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TOLEDO ROTARY CLUB

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Join us for lunch on Monday, November 17th, we are joined by Doug Swiatecki, of the Toledo Jazz Newsletter, who will tell the story of Gangsters, Booze, and Jazz.

Douglas Swiatecki is a graduate of Toledo's Central Catholic High School and received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Toledo. After working around the nation and in locations around the world he returned to Toledo and established the Toledo Jazz Newsletter. Doug has had photos appear in regional and national publications and has had articles about jazz published in local and regional magazines. Currently, he is preparing his book titled Toledo's Jazz Legacy for publication. The book is tentatively set for publication in 2026. Toledo's Jazz Legacy will highlight many past eras of jazz in Toledo, even venturing back into the ragtime era. Art Tatum, Jon Hendricks, Stanley Cowell, Larry Fuller, Clifford Murphy and Claude Black are just some of Toledo personnel that will be covered. Detailed histories of some of the city's great jazz clubs will be presented and readers will learn of aspects of Toledo's jazz history that have never been presented before.

Gangsters related to jazz in Toledo, as fish do to water. Rather than try to cover a sweeping history of all jazz in Toledo, we will quickly investigate the drivers for the presence of jazz in Toledo and then shift our attention to one tough joint that early gangsters and citizens patronized. Finally, we will talk about the arrival of the Licavoli gang and their goals with respect to jazz in Toledo. By the end of the presentation the audience will agree that 1932 is an important year for jazz in Toledo.





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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 \$7,780 grant to Junior Achievement of Northwestern Ohio is a direct partnership with our Vocational Services Committee to support their 5th Year Program at JA. Through this collaboration, in its second year, JA 5th Year Students receive professional skills trainings on Mondays, with two specific sessions being led by Rotarians and Committee members. The students also get to attend two Rotary programs during their experience, which allows them the opportunity to hear our guest speaker but more importantly, make Rotarian and community connections.

Thank you to the leaders of Vocational Services Committee for fostering this partnership and encouraging participation from all of our club members. This collaboration helps young adults define their path and lead successful lives!

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







Photo Credit: Junior Achievement of Northwestern Ohio

WE ARE PLEASED TO INFORM YOU THAT 100% OF THE CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE FOUNDATION TRUSTEES ARE COMMITTED TO THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL CAMPAIGN!

We had a wonderful Foundation Day on Monday, November 10, that told the story of our impact and influence through our charitable giving. To make each year a success in our grantmaking, we need the support of each member in our club!

Please help us reach our goal of 100% participation from members by making a contribution today.

To learn more about making your gift, please visit:

https://toledorotary.org/donate/

UPCOMING PROGRAM SPEAKERS



Ben Stalets - Toledo Streets Newspaper Meeting at Glass City Center in Main Ballroom



No Meeting In Observance of Extended Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend



Tom Seeman - Author Meeting at Glass City Center in Main Ballroom

NEW THIS YEAR!

At the start of the year, President Scot came up with a creative idea for our members to give back to Toledo Rotary Club's Foundation, while directly highlighting their business.

We now offer a new monthly meeting sponsorship level in which 50% of the cost goes directly back to our Club's Foundation!

If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity for yourself, please email Jaci Bugaj directly.

jacibugaj@toledorotary.org

THANK YOU TO NOVEMBER'S MONTHLY MEETING SPONSOR!

ABOUT PHIL:

Phil Mariasy has been a Toledo Rotarian since June of 2009. He began doing business as Allied Media Group in June 2003. Prior to this, he had been an Editor/Videographer with Buckeye CableSystem of Toledo, an accomplished producer of regional cable TV programming in Detroit, and a broadcast TV technician in Toledo. He earned a BA from the University of Toledo in the late 1980's.

ABOUT ALLIED MEDIA GROUP: With 40 years of cumulative experience creating video content for commercial, corporate, and non-profit clients, we're pleased to announce here, in The Spoke, Studio 130, a facility uniquely situated in an historic former TV studio in the heart of Downtown Toledo.

We're redefining how organizations in the Greater Toledo area tell their stories. Our innovative video series marries the familiar format of TV talk shows with best-in-class standalone videos. It's a modern, unbranded approach that prioritizes our clients' voices and missions.

Whether your goal is highlighting a community initiative, developing support and funding, celebrating a unique program, or sharing a compelling success story, our approach ensures your message stands out in a crowded digital landscape. By partnering with Allied Media Group, you gain more than a video service—you gain a storytelling ally committed to helping you shine. Together, we'll set a new standard for how impactful stories are told.

We invite you to connect with him directly and learn more about Allied Media Group today!



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Notice of Club Business: Upcoming Elections for Board of Directors and Vice President

We will soon be sending out notice of our nominated individuals slated to serve our club board in the year 2026-2027 and beyond. You will receive their "Statements to Serve" which allows you to get to know them, as well as an official Ballot. All processes will be outlined in the communication.

This process is very important to the future of our club, and we appreciate your participation in this election.

What Qualifies a Member for Board Leadership?

To be a nominee for Board Leadership in our club, a member has to have met the following criteria:

Club Director: Must have been a member for the last 3 consecutive years. Must have led a committee or major project. Must be a contributor to our Foundation. Must be a member in good standing—attendance at 60% or better, and dues are paid.

In order to be qualified for Vice President, they have to meet the criteria above AND have served at least one year as a Board Director.



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ROTARY MAGAZINE

All Rotarians receive a subscription to the Rotary Magazine as part of their paid membership. Do you wish to receive this digitally?

Email Jaci today for help with switching from paper to digital.

JOB CHANGE?

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UPDATE YOUR ROTARY PROFILE

HERE

WE LOVE OUR MEMBER "CHECK-INS"!

Keep "checking in" to each Rotary event you attend to earn points and prizes! We will update our leaderboard again at the end of the month!





STAY CONNECTED

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

BOOK CLUB

Join us for Book Club

<u>TUESDAY, November 18th</u> at 5:30 PM.

Happening at Poco Piatti
on Central Avenue.

All Rotarians are welcome!

The book selection is "We'll Prescribe You a Cat" by Syou Ishida.

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

Care for Kids Coat Drive

Youth Services Committee is pleased to support this annual coat drive again!

Coats can be dropped off at the Rotary Office or at Rotary Luncheons from now thru November 24^{th.}

(Note: Coats must be new, guaranteeing equal quality and condition for all).

We have collected 27 coats thus far, and look forward to keeping a running total all season long!

To learn more about this drive, visit: icareforkids.org



Get Your Holly Trolley
Tickets Today!

Thursday, Nov. 20th From 6-10 PM

Limited Seats Available! Click Here to Buy Yours







Upcoming External Volunteer Opportunities



MOBILE MEALS OF TOLEDO | SIP, SIP, HOORAY! UNDER THE BIG TOP Thursday, November 13th

Parkway Place, 2592 Parkway Plz, Maumee, OH 43537

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE //

Shifts are 2-4 Hours throughout the day.

11 am - 2 pm; 11 am - 3 pm; 6-10:35 pm; and 10pm - midnight

CONTACT: Lisa Anderson, Toledo Rotarian

via email at lisa.d.anderson@owenscorning.com

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.



NOVEMBER 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
2	3 Speaker: Dr. Christie Jenkins	4	5	6	7 Coffee Connection 8:00 AM Freight House Oregon	8
9	10 Annual Foundation Day Voc. Serv. 11 AM Membership & Comm. Serv at 1 PM	11	12	13	14	15 The Blade Holiday Parade Downtown Walk with Us!
16	17 Speaker: Doug Swiatecki Finance Peace at 1 PM	18 Youth Services 2 PM (virtual)	19	20 <u>Holly Trolley</u> <u>Happy Hour</u> <u>Bar Crawl</u>	21	22
23	24 Speaker: Ben Statelets	25	26	27 Happy Thanksgiving!	28	29
30	Dec. 1 NO ROTARY In Observance of a Long Holiday Weekend	2	3	4 Annual Holiday Party Hosted at The Mez Downtown	5	6
7	8 Speaker: Tom Seeman Enviro Services 1 PM	9	10	11	12	13