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TOLEDO ROTARY CLUB

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JASON ABODEELY | SUNSHINE COMMUNITIES

Join us on Monday, March 16th, when we are joined by Jason Abodeely, the President & CEO of Sunshine Communities.

Jason Abodeely is the President & CEO of Sunshine Communities, a Maumee-based nonprofit supporting children and adults with developmental disabilities throughout Northwest Ohio. Sunshine is widely recognized for providing one of the highest levels of medical and clinical support in the region, including pediatric and adult ventilator services and care for individuals with complex neurological, respiratory, and behavioral needs.

Jason joined Sunshine Communities in early 2014 as Chief Operating Officer and now serves as President and CEO of the organization, whose mission is to create community among people with developmental disabilities, their families, friends, and staff. Simply put, Sunshine makes happiness happen.

Before entering the nonprofit sector, Jason built a global business career spanning IBM, VeriSign, Syniverse, and Evolv, holding leadership roles in sales, marketing, operations, and predictive analytics. His work has taken him to more than 30 countries, giving him broad experience leading international teams and complex business operations. Under Jason's leadership, Sunshine has strengthened its clinical infrastructure, expanded community integration initiatives, and built a workforce culture centered on excellence and retention. Jason is passionate about ensuring families in Northwest Ohio never hear the words, "There's nowhere for your child to go." He believes inclusion is not charity—it is community infrastructure. Jason lives in Northwest Ohio with his family and remains actively involved in civic and leadership initiatives throughout the region.

PARKING REMINDERS AT GLASS CITY CENTER GARAGE

We remind all Rotarians and guests to follow the internal parking garage signage when arriving to Glass City Center. There are yellow signs within the entrance of the garage that specifically inform you which spots are off-limits. We cannot park in the areas marked for Hotel or Valet parking. If you ignore those signs, you are likely to get a ticket. Our partners at KWIK Parking thank you for your attention to this message.

[Zoom Link](#)

[Meeting ID: 827 0168 4208](#)



[Meeting Location:](#)

*Glass City Center,
Ballroom, 2nd floor*

THANK YOU TO OUR CORPORATE MEMBERS!



UPCOMING PROGRAM SPEAKERS



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



No Meeting In Honor of Easter Holiday

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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!*

RotaryWORKS WEEKLY HIGHLIGHT

PROMOTING BUSINESS WITH LIKEMINDED ROTARY MEMBERS WHO SHARE VALUES AND ETHICS

Be featured next!
[CLICK HERE](#)



Shannon Nowak

VP of Development at
Cherry Street Mission



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Services

Emergency shelter, meals, workforce development, supportive services, and education for those individuals experiencing homelessness and poverty.



Role

Secure and grow sustainable funding, strengthen strategic partnerships, and advance long-term organizational vision so Cherry Street Mission can expand its impact and fulfill its mission.



Key to Success

My professional success has been driven by building authentic, trust-based relationships and leading with purpose.



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

Will it Build Goodwill and Better Friendships?

My work is rooted in relationships- with donors, staff, and community partners. When goodwill/trust is prioritized, it leads to honest communication and mutual respect. By leading with trust, I foster collaboration that results in transformational - not transactional outcomes.



MONTHLY
ROTARY
**HAPPY
HOUR**



When:
**THURSDAY,
MARCH 19TH
4:30-6:30 PM**

Where:
**MY WAY BISTRO
5827 MONROE ST.,
SYLVANIA, OH**

BOOK CLUB
MARCH 17TH

Join us for Book Club
TUESDAY, March 17th at 5:30 PM.
Happening at Poco Piatti
on Central Avenue.
All Rotarians are welcome!

The book selection is
"The Book Club for Troublesome Women" by
Marie Bostwick.

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

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

**ROTARY
INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION**

TAIPEI, TAIWAN | 13-17 JUNE 2026



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

MONDAY, APRIL 20TH
SIGN-UP TODAY!
GUESTS WELCOMED AND ENCOURAGED!

GUEST POLICY REMINDER

Guests are always welcome at our Monday luncheons! We encourage you to bring colleagues, friends, or the like to our meetings and events.

*A guest's **first visit** is always complimentary, courtesy of the club. If they are a guest that is visiting for a 2nd or 3rd time, we ask that you help them with the cost of lunch as their host.
Thank you for understanding!*

**ROTARY DISTRICT 6600
CONFERENCE**

*All Rotarians are invited to attend the Rotary District Conference when DG Pam Brumbaugh brings us together to Unite For Good.
Hosted on April 24-25 at Sawmill Creek Resort in Huron, OH. Registration is now available at this website:
www.d6600conference.org*

3rd Annual

TOLEDO ROTARY FOUNDER'S DAY GOLF OUTING



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

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.

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 to register as a volunteer, or for swag bag item donation.

**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](#)

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