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TOLEDO ROTARY CLUB

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DOWNTOWN VIBRANCY | FIRESIDE CHAT

Cheryl

Vince

Lance

Join us on Monday, April 13th, when we are joined by Cheryl Hardy of Hardy Communications & Marketing, and Lance Woodworth of Destination Toledo for a fireside chat moderated by Vince Croci, known as VC the MC.

Downtown Toledo is more than a destination, it's the region's front door, shaping first impressions, influencing how long visitors stay, and determining whether they explore beyond the city center. In this dynamic session, Lance Woodworth and Cheryl Hardy will share how a vibrant downtown drives regional perception, economic impact, and long-term momentum.


Lance will speak to how downtown's energy and visitor experience influence travel decisions, spending patterns, and the broader narrative about Toledo as a place to visit, invest, and return to. Cheryl will dive into the role of economic-development-based activation, explaining the tested strategies behind Party in the Park, the concept of activation stacking, and how these foundational efforts differ from (and complement) traditional events. She'll also explore why building momentum requires embracing imperfection, experimentation, and consistency.

Together, they'll offer a candid look at why sustained activity downtown matters, how it shapes Toledo's identity, and what it takes to keep the city's core thriving.

The program will conclude with an open audience Q&A, giving attendees the chance to dig deeper into both the big-picture strategy and the on-the-ground work powering Toledo's downtown resurgence.

As always, guests are welcome at this meeting!

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

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

THANK YOU TO OUR CORPORATE MEMBERS!



LEAVING A LEGACY

For more than a century, the Rotary Club of Toledo has brought together leaders committed to service, fellowship, and creating lasting change in our community and around the world. The strength of our impact has always come from members like you—people who believe in “Service Above Self” and want their values to live on.

By including the Toledo Rotary Club Foundation in your estate plans, you have the opportunity to extend your legacy of service far into the future. A planned gift ensures that the programs, scholarships, and community initiatives you care about continue to thrive for generations. It can also provide meaningful financial and tax advantages for you and your family.

To explore the many ways you can leave a legacy through the Foundation, click the button below or contact Jaci Bugaj directly for a confidential conversation.

Toledo Rotary Club Foundation Legacy League

Service Above Self - Beyond Your Lifetime

Members of the Toledo Rotary Club Foundation - Legacy League have committed to improving and enriching the lives of people in our community and around the world through a planned gift in their estate plan to the Toledo Rotary Club Foundation.

Members as of February 2026

Thomas J. Backoff	Edwin & Audrey Durivage	Gary & Beverly McBride	Chuck & Carol Stocking
Arthur E. Bacon & Rachel Merrill*	George & Pat Eistetter	George W. Ritter*	Kathy Tate
Helyn Bolanis*	Eric Fankhauser	Brad & Julie Rubini	Kenneth E. & Mary Anne Tigges*
Walter H. Christen*	Reginald S. Jackson, Jr.	Tim Ryan	Dick Wolff
Brent L. Cousino	Thomas A. Klein*	Bob Savage	
	Judy Leb	Sharon & Tom Skilliter	

* Legacy Gifts Received

For more information concerning the Legacy League please contact jacibugaj@toledorotary.org, or by phone 419-241-7060.

TOLEDO ROTARY CLUB FOUNDATION IS NOW ACCEPTING QCDs

We recently worked with our partners at Greater Toledo Community Foundation to equip our charitable fund to accept Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs). A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) lets individuals age 70½ or older give directly from their IRA to a charity without paying income tax. For those age 73 and older, a QCD can also count toward their Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). It's a simple, tax-smart way to support the club.

The easiest way is a direct transfer from your IRA custodian to the Greater Toledo Community Foundation, where the gift can be directed to the Toledo Rotary Club Foundation Giving Fund. Club members just need to contact their IRA custodian to request the transfer.

UPCOMING PROGRAM SPEAKERS



*Service Above Self Day
Celebrating our city for 4-1-9 Day,
with multiple project offerings!
Sign-Up Today*



*Andy Golding - Kripke Enterprises
Meeting at Meeting at Glass City Center
in Main Ballroom*



*Judge Jack Zouhary speaking for Law Day
Meeting in Huntington Center
Aquarium*

THANK YOU TO APRIL'S
MONTHLY
MEETING SPONSOR:

HARTMANN·BOGAN
Financial Planning

Thank you to
Hartmann-Bogan Financial Planning
and **Rotarian Donna Bogan**
for sponsoring this month's
weekly meetings!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help Shape Tomorrow's Leaders!

On Monday April 20th, 1:30–4:00 PM, we are hosting our **5th Year Mock Interview Day**, and we would love our Rotary partners to be part of it! Both current and newly accepted 5th Year students will participate, gaining valuable practice through real conversations with business and community leaders.

We are looking for approximately 15 volunteers to give students meaningful feedback and encouragement as they prepare for their interviews at our JA Momentum event in May. Join us in living out Service Above Self!

Use the SignUpGenius link to volunteer.



SEEKING GOLF OUTING VOLUNTEERS & SWAG BAG ITEMS

Volunteers: We are looking for volunteers for check in, swag bag hand out, hole-in-one coverage, 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 provide for our golfers.

Please reach Becca Tkaczyk via email btkaczyk@fm.bank to register as a volunteer, or for swag bag item donation.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS FOR FUTURE LUNCH PRESENTERS

All Rotarians have the opportunity to suggest various topics and guest speakers for our weekly luncheons. We invite you to submit a qualified speaker today for consideration.

Use this link:

<https://toledorotary.org/program-speaker-idea-submission-form/>

MONDAY ATTENDANCE

Friendly reminder to scan the back of your name badge at Monday meetings for attendance!

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

NEW
PROJECTS ADDED!

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*

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](#)

APRIL 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
			1	2	3	4
5 	6 <i>No Meeting In Honor of Easter Holiday</i>	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 <i>Speaker: Downtown Vibrancy Panel</i> <i>Fndtn Trustees 1PM</i>	14	15	16 <i>Happy Hour 4:30-6:30pm</i>	17 <i>Golf Outing Committee - 8 AM Original Pancake House</i>	18 <i><u>Service Above Self Day!</u></i> <i><u>One Project Available</u></i>
19	20 <i><u>Service Above Self Day!</u></i> <i><u>Four Projects Available</u></i>	21 <i><u>Service Above Self Day!</u></i> <i><u>One Project Available</u></i>	22	23	24 <i><u>District Conference</u></i>	25 <i><u>District Conference</u></i>
26	27 <i>Speaker: Andy Golding</i> <i>Peace Committee 1PM</i>	28	29	30	May 1st <i>Golf Outing Committee - 8 AM Original Pancake</i>	2
3	4 <i>Speaker: Law Day Judge Zouhary</i> <i>Meeting in Huntington Center</i>	5	6	7	8	9