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TOLEDO ROTARY CLUB

SPOKE NEWSLETTER

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SERVICE ABOVE SELF Day

We are excited for Monday's Service Above Self Day in lieu of our normal luncheon. Thank you to all of our committee chairs who have planned wonderful opportunities for our members to participate in! We have six volunteer experiences that you can sign up for here: [Service Above Self Day Sign-Up Form](#)

1) International Services Committees

Helping hands to unload boxes of humanitarian aid for Toledo Helps Ukraine.

🕒 Time: 12:30pm-1:30pm 📍 Address: 120 Maple St, Rossford, OH 43460

2) Peace Committee

Distributing food and helping organize the pantry at Equality Toledo.

🕒 Time: 11:00am-1:00 pm. 📍 Address: 1301 Jefferson Ave, Toledo, OH 43606

3) Disability & Youth Services Committees

Helping make craft bags for Summer Camp kids, in partnership with Sunshine Communities.

🕒 Time: 11:30am-1pm. 📍 Address: 7223 Maumee Western Rd, Maumee, OH 43537

4) Community Services Committee

Helping organize garage space and toy storage with the Salvation Army. Wear work clothes. Lunch provided. A tour is also provided.

🕒 Time: 11:00am - 1pm. 📍 Address: 620 N. Erie St, Toledo, OH 43604

11:00am: Arrival/Tour of programs including food pantry

11:30 a.m. Begin cleanup of garage and sorting hundreds of toys

12:30 p.m. Lunch provided from Tony Packo's for all volunteers

5) Vocational Services Committee

In partnership with Inspired Lumber, we have the option to help clean the workshop or be hands on with a lumber build project. Time is flexible between 1-4PM. Come and go when you are able.

🕒 Time: 1:00pm-4pm. 📍 Address: 3156 W Central Ave, Toledo, OH 43604

We encourage you to bring colleagues, friends, or family to these projects! Help us make a larger collective impact!

Do you have ideas for future projects? Join a Service Committee today to help plan these projects.

If you are already on a Service Committee, we encourage you to bring your ideas forth to the committee chair.

THANK YOU TO OUR CORPORATE MEMBERS!



UPCOMING PROGRAM SPEAKERS



Jonelle Massey
Meeting at Glass City Center
in Main Ballroom



No Meeting
In Honor of Presidents' Day



Jamie Heldt, Hylant
Meeting at Glass City Center
in Jefferson D-G



OUR TOLEDO ROTARY CLUB FOUNDATION IS A REGISTERED 501(C)(3) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION WITH KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS.

IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A NEW CHARITY TO SUPPORT WITH YOUR LINKED KROGER CARD, PLEASE CONSIDER OUR WONDERFUL FOUNDATION.

IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE ON HOW TO DO SO, YOU CAN VISIT THE [KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS WEBSITE HERE!](#)

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



Toledo Rotary Club's Monthly
Coffee Connection



Friday, February 6
 at 8 am



Jamii Cafe
 1300 Jefferson Ave,
 Toledo, OH 43604
 (Entrance on 14th St.)



SAVE THE DATE!

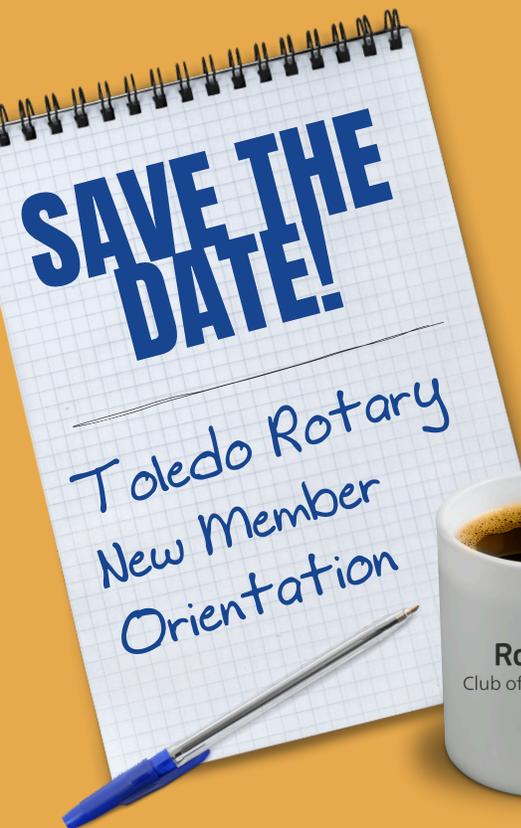


The 2026 Rotary District 6600 Peace Summit will take place on Saturday, February 7, 2026, at LCCC's Stocker Arts Center, in partnership with the Elyria YWCA. The event will run from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm with meals included. This free event, themed "**Uniting For Good**," will feature keynote speakers **David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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4TH

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM
 @ GLASS CITY CENTER



***Our Own Past President
 and Past District Governor Chuck Stocking
 Recognized on RI Stage***

During her remarks at Rotary International Assembly, Past Rotary International President Jennifer Jones shared a powerful story of gratitude, generosity, and peacebuilding – including special recognition of District 6600 Past District Governor Chuck Stocking and his wife, Carol, of the Rotary Club of Toledo.

In her speech, Jones acknowledged Chuck and Carol's extraordinary commitment to The Rotary Foundation, noting their recent recognition as Arch Klumph Fellows and highlighting Chuck's creation of the Ibrahim Eid Fund, which will support Rotary Peace Fellows at the Makerere Peace Center in Uganda. Deeply moved by the loss of fellow Rotarian Moh Eid's brother, the Stockings made a \$100,000 lead gift toward their goal of building a \$1 million peace-focused endowment.

Their story – shared on a global Rotary stage – is a powerful example of how generosity, gratitude, and compassion can create lasting impact.

** Thanks to the District Newsletter for highlighting this originally.*

3rd Annual

TOLEDO ROTARY FOUNDER'S DAY GOLF OUTING

Monday, May 11th, 2026
at **SYLVANIA COUNTRY CLUB**

Register today to Play or Sponsor!

*Lunch program at 11:30 am
Shotgun Start at 1:00 pm*

Annually, the Toledo Rotary Club Foundation supports the community by funding more than \$250,000 in grants to over 20 community organizations, totaling nearly \$2,000,000 since our Centennial in 2012. Proceeds from this outing will continue to support these initiatives.

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JANUARY JUMPSTART

Vocational Service Month Challenges

SERVICE THROUGH WORK

VOCATIONAL SERVICE IS ABOUT LEVERAGING OUR PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE TO SERVE OTHERS. WHETHER IT'S MENTORING A STUDENT, OFFERING CAREER ADVICE, OR VOLUNTEERING YOUR SPECIALIZED SKILLS FOR A COMMUNITY PROJECT, YOUR KNOWLEDGE CAN CREATE LASTING IMPACT.

challenge
PICK ONE TO ACHIEVE IN Q1 2026

- Join a Non-profit board / Committee
- Host a job-shadowing opportunity for local students.
- Offer pro bono services to nonprofits in need.
- Share your expertise at a Rotary program or workshop.



YOUR SKILLS ARE MORE THAN A CAREER
—THEY'RE A GIFT TO THE COMMUNITY.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



MAHJ BERRYMAN,
TOLEDO LUCAS CO.
HEALTH DEPT.



CALEB BOWLING,
F&M BANK



JON ELSTON,
TLC TRANSIT & A-RIDE, LLC



SARAH GOODNOUGH,
SSOE



SHANNON NOWAK,
CHERRY STREET
MISSION



ED SINTIC,
TOLEDO MUD HENS
& WALLEYE



MELISSA STEINGRABER,
TALBOT HEALTH

**GREETERS
NEEDED!**

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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](#)**

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NOTE: NEW Google LINK!



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 <i>Golf Outing Committee 8 AM Original Pancake House</i>	24 <i><u>District Advisory Council VIRTUAL 9AM</u></i>
25	26 <i>Speaker: Dr. Holloway Peace Committee at 1 PM</i>	27	28	29	30	31
Feb. 1`	2 <i><u>Service Above Self Day</u> <u>Sign Up Today!</u></i>	3	4	5	6 <i>Coffee Connection 8 AM Jamii Cafe Downtown</i>	7 <i><u>District Peace Summit Free to Attend RSVP HERE</u></i>