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TOLEDO ROTARY CLUB

# SPOKE NEWSLETTER

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## KIMBERLY KAUFMAN | BLACK SWAMP BIRD OBSERVATORY

Join us on Monday, March 9th, when we are joined by Kimberly Kaufman, the Executive Director of the Black Swamp Bird Observatory.

Kimberly Kaufman is the Executive Director of Black Swamp Bird Observatory (BSBO) in northwest Ohio. She is the driving force behind the region's birding tourism season, and, along with her husband and world-renowned bird expert Kenn Kaufman, co-founded The Biggest Week in American Birding, the largest birding festival in the country. Kimberly is a contributing editor to Birds & Blooms Magazine, and co-author of the Kaufman Field Guides to Nature of New England and Nature of the Midwest. Accolades to her credit include the Chandler Robbins Award, given by the American Birding Association to an individual who has made significant contributions to education and/or bird conservation. In 2017, she received a prestigious Milestone Award from the Toledo Area YWCA. She currently serves as President of the Board for the Ottawa County Visitors' Bureau and is a board member for Shores and Islands Ohio. Kimberly and her husband Kenn make their home in Oak Harbor, Ohio.

[Zoom Link](#)

[Meeting ID: 827 0168 4208](#)



Use this entrance

**Due to another event using the ballroom, our meeting will take place in the Arena's Aquarium this week. Lunch costs and process remains the same.**

Use this parking lot.

For your GPS: "[129 N. Huron, Toledo, OH 43604](#)"

**You will want to park in the RED lined spots ONLY. The spots on the other side of the alley are not available to use for us Rotarians.**



Alternatively, you are always welcome to use a meter on the street near the arena.

THANK YOU TO OUR CORPORATE MEMBERS!

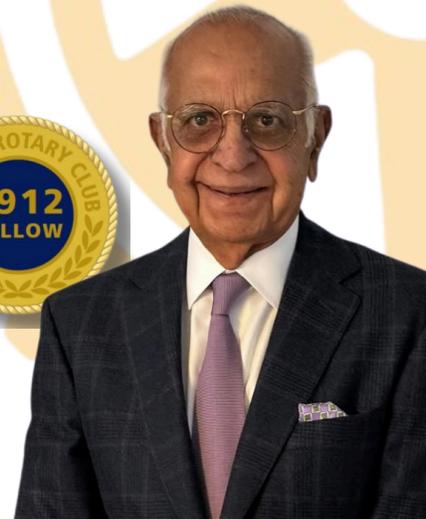


## RECOGNIZING OUR NEWEST TRCF 1912 FELLOW

*The Rotary Club of Toledo is proud to recognize Past President Riaz Chaudhary as a 1912 Fellow.*

*The 1912 Fellowship was launched in 2019 as a unique giving opportunity within our club. Through a one-time contribution of \$1,000 to the Foundation, members and supporters help grow the endowment that sustains Rotary's work for generations to come. Fellowships may be established in your own name or in honor of someone else, and each recipient is presented with a custom, one-of-a-kind 1912 Fellow lapel pin.*

*Riaz's commitment strengthens the long-term impact of Rotary in our community. If you believe in investing in the future of service in Toledo, consider becoming a 1912 Fellow and supporting the Toledo Rotary Club Foundation. Donate here: [toledorotary.org/donate](https://toledorotary.org/donate)*



*Keep an eye on a future edition of the Spoke when we highlight a list of all 1912 Fellows!*

ALL ROTARIANS ARE  
WELCOME TO ATTEND!  
CLICK THE IMAGE FOR MORE DETAILS.

# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

TAIPEI, TAIWAN | 13-17 JUNE 2026



## UPCOMING PROGRAM SPEAKERS



*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*



*Mike Koralewski, First Solar  
Meeting at Meeting at Glass City Center  
in Main Ballroom*

THANK YOU TO MARCH'S  
MONTHLY  
MEETING SPONSOR:



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*Thank you to  
Leadership Toledo and  
Rotarians Arika Michaelis and  
Mackenzie Bryant  
for sponsoring this month's  
weekly meetings!*

## Let's Celebrate!

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- |                      |                        |                       |
|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Mark Stephens      | 10 Mike Moore          | 26 John Nelson        |
| 1 PP Walt Churchill  | 10 Brad Mich           | 26 John Roemer        |
| 3 Tim Harrington     | 10 Dean Niese          | 26 Nina Corder        |
| 3 PP Dick Wolff      | 12 PP Steve Martindale | 27 Kelly Trame        |
| 4 Michael Vanderpool | 13 John C Jones        | 27 Will Lewis         |
| 5 Matt Kemp          | 14 Tracey Tangeman     | 27 Scott Stigall      |
| 6 Ann Ebbert         | 14 PP Travis Tangeman  | 28 Heather Gallant    |
| 6 Sam Melden         | 15 PP Chuck Mann       | 28 Monique Ward       |
| 7 Jasmine Smith      | 16 Matt Sapara         | 29 Alex Thomas-Hollen |
| 7 Dan Dower          | 16 Jim Weisz           | 29 Dave Venable       |
| 8 Rob Krain          | 20 Christine Richmond  | 30 Joshua Rupli       |
|                      | 22 Shannon Nowak       | 30 Brian Kelbley      |
|                      | 24 Jamie Adams         |                       |
|                      | 24 Keith Burwell       |                       |

PP = Past President

*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.

## MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

*Those Celebrating Membership Milestones in March*

### **10+ YEARS**

*Zac Isaac*  
*Joe Sweeney*  
*Karen Ranney Wolkins*  
*Susan Palmer*  
*Jean Drees*  
*Jim Layman*  
*Lori Hauser*  
*Brian Kennedy*  
*PDG Tim Ryan*  
*Dean Niese*

### **20+ YEARS**

*Wendy Gramza*

### **30+ YEARS**

*PP Susan Martin*

### **50+ YEARS**

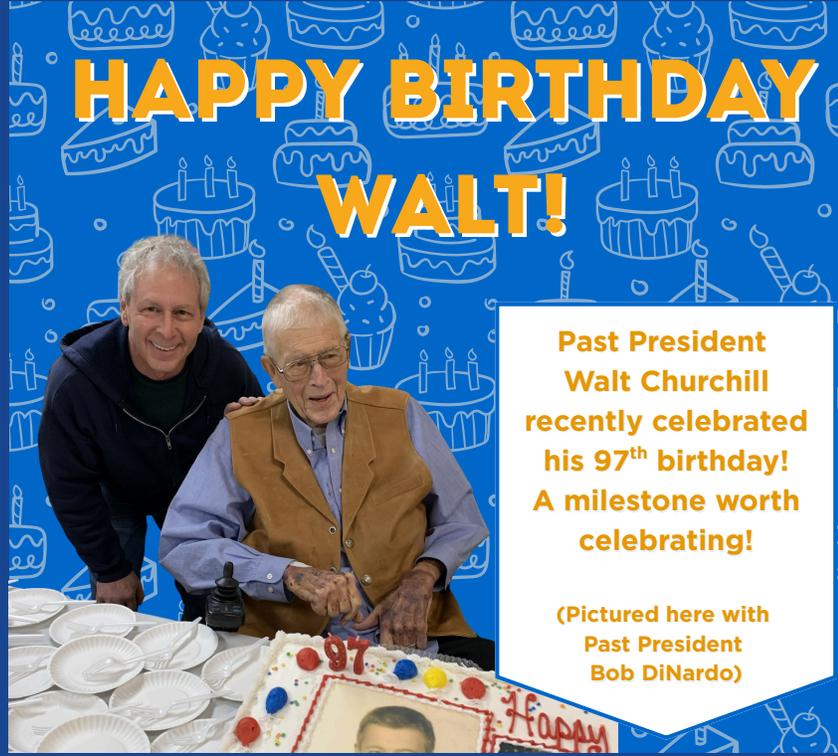
*PP George Eistetter*

*PP = Past President*  
*PDG = Past District Governor*

# Toledo Rotary Club's Monthly **Coffee Connection**

 Friday, March 6  
at 8 am

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



**Past President  
Walt Churchill**  
recently celebrated  
his 97<sup>th</sup> birthday!  
A milestone worth  
celebrating!

(Pictured here with  
Past President  
Bob DiNardo)



## 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.

## TOLEDO ROTARY SUMMER GOLF LEAGUE - 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](mailto: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.

## 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

**Organization Name:** Mobile Meals of Toledo

**Project/Event Name:** Pies & Pints

**Date/Time:** March 12, 2026/ 4pm – 8pm

**Location:** 2 Locations - Earnest Brew Works South, 4342 S. Detroit Ave, Toledo, OH,  
and Earnest Brew Works Westgate, 3142 Central Ave, Toledo, OH

**URL to register:** [Mobile Meals of Toledo: Pies & Pints 2026](#)

**Toledo Rotarian Contact Name:** Lisa Anderson via email at [Lisa.D.Anderson@owenscorning.com](mailto:Lisa.D.Anderson@owenscorning.com).

*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.*

## PEACE CHOIR

*is your heart longing for peace?*

*next meeting - march 7, 10am  
front lawn of the manor house at  
wildwood metropark  
5100 central ave*

*no experience necessary  
casual, brief, fun  
gather in community*

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## SEEKING GOLF OUTING VOLUNTEERS

**Volunteers:** We are looking for volunteers for check in, swag bag hand out, hole-in-one coverage, 50/50 raffle (1 more person) and a couple fill in people for just in case 😊

**Swag Bag:** Looking for logo'd items to put in each golfer's bag. We are looking for snack items, water, and other items that your company would like to throw in for our golfers.

**Please reach Becca Tkaczyk via email [btkaczyk@fm.bank](mailto:btkaczyk@fm.bank) to register as a volunteer, or for swag bag item donation.**

# MARCH 2026

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	<p><i>Speaker:</i> <i>Dr. Holloway</i></p> <p><i>International</i> <i>11AM</i> <i>Trustees 1 PM</i></p>				<p><i>Coffee Connection</i> <i>8 AM</i> <i>Jamii Cafe</i></p> <p><i>Golf Outing</i> <i>Committee - 8 AM</i> <i>Jamii Cafe</i></p>	7
8	<p><i>Speaker:</i> <i>Kim Kaufman</i></p> <p><i>(Meeting at</i> <i>Huntington Center)</i></p> <p><i>Membership</i> <i>1PM</i></p>	10	11	12	13	14
15	<p><i>Speaker:</i> <i>Jason Abodeely</i></p> <p><i>Finance, Peace,</i> <i>Disability Services,</i> <i>Community Serv.</i> <i>1PM</i></p>	<p><i>Youth Services</i> <i>2PM, Virtual</i></p> <p><i>Book Club</i> <i>5:30PM</i> <i>Poco Piatti</i></p>	18	<p><i>Happy Hour</i> <i>4:30-6:30pm</i> <i>MyWay Bistro</i></p>	<p><i>Golf Outing</i> <i>Committee - 8 AM</i> <i>Original Pancake</i> <i>House</i></p>	21
22	<p><i>Speaker:</i> <i>Wendi Huntley</i></p>	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	April 1	<p><i>Foundation</i> <i>Advisory Comm.</i> <i>8 AM</i> <i>Glass City Center</i></p>	<p><i>Coffee Connection</i> <i>8 AM</i> <i>Jamii Cafe</i></p> <p><i>Golf Outing</i> <i>Committee - 8 AM</i> <i>Jamii Cafe</i></p>	4
5	<p><i>No Meeting</i> <i>in honor of</i> <i>Easter Holiday</i></p>	7	8	9	10	11
						