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TOLEDO ROTARY CLUB

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CHARLENE PAGE, OWENS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Join us on Monday, January 12th, when we are joined by Charlene Page, the Executive Director, Workforce and Economic Development at Owens Community College. January is Vocational Services Month and our Vocational Services Committee has helped plan this dynamic program.

Charlene Page is an executive leader with nearly two decades of experience in economic and business development in which she designed and implemented development strategies and worked as a liaison between public and private sectors and the community. Prior to her role at Owens, Charlene held the position of Regional Talent Manager for Jobs Ohio and the Regional Growth Partnership. Charlene also worked as an International Business Development Representative for Oakland County, Michigan specializing in assisting multinational companies grow their operations in the US. She brings extensive experience in sales and organizational development to her role at Owens Community College.

Charlene will provide an overview of Owens' workforce training initiatives and share strategies designed to address Ohio's growing technician shortage.

The Vocational Services Committee has also invited special guests from key local leaders in the trades. We have guests attending from a few unions, as well as contractor associations. If you have a colleague who would be interested in attending, please invite them! All are welcome.

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.

[Zoom Link](#)
[Meeting ID: 827 0168 4208](#)



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

THANK YOU TO OUR CORPORATE MEMBERS!



UPCOMING PROGRAM SPEAKERS



1/19

*No Meeting in Honor of
Martin Luther King Jr. Day*



1/26

*Dr. James Holloway, University of Toledo
Meeting at Glass City Center
in Main Ballroom*



2/2

*Service Above Self Day
Sign Up Today!
(More projects to be added)*

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.*

THANK YOU TO JANUARY'S MONTHLY MEETING SPONSOR!

ABOUT DAN:

Dan is a Toledo native, father of young children, and Rotary member since 2012. He's deeply involved in the Northwest Ohio through various civic, professional and social organizations. Dan understands firsthand the challenge of balancing a growing business with family life, and spends his time involved in the various activities three kids bring.

ABOUT SKILLFUL STRATEGIES:

Skillful Strategies helps business owners build stronger businesses and ultimately prepare owners for their eventual transition and exit. As a Certified Exit Planning Advisor (CEPA), Dan works with owners on what's often called the "three-legged stool" of exit readiness: personal vision for life after the business, financial preparedness, and business value optimization. Most business owners spend decades building their companies but considerably less time planning for what comes next. Dan's practice addresses this gap by helping owners develop clarity around their transition timeline and readiness across all three areas. His work ranges from comprehensive multi-year exit planning to foundational business coaching for businesses of all sizes. He's developed educational programs and works with other professional advisors who recognize that successful business transitions require coordination across multiple disciplines. The focus is on helping business owners understand where they are today and what steps will move them toward their desired future, whether that transition is five years away or fifteen.

*We invite you to connect with him directly and learn
more about Skillful Strategies today!*



Dan@skillfulstrats.com



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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND

**SIGN-UP TODAY!
 GUESTS WELCOMED AND
 ENCOURAGED!**

**JOB CHANGE?
 NEW PHONE NUMBER OR
 MAILING ADDRESS?
 UPDATE YOUR ROTARY PROFILE
[HERE](#)**

**NEED YOUR
 "ROTARIAN AT WORK"
 T-SHIRT BEFORE OUR NEXT SERVICE
 ABOVE SELF DAY?**



Fill out this form and we will bring it to you at the program on Monday, January 26th.

SAVE THE DATE!



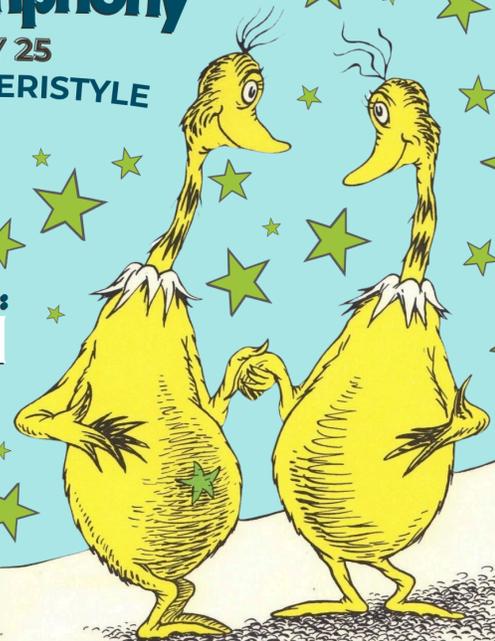
The 2026 Rotary District 6600 Peace Summit will take place on Saturday, February 7, 2026, at LCCC's Stocker Arts Center, in partnership with the Elyria YWCA. The event will run from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm with meals included. This free event, themed "Uniting For Good," will feature keynote speakers **David 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

**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](#)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



LAWRENCE BUTTS, JR.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
THE JOSH PROJECT, INC.



KEVIN HOFMANN,
ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURE AND
INCLUSION MANAGER,
LUCAS COUNTY BOARD OF DEV.
DISABILITIES



BJ GALL
OWNER,
FRAME'S PEST AND WILDLIFE
CONTROL, INC.



NATE REID,
DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT
THE EPILEPSY CENTER OF
NORTHWEST OHIO

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JANUARY JUMPSTART

Vocational Service Month Challenges

COFFEE & CAREERS

ONE CUP OF COFFEE CAN SPARK A LIFELONG CONNECTION—WHO WILL YOU MEET?

challenge
CONTACT 3 ROTARIANS

We encourage you to reach out to three members you haven't met yet and invite them for coffee or a quick chat. Learn about their career, passions, and what brought them to Rotary. These conversations build friendships and open doors for collaboration.

Check the [member directory](#) for someone outside your usual circle!



BONUS

DON'T MISS OUR UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP SOCIALS—ANOTHER GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO NETWORK AND SHARE YOUR VOCATIONAL JOURNEY.

January is Vocational Service Month! Rotary's Vocational Service reminds us that our professions are powerful tools for good. This month, we celebrate the unique skills and experiences each member brings to Rotary—and explore ways to connect, learn, and serve through our work. Check out these opportunities to engage.

JOIN A COMMITTEE ANY TIME!

We encourage all Rotarians to get actively involved in service and socializing by joining a committee that fits your interests and skills. If you have not yet joined a committee during this Rotary year, it's not too late! Take a look at the listing here:

[Committee Selection Form](#)

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.

Let's Celebrate!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 2 Bill McElheney | 17 Matt Arnold |
| 3 Fran Anderson | 17 PP Alex Due |
| 4 Gary Corrigan | 20 Jeff Cole |
| 5 Madison Decator | 23 Rodney Eason |
| 5 Tiffany Lewis | 23 Aimee Reid |
| 7 Jason Kucsma | 23 Tim Fields |
| 7 Amira Gohara | 24 Chris Murphy |
| 10 Jim Burnor | 24 Kathy Selking |
| 10 Karen Relyea | 24 Justin Moor |
| 10 Blair Johnson | 24 Tom Uhler |
| 10 Molly Stevens | 27 PP Brad Rubini |
| 11 James Caldwell | 27 Jennifer Kurtovic |
| 13 Sanford Lubin | 28 Jim Ravas |
| 13 Ashley Shupe Stenger | 29 Emily Desmond |
| 13 Katie Williamson | 30 Sofia Growden |
| 14 Roy Cherry | 30 Mary Mancini |
| 14 Megan Casiere | |
| 15 Reggie Bradley | |

PP = Past President

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Those Celebrating Membership Milestones in January

10+ YEARS

*Jane Marie Rahe
Dennis Isabell II*

20+ YEARS

*Jani Miller
Paul Sullivan
PP Stacy Hammer*

30+ YEARS

*Doug Hileman
Willis F Day IV
Bill McElheney*

40+ YEARS

Tom Palmer

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TOLEDO ROTARY
JANUARY HAPPY HOUR

GOLF & DRINKS

a perfect pair!



Pro Golf Fairways Sports Bar
32 N. Ontario St, Toledo, OH

JOIN US!

JANUARY

15TH

4PM - 6PM

SPEND YOUR THURSDAY EVENING WITH
FELLOW ROTARIANS, PRACTICING YOUR GOLF SWING!
FREE PIZZA AND MOZZARELLA STICKS WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.
RSVPS REQUIRED AT TOLEDOROTARY.ORG.



SPECIAL THANKS TO THE MEMBERSHIP
COMMITTEE FOR COORDINATING THIS FUN EVENT!

JANUARY 2026

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
	29 <i>NO ROTARY In Observance of a Long Holiday Weekend</i>	30	31	Jan. 1  <i>Happy New Year!</i>	2	3
4	5 <i>Speaker: Toledo Police Next Door</i>	6	7	8	9 <i>Golf Outing Committee 8 AM Original Pancake House</i>	10
11	12 <i>Speaker: Charlene Page Membership and Finance at 1 PM</i>	13	14	15 <i>Happy Hour Pro Golf Fairways Ontario St. Downtown 4-6 PM RSVP HERE</i>	16	17
18	19 <i>No Meeting In Honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i> 	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 <i>Speaker: Dr. Holloway Peace Committee at 1 PM</i>	27	28	29	30	31
Feb. 1`	2 <i>Service Above Self Day = Sign Up Today!</i>	3	4	5	6 <i>Coffee Connection 8 AM Jamii Cafe Downtown</i>	7