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TOLEDO ROTARY CLUB

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TOM SEEMAN | AUTHOR

Join us for lunch on Monday, December 8th, when we are joined by Tom Seeman, author and Toledo Native.

Tom Seeman is a businessperson who has owned and led several businesses. He grew up in a family of fourteen on welfare and food stamps in the projects of Toledo, Ohio. He earned his B.A. in Economics from Yale, where he rowed on the crew team and graduated summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa, before going on to earn his J.D. at Harvard.

Tom currently serves on the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston and on the Board of Trustees of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. He funded a scholarship that actively seeks disadvantaged students to attend St. Francis de Sales High School in Toledo—the school that generously gave him a scholarship and that he credits for helping him fulfill his dream of attending a top college. He has worked across the globe, has lived in five countries, and has traveled to over one hundred.

He lives in Massachusetts with his wife, four children, three dogs, and a cat.

*Thanks to our Rotary Book Club for proposing this presentation! They read his book “Animals I Want to See” earlier this fall. Learn more about Tom in advance of Monday here:
<https://www.tomseemanauthor.com/>*

**Meeting Location:**

Glass City Center,
Ballroom, 2nd floor



Guests welcome,
as always!

Zoom Link

Meeting ID: 827 0168 4208

THANK YOU TO OUR CORPORATE MEMBERS!



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 \$5,000 grant to the Salvation Army supported their Food Pantry and Diaper Bank, via updated shelving units and produce displays, as well as an upright cooler with glass doors to replace a broken refrigerator, essential to produce storage. Through this program, food insecure households have access to high-quality, well-rounded food choices. Demand for food continues to increase, largely attributed to an unforeseen increase in the number of working families seeking assistance. To meet this need, The Salvation Army launched a renovation of the food pantry, increasing capacity. This increased storage capacity, as well as stage produce to look more appealing and support healthy food choices. As the only Choice Food Pantry in the community, improving the storage capacity and display of food, most notably produce, encourages families to choose appropriate foods to their taste, lead them towards healthier options and limit food waste. Additionally, increased storage capacity and produce displays, guided by well-versed Salvation Army staff, supports meal planning and provides assistance to families in choosing foods from the pantry.

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



Photo Credit: The Salvation Army Northwest Ohio Area Services Facebook page



Thank you!

Care for Kids Coat Drive

Thanks to the generosity of our Rotarians, we collected 40 coats for Care for Kids!

These will be benefitting the Boys and Girls Clubs of Toledo, Susie's Coats for Kids, and the YMCA.

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

UPCOMING PROGRAM SPEAKERS



Mahjida Berryman
Meeting at Glass City Center
in Jefferson Rooms D-G



Toledo Symphony Orchestra Holiday Concert
Meeting at Glass City Center
in Main Ballroom



No Meeting
Holiday Break

THANK YOU TO
DECEMBER'S
MONTHLY
MEETING SPONSOR:



Thank you to
Walt Churchill's Market and
Rotarian Kunal Dawar
for sponsoring this month's
weekly meetings!

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.

THIS HOLIDAY SEASON
DON'T GIVE STUFF, GIVE AN EXPERIENCE!

Dr. Seuss
and the Symphony

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25
3PM | THE PERISTYLE

50% OFF
PROMO CODE:
ROTARIAN



Let's Celebrate!

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 PP Stacy Hammer | 15 Dennis Sherry |
| 2 Pat Appold | 15 Brian Kennedy |
| 4 Mark Brazeau | 18 Jack Zouhary |
| 5 David Zelenka | 18 Daniel Peffley |
| 5 Mary Westphal | 19 Lance Self |
| 6 Julia Hage | 19 Mark Bevington |
| 9 Maria White | 23 PP Fr. Ron Olszewski |
| 10 Mark Parker | 24 Kerri Rochelle |
| 10 Eric Scott | 26 Lisa McDuffie |
| 10 Scott Wills | 26 PDG Helyn Bolanis |
| 11 Dr. Romules Durant | 27 Neil Neukam |
| 12 Mark Weisenburger | 28 Cindy Kerr |
| 13 April Smucker | 28 Tim DeCant |
| 13 Tom Sorosiak | 29 Jess Hover |
| 13 Lori Hauser | 29 Pete Lavalette |
| 13 David Effler | 31 Kunal Dawar |
| 14 Josh Bunton | |
| 14 Julie Grasson | |
| 14 Sara Best | |

PP = Past President

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Those Celebrating Membership Milestones in December

10+ YEARS

*Chrissy Redrup
Pete Lavalette
John Roemer
Jamie Adams
Cherie Sears*

20+ YEARS

*Glen Hiner
Judy Leb
Gary Geiger
Mary Westphal*

30+ YEARS

PP Chuck Mann

50+ YEARS

*PP Steve Martindale
PP Rick Hartley*

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Save these Dates!
**HOLIDAY
EVENTS**

*Toledo
Symphony
Orchestra Holiday
Program*

**MONDAY,
DEC. 22**



WE LOVE OUR MEMBER "CHECK-INS"!

Keep "checking in" to each Rotary event you attend to earn points and prizes!



**GREETERS
NEEDED!**

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)

STAY CONNECTED

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



**Watch
Past Meeting
Videos Here!**



**Missed a meeting that you wanted to catch?
Not to worry! You can always view past
meeting videos here: [Past Meeting Videos](#)**

Rotary PEOPLE OF ACTION

Upcoming External Volunteer Opportunities



THE SALVATION ARMY | BELL RINGING

From now thru December 24th

Date, Time, and Location to be selected by Rotarian

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE //

CONTACT: Kimberly Danes, Toledo Rotarian
via email at kimberly.danes@use.salvationarmy.org



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF TOLEDO | 134TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 10 & 11 from 2:45pm - 5:30pm

Location: You choose one of the eight Clubs!

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE //

CONTACT: Cory Wolin, Toledo Rotarian via email at cory@bgctoledo.org

Volunteer Needs: Volunteer help is needed with check-in for coats and belongings, the toy raffle, dinner setup and cleanup, and distributing coats at the end of the event. Your support ensures everything runs smoothly for our members.

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 Service Committees directly.

Save the Date!
**SERVICE
ABOVE
SELF** *Day*




**We have two more Service Above Self Days this Rotary year.
Mark your calendars for
02/02/2026, and 04/20/2026.
Guests welcomed and encouraged!**



DECEMBER 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 <i>NO ROTARY In Observance of a Long Holiday Weekend</i>	2	3	4 <i>Holiday Party 5:30 - 8 PM The Mez Downtown</i>	5	6
7	8 <i>Speaker: Tom Seeman Membership and Enviro at 1 PM</i>	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 <i>Speaker: Mahjida Berryman Finance Peace at 1 PM</i>	16 <i>Youth Services 2 PM (virtual)</i>	17	18	19	20
21	22 <i>TSO Holiday Concert at Glass City Center</i>	23	24	25 <i>Merry Christmas!</i> 	26	27
28	29	30	31	Jan. 1 <i>Happy New Year!</i> 	2	3
<i>Rotary Office Closed</i>						
4	5 <i>Speaker: Steve Serchuk</i>	6	7	8	9	10