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TOLEDO ROTARY CLUB

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DR. JAMES HOLLOWAY | UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO

Join us on Monday, March 2nd, when we are joined by Dr. James Holloway, the University of Toledo's 19th President.

Dr. James Holloway was named the 19th president of The University of Toledo on May 22, 2025, by the UToledo Board of Trustees following an extensive national search. He began his tenure July 15, 2025. A nuclear engineer, Holloway's career has been a mix of research, teaching, administration and global work, including in India, Ethiopia and Ghana. Throughout his career, he has championed inclusive excellence, expanded research capacity and fostered civic partnerships.

Holloway joins UToledo from the University of New Mexico, where he has served as provost and executive vice president for academic affairs since July 2019. He is also a professor in the Department of Nuclear Engineering. As provost, Holloway has been committed to providing students and faculty with the support needed to further the university's academic mission and make a positive impact in a diverse and constantly evolving world. During his tenure, new first-year students increased by over 40%, reversing a long decline in enrollment; research expenditures in Academic Affairs units grew by 46%; and philanthropic giving doubled.

Before that, Holloway served three decades at the University of Michigan, where he was the Arthur F. Thurnau Professor and Professor of Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences (now emeritus). He held leadership roles including vice provost for global engagement and interdisciplinary academic affairs, vice provost for global and engaged education, and associate dean for undergraduate education in the College of Engineering. His research focus is computational and mathematical modeling with applications in areas such as neutron and photon radiation transport theory, inverse problems and uncertainty quantification.

Born in Washington, D.C., into an Army family, he has lived in Thailand, Germany, England and six different U.S. states. Holloway earned bachelor's and master's degrees in nuclear engineering from the University of Illinois, completed advanced graduate work in mathematics at Cambridge University, and earned a doctorate in engineering physics from the University of Virginia. A long-time resident in the Midwest, Holloway and his family, including his wife, Johnna, and son, Patrick, are excited to join Rocket Nation.

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



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

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UPCOMING PROGRAM SPEAKERS



*Kim Kaufman, Black Swamp Bird
Observatory
Meeting at Huntington Center Aquarium*



*Jason Abodeely, Sunshine Communities
Meeting at Meeting at Glass City Center
in Main Ballroom*



*Wendi Huntley, Connecting Kids to Meals
Meeting at Meeting at Glass City Center
in Main Ballroom*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4TH

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



THANK YOU TO FEBRUARY'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!



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PROMOTING BUSINESS WITH LIKEMINDED ROTARY MEMBERS WHO SHARE VALUES AND ETHICS



Mahjida Berryman

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Harm Reduction Resources



Program Management, Grant Oversight, Strategy Development,
Program Implementation



Key to Success

As someone who started my career as clerical personnel with zero understanding of public health and 11 years later becoming a supervisor of a department, the key to my success has been always being willing to get involved (no job is too little), asking questions when I need clarification or better understanding, and always following through.



Which pillar of the 4-Way Test resonates most with your professional life and why?

Is it fair to all concerned?

In my professional life I'm constantly balancing systems, partners, community needs, and most importantly people who don't always have equal power or a voice. My goal in establishing fairness is to make sure people get what they actually need. In the harm reduction framework, fairness means recognizing that people start from very different places and need different levels of support.



Stick Around THE STUDENTS WILL THANK YOU!



THE VOCATIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE IS EXCITED TO INVITE YOU TO OUR NEXT WORKSHOP, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT 5TH YEAR!



When: March 2nd @ 1pm

Directly following the Toledo Rotary Luncheon

Rotarian and Expert, **Tom Daniels** will share insights on the topics re: **Emotional Intelligence, Leadership**, and more!

Don't miss this opportunity to connect, learn, and inspire the next generation of leaders! They want to connect with ~ **YOU** ~

No registration required.
Just stay after and join us!

Toledo Rotary Club's Monthly *Coffee Connection*

 Friday, March 6
at 8 am

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



Toledo Rotary Summer Golf League GOLF SUBS WANTED

The Toledo Rotary Summer Golf League is looking for subs. If you are interested, please email League Chairman Brad Rubini at Brad@toledospring.com

Also, the Maumee Rotary Club is looking for members to join their 9 Hole Summer League. Contact Jim Moeller if interested at (419)-509-4095.

YOUR FEEDBACK MATTERS!

All Rotarians receive an email survey on Monday at 1PM, asking to rate the guest speaker and topic, as well as to leave additional feedback. Without these submissions, we cannot grow and improve our programs!

Please know that we highly value your input and read these survey responses regularly.

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.

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](#)

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.

Save the Date!

SERVICE ABOVE SELF Day

MONDAY, APRIL 20TH

SIGN-UP TODAY!

GUESTS WELCOMED AND ENCOURAGED!

ROTARY LEARNING CENTER - EXPLORE TODAY!

All Rotarians have the opportunity to learn various topics, both specific to Rotary International and Club leadership, as well as for professional development topics. If you are interested in exploring these offerings as part of your membership, please visit: learn.rotary.org

Dr. Seuss and the Symphony

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

3PM | THE PERISTYLE
with PRECONCERT ACTIVITIES
beginning at 12:30PM

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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
1	2 <i>Service Above Self Day</i> <i>Sign Up Today!</i>	3	4	5	6 <i>Coffee Connection 8 AM Jamii Cafe</i> <i>Golf Outing Committee - 8 AM</i>	7 <i>District Peace Summit Free to Attend RSVP HERE</i>
8	9 <i>Speaker: Jonelle Massey</i> <i>Program Committee 1PM Community Services 4:30PM</i>	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 <i>No Meeting In Honor of President's Day</i>	17 <i>Youth Services 2PM Virtual</i>	18	19 <i>Happy Hour 4:30-6:30pm MyWay Bistro</i>	20 <i>Golf Outing Committee - 8 AM Original Pancake House</i>	21
22	23 <i>Speaker: Jamie Heldt</i> <i>Vocational at 11AM Enviro, Disability, and Peace Committees at 1 PM</i>	24	25	26	27	28
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