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TOLEDO ROTARY CLUB

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RICKY VERRET: AMERICAN CULTURAL EXCHANGE



Join us Monday as we are joined by **Ricky L. Verret** to discuss American cultural exchange, global citizenship, and the impact of international student programs in our community.

Ricky has spent his career working in government, law, and public service at the local, state, and federal levels. Most recently, he has worked closely with Toledo City Council, helping coordinate engagement opportunities for international exchange students to learn about American government and civic life.

Currently, Ricky serves on the Board of Trustees for Toledo Sister Cities International and is an active Local Coordinator with American Cultural Exchange Service, supporting host families and exchange students throughout the Toledo area. Through his work, students from around the world have been introduced to Toledo's culture, community, and systems of government while building meaningful international connections.

We look forward to hearing Ricky's insights and experiences at the Glass City Center on Monday!

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



Glass City Center,
Ballroom, 2nd floor

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The many faces of Toledo Rotary



Thank you for your support!



We are grateful for our volunteers!



Your support improves the quality of life in our community.



UPCOMING PROGRAM
SPEAKERS:



Noon - 1:00 P.M.

Ricky Verret

American Cultural Exchange

May
18
2026

June
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2026

Noon - 1:00 P.M.

Randy Muth

Lucas County Children Services



Toledo Rotary Club's

MONTHLY
HAPPY HOUR



When:
Thursday,
May 21
4-6 PM

Where:
Voodoo Brewing Co
7050 W Central Ave.
Toledo, OH 43617

Toledo Rotary's
**4TH ANNUAL
MEMBER AWARDS EVENT**
2026

**THURSDAY, JUNE 11TH
AT 5:00 PM
HOSTED AT SHUMAKER OFFICES DOWNTOWN
1000 JACKSON ST, TOLEDO, OH 43604**

*Nominations for this year's Member Awards
Event have officially closed. Voting is open.*

VOTE NOW

RotaryWORKS  WEEKLY HIGHLIGHT

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Heather Gallant

Executive Director at
The 577 Foundation



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Services

Classes in the areas of art (pottery, fiber arts, studio arts, culinary arts, and more), ecology/conservation, craft, gardening and nature, history, wellness, and culture...and SO much more!



Role

I lead The 577 Foundation in terms of mission, strategic direction, overall vision and management, fundraising, community connections, partnerships, board governance, and special opportunities.



Key to Success

There can never be too much compassion. Flexibility, openness to trying new things, and well-roundedness will take you far. If things feel under control, aim a little higher.

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

Will it be beneficial to all concerned.

Professionally and personally, I get to inspire people to make, grow, and create things IN COMMUNITY with other people, often with people who are unlike themselves, and usually with an element of doing so for the most good for others in the world. I don't see this pillar as only applying to human beings - the question is: will it be beneficial to ALL concerned? The trees? The river? The lake? The critters? The sky? My ancestors and those who will call me an ancestor? With each one of our actions, if everyone asked, "will my next action be beneficial to all concerned?", how might the world be better? I'd love to find out



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Are you connected with the Rotary Club of Toledo on LinkedIn yet?

This week's challenge:

- Follow our page
- Like or share our latest post

Help us grow our reach and continue sharing the stories, service, and people making a difference across Toledo.

Purchase 
Pre-Paid Lunches

At our Rotary meetings, members are asked to pay cash at the door, or prepay for lunches.

[RESERVE NOW](#)



Book Club

WILD CARD

We decided our next read will be a *WILD CARD!*

Choose any book you'd like, then come ready to share your thoughts at our next rendezvous.

The only rule is to have fun with it!



**BOOK CLUB MEETING:
 JULY 21 / 5:30 P.M.
 AT POCO PIATTI**



SPOKE BUSINESS ADVERTISEMENTS

**REACH
 FELLOW ROTARIANS**

QUARTERLY BENEFIT IN WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



The weekly Spoke Newsletter is sent roughly 40 times during the Rotary year to every member. One of the gifts of Rotary is doing business with like-minded leaders of the community.

LET'S GET IN TOUCH

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PRESENTS
THE NEXT CHAPTER

A COMMUNITY EVENT FOR
 LITERACY & STUDENT SUCCESS



Ready to make a difference in our community?

 Thursday, June 4

 5:00-6:30p

Join Partners in Education for an evening of great conversation, community building, and complimentary food and drinks!

 Glass City Metropark Pavilion

 Get your free tickets today!
tinyurl.com/thenextchap

partnerstoledo.org

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[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
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3	<p><i>Speaker: Law Day Judge Zouhary</i></p> <p><i>Meeting in Huntington Center</i></p>	5	6	<p><i>Golf Swag Bag Assembly in Rotary Office. Volunteers welcome! (Email Jaci)</i></p>	8	9
10	<p><i>Founder's Day Golf Outing Sylvania Country Club</i></p> <p><i>(No program at Glass City Center)</i></p>	<p><i>Book Club 5:30 PM Poco Piatti on Central Ave.</i></p>	13	14	15	
17	<p><i>Speaker: Ricky Verret</i></p> <p><i>International at 11AM Finance, Program, Com. Serv., and Peace Committees at 1PM</i></p>	19	20	<p><i>Happy Hour 4:30-6:30pm Voodoo Brewing Co.</i></p>	22	23
24	<p><i>No Meeting in Honor of Memorial Day</i></p> 	26	27	28	29	30
31	<p><i>June 1</i></p> <p><i>Speaker: Randy Muth</i></p> <p><i>Environmental Services at 1 PM</i></p>	2	<p><i>New Member Orientation 7:30 am networking 8am program</i></p>	4	5	6 16