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TOLEDO ROTARY CLUB

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TOLEDO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA HOLIDAY PERFORMANCE

Join us for this long-standing Toledo Rotary Holiday Tradition!

We will be joined by players of the Toledo Symphony Orchestra on Monday, December 22nd for lunch. We are especially pleased to have a Guest Conductor this year! Mr. William R. Langley will be leading the symphony for this performance. To read more about him, you can find his bio [HERE](#).

Guests are more than welcome! If it is a spouse or friend that you are bringing, we ask that you pay for their lunch. If the guest is a prospective member, they are entitled to a complimentary lunch, as is our normal practice for prospectives.

This will be our last meeting of the calendar year. We will return to programs at Glass City Center on Monday, January 5th.

Note: It has been in place for a few weeks now, but you should be informed that the parking garage at Glass City Center has a new flow of traffic within the garage. If you have not attended a program lately, please stay to the right of the garage after entering. This affords you the opportunity to park closer to the entry doors and elevator. Thank you for your attention to this information.



Meeting Location:

Glass City Center,
Ballroom, 2nd floor

Zoom Link

Meeting ID: 827 0168 4208

THANK YOU TO OUR CORPORATE MEMBERS!



YOUR DOLLARS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Thanks to the generosity of Rotarians like you, each year the Toledo Rotary Foundation distributes \$200,000 - \$250,000 to local charitable service organizations. These organizations provide critical assistance to members of our community with the greatest needs.

As we approach the end of 2025, we're asking you to contribute to the Toledo Rotary Foundation. Why should you support the Foundation? First, when pooled with the contributions of other Rotarians, your gift enables the Foundation to support dozens of local charitable organizations in the Toledo area every year. Second, each grant application submitted to the Foundation is thoroughly vetted by Toledo Rotarians serving on service committees and the Foundation Advisory Council, so you can be assured that each approved grant addresses a real need and is consistent with the mission of Rotary.

Contributions to the Toledo Rotary Foundation are tax deductible. No contribution is too small. Our goal is for 100% of Toledo Rotary Club members to make a gift.

You can make your gift by (1) donating online at toledorotary.org; (2) mailing or delivering a check payable to the Toledo Rotary Foundation, or (3) using the QR code below.

*Join your fellow Rotarians in helping the Toledo Rotary Foundation make a difference in our community. **Give today!***



TOLEDO ROTARY CLUB FOUNDATION IS NOW ACCEPTING QCDS

We recently worked with our partners at Greater Toledo Community Foundation to equip our charitable fund to accept Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs). A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) lets individuals age 70½ or older give directly from their IRA to a charity without paying income tax. For those age 73 and older, a QCD can also count toward their Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). It's a simple, tax-smart way to support the club.

The easiest way is a direct transfer from your IRA custodian to the Greater Toledo Community Foundation, where the gift can be directed to the Toledo Rotary Club Foundation Giving Fund. Club members just need to contact their IRA custodian to request the transfer.

UPCOMING PROGRAM SPEAKERS



*No Meeting
Holiday Break*



*Stephen Serchuk & Bill Farnsel
Toledo Police Next Door
Meeting at Glass City Center
in Main Ballroom*



*Charlene Page, Owens Comm. College
Meeting at Glass City Center
in Main Ballroom*

**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!*

BOOK CLUB JANUARY 20TH

*Join us for Book Club
TUESDAY, January 20th at
5:30 PM.*

*Happening at Poco Piatti
on Central Avenue.
All Rotarians are welcome!*

*The book selection is
"A Guide to Midwestern
Conversation" by
Taylor Kay Phillips.*

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

**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**



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

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!



The 2026 Rotary District 6600 Peace Summit will take place on Saturday, February 7, 2026, at LCCC's Stocker Arts Center, in partnership with the Elyria YWCA. The event will run from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm with meals included. This free event, themed "Uniting For Good," will feature keynote speakers **David Orr** and **Chase Farris** discussing courage. Breakout sessions by **Facing History and Ourselves** will address critical thinking and communication in a polarized world.

For more information, contact Jeanine Donaldson at jpd@elyriaywca.org



Partners in Education

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Do you want to empower Toledo youth?

Work one-on-one with K-3 students to provide literacy tutoring in area schools!

WHAT WE OFFER

- Work 1:1 with K-3 students on reading skills.
- Programming runs M-Th | 9-11:15 am or 12:30-2:45 pm.
- Flexible schedule | Pick your days and earn between 1 and 8 volunteer hours/week.
- Training and materials provided to tutors.
- Must pass a background check.
- Various elementary school sites available.

CONTACT US

Call 419-242-2122
Email volunteer@partnerstoledo.org
Visit partnerstoledo.org





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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 at 1 PM</i>	16 <i>Youth Services 2 PM (virtual)</i>	17	18	19	20
21	22 <i><u>TSO</u> <u>Holiday</u> <u>Concert</u> <u>at Glass City</u> <u>Center</u></i>	23	24	25 <i>Merry Christmas!</i> 	26	27
28	29	30	31	Jan. 1 <i>Happy New Year!</i> 	2	3
Rotary Office Closed						
4	5 <i>Speaker: Steve Serchuk & Bill Farnsel</i>	6	7	8	9	10