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. The facility impacts 7,400 people in Tegucigalpa and acts as a central hub for the community to gather, socialize, play, and more.

By giving the community these tools in the computer lab, individuals can complete schoolwork, participate in computer training, or even research and fill out job applications online. This space has created a unique safe space this community has never had before. In addition to the computer lab that our Foundation helped support, the Family Life Center features a central courtyard and a concrete soccer field attached to the facility.

In January of 2024, five of our Rotarians traveled to Honduras to learn more and visit the area. Below is a video highlighting their experience and what it meant to each of them.

Please consider making a gift to our <u>Foundation</u> today, to help support grants like this.

















Pictured: An assortment of photos from the trip to Honduras in January 2024. Thanks to Past Presidents Travis Tangeman and Kevin Mullan for these photos.

Click the video (immediately left) to hear more about their experience, and how it made an impact on their Rotary journey.

THANK YOU TO OUR CORPORATE MEMBERS!







































































UPCOMING PROGRAM SPEAKERS



Toledo Refinery Company Update



Syliva Roop, Foster Parent Recruiter Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth (SAFY)



Toledo Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz



Service Above Self Day Keep an eye out on project choices HERE We are pleased to host Toledo's Mayor for our luncheon on Monday, Sept. 29th.

As it has been a few years since he presented to our club, we anticipate a larger audience.

Please pre-register your guests for this specific program HERE

14TH ANNUAL JIM VASSAR MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

WE ARE PROUD AND HONORED TO BE A PART OF THE 14TH ANNUAL JIM VASSAR MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING HOSTED ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH AT BRANDYWINE COUNTRY CLUB.

JIM WAS A WONDERFUL ROTARIAN IN OUR CLUB AND WAS LOVED BY MANY.

EVERY YEAR, THIS WONDERFUL TOURNAMENT SUPPORTS AREA CHARITIES LIKE THE AMERICAN BRAIN TUMOR ASSOCIATION, PROMEDICA REHAB FUND, AND THE TOLEDO ROTARY FOUNDATION.

WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US!
TEAMS AND PLAYERS ARE WELCOME.
REGISTRATION AVAILABLE AT:
VASMANGOLF.COM

THANK YOU TO
SEPTEMBERS'S
MONTHLY
MEETING SPONSOR:



Thank you to
Browning Cousineau and
Rotarian Brent Cousino
for sponsoring this month's
weekly meetings!

GIVE TO THE TOLEDO ROTARY CLUB FOUNDATION TODAY!

Donations to the Toledo Rotary Club
Foundation are used to support projects
in and around Toledo, regionally, and
internationally. Each year, we give out
over \$250,000 in grants to local and
international organizations, made
possible through these contributions.

Make your contribution today!
We even offer a convenient monthly recurring option.
Learn more <u>HERE</u>.

STAY CONNECTED

If you aren't following our Club's social pages yet, click here:











BQQK CLUB

Join us for Book Club
Thursday, September 18th, at 5:30 PM.
Happening at Poco Piatti
on Central Avenue.
Note it is on a THURSDAY, NOT TUESDAY
this time. All Rotarians are welcome!

The book selection is
"Animals I Want to See: A Memoir of Growing Up
in the Projects and Defying the Odds"
by Tom Seeman.
He is Toledo native and graduate of St. Francis.

If you are interested in attending, please email Mari Davies at mdavies@artstoledo.com.

Watch Past Meeting Videos Here!



Missed a meeting that you wanted to catch? Not to worry! You can always view past meeting videos here: <u>Past Meeting Videos</u>



Upcoming External Volunteer Opportunities



RUN TOLEDO | GARMIN MARATHON

Friday, September 19th thru Sunday, September 21st

Glass City Center, 401 Jefferson Ave, Toledo, OH 43604

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE //

CONTACT: Michelle Barga, with Run Toledo at (419)-494-7377

If you or someone you know would like to promote a volunteer opportunity, please email Jaci in the Rotary Office to get started, or connect with the Community Services Committee directly.

Let's Celebrate!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- **3 Gary Smith**
- 3 Dylan Orwig
- 3 Anna Kolin
- **3 Sheena Barnes**
- 4 Dawn Miller
- 4 Stephen Dunbar
- 4 Whitney Rofkar
- 5 Don Yerks
- 5 Tim McStay
- 7 Jennifer Strauss
- 7 Kimberly Danes
- **8 Aaron Shetterly**
- 8 Mari Davies
- 8 Curt Church
- 10 Ally Effler
- 12 Erica Halada

- 12 Rachel Hobson
- 17 Judy Leb
- 18 Rick Russell
- 18 PP Tim Ryan
- 18 Susan Palmer
- 20 Steven Amrose
- 22 Marcus Harrison
- 23 Kevin Rahe
- 25 Kevin Dalton
- 25 Tom Fields
- 25 Lucas Camuso-Stall
- 27 Stephanie Shackelford
- 28 Joshua Dressel
- 28 Chris Anderson

PP = Past President





Friday, September 5 from 8-9 am



House of Coffee, Downtown



Held on the 1st Friday of every Month, starting @ 8 am

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Save the date!
Wednesday, September 10th

New Members are invited to attend our next New Member Orientation on Wednesday, September 10th from 7:30am-9:00am. We will be meeting at Glass City Center in the Summit Conference Rooms.

Light breakfast and coffee will be provided.

Whether you just joined Toledo Rotary, or may have missed the last orientation, we don't want you to miss out!

It is a great introduction to learning about our club structure, club history, and the committee work. It will also allow you to network and meet fellow Rotarians - both new and seasoned!

Please RSVP directly to Carin Stramel in the Rotary Office if you have not already.

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Those Celebrating Membership Milestones in September

8 YEARS

10 YEARS

20+ YEARS

President-Elect Candice Harrison Erik Ibsen, Neil Neukam "Murph"

30+ YEARS

40+ YEARS

50+ YEARS

Bob Harold

PDG Chuck Stocking

Bruce Seeger, Tom Roemer, Bob Reichert

PDG = Past District Governor



The Program
Committee is looking
for feedback on what
you'd like to see this
year at our Monday
lunch programs.
Please complete this
quick survey here:
Program Topics
Ranking

WORLD POLIO DAY 24 OCTOBER



WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING PLAN OUR 2025 FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR ERADICATING POLIO, PLEASE EMAIL JACI DIRECTLY.

SEPTEMBER 2025

Thanks to Rotarian Curt Church for creating a Google Calendar for you to sync to your personal calendars! Here is the link: GoogleCalendar

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 No Meeting in Honor of Labor Day	2	3	4	5 Coffee Connection 8:00 AM House of Coffee Downtown	6
7	8 Speaker: Int. Samaritan Membership Committee 1 pm	9	10 New Member Orientation 7:30 - 9 am Glass City Center Summit A	11	12	13
14	15 Speaker: Scott Hayes Disability, Peace, Finance, Program 1 pm Com. Services 4:30 pm	16	17	18 Happy Hour 4-6 PM Toledo Pickle & Book Club 5:30 PM Poco Piatti	19	20
21	22 Speaker: Sylvia Roop International 11 am Youth Services 1 pm	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Speaker: Mayor Wade Vocational Services 11 am	30	Oct. 1	2	3 Coffee Connection 8:00 AM House of Coffee Downtown	4
5	6 <u>Service</u> <u>Above</u> <u>Self Day</u>	7	8	9	10	11