

Your Weekly Rotary Spoke

114 Rotary Year

8.27.26



Upcoming
Speaker

BGSU: Advancing the Public Good



Rodney K.
Rogers

SPEAKER'S
CORNER



Rodney K. Rogers is president of Bowling Green State University and an experienced leader in higher education and business. A BGSU MBA graduate with a Ph.D. from Case Western Reserve University, Rogers has led the University to record levels of student success, enrollment and fundraising while advancing its mission as a public university for the public good.

CORPORATE PARTNERS



Upcoming Speakers

Upcoming Monday Calendar



**No Meeting:
Labor Day**

Sept. 7



EVIS America

**Sept. 14
12 – 1PM**



**TRCF Annual
Foundation Day of
Impact**

**Sept. 21
12 – 1PM**

**Thank You to Our Monthly
Meeting Sponsor:**



RISK SERVICES



Upcoming External Volunteer Opportunities



Toledo Sister Cities International: 15th Annual International Festival

- September 12
- Erie Street Market
- Indoor

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WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBER!



**BRANDILYNN BILLINGSLEY
PROGRAM DIRECTOR
LIFEWISE LAKE & NORTHWOOD
LOCAL ACADEMY**

NEW Rotary Club of Toledo **MEMBER ORIENTATION**

New Member Orientation is your opportunity to learn more about the Rotary Club of Toledo, how Rotary works, ways to serve, committees, events, leadership opportunities and member resources.

Thurs., Sept. 10, 2026

8:00 AM – 9:30 AM

**Glass City Center, Summit A
401 Jefferson Ave,
Toledo, OH 43604**

Light refreshments provided

Please RSVP to the Rotary Office:
jacibugaj@toledorotary.org





A Community Mural:

Help us bring this vision to life

The Rotary Club of Toledo is helping inspire a new community mural in downtown Toledo that will celebrate the history, values and service of Toledo Rotary and its members. The project was inspired by local artist Dean Davis and is still in the early stages of planning. This is a community mural, not a Rotary Club of Toledo mural, and no club funds are being used. The \$20,000 project is being supported entirely through voluntary contributions and sponsorships from individual Rotary members, with \$5,000 raised to date.

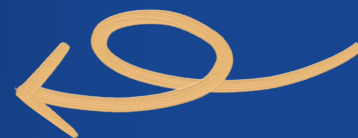
The finished mural will recognize Toledo Rotary's impact while serving as public art for the entire community.



This mural is an opportunity to tell Toledo Rotary's story in a new way through art that reflects our history, our values and our lasting impact on the community," – Scot Hinshaw, Past President



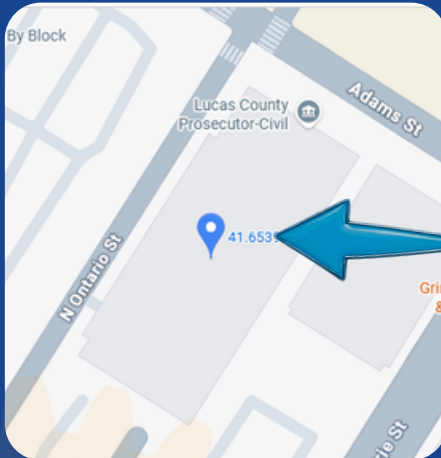
If inspired to give a gift, put "MURAL" in the memo line.



“I am so excited to be involved in bringing this beautiful mural to life. Please join me in adding to the sponsorship fund for this impactful mural that showcases the history, values and future of this organization.” – Donna Bogan, President-Elect



Proposed Location:



Parking garage on N. Ontario Street and N. Erie Street, just south of Adams Street in downtown Toledo



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to a make

Difference!

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Committee](#)

Celebrate a great guy and a great cause.

The 15th Annual Jim Vassar Memorial Golf Tournament



Jim Vassar

[Learn more](#)

We are proud and honored to once again support the 14th Annual Jim Vassar Memorial Golf Outing, taking place **Saturday, September 19, at Brandywine Country Club.**

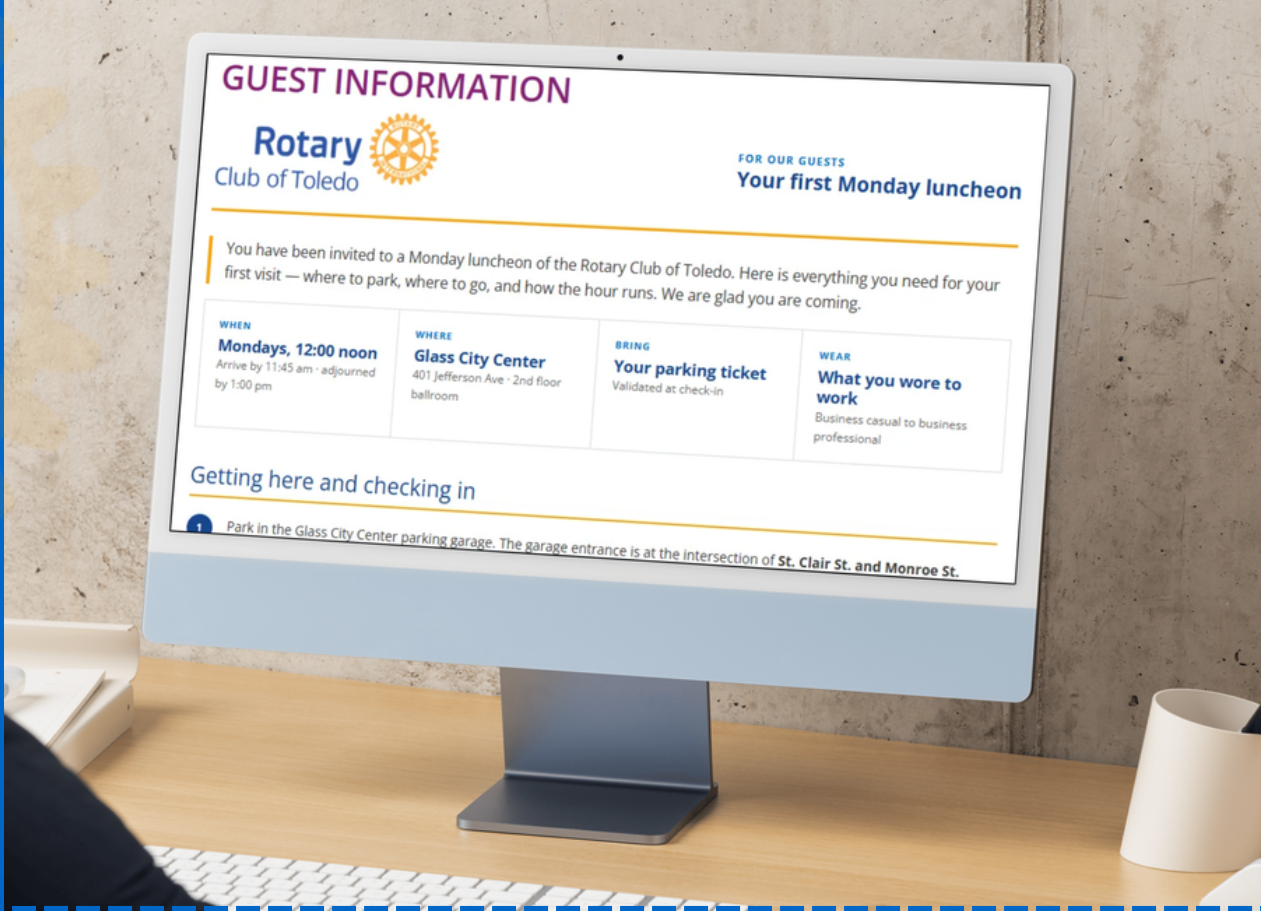
Jim was a beloved member of the Rotary Club of Toledo who embodied the spirit of Service Above Self and made a lasting impact on so many in our club and community.



Your dollars at work in toledo, and beyond!

This week, Miracle League of Northwest Ohio joined us to share an exciting update on how they are putting Rotary Foundation grant dollars to work in our community.

A \$10,000 grant from the Toledo Rotary Foundation is helping support the development of a new inclusive playground, a space designed to give children of all abilities the opportunity to play, connect and belong.



“ ***At the board and committee retreat, we realized that each of us had a vastly different first experience with Toledo Rotary.....***

and many of us arrived not knowing what to expect, which could feel intimidating. I created the First-Time Guest Guide so members can share consistent information with their guests and help them arrive feeling prepared and welcomed. Ultimately, we want that first step toward Rotary membership to feel more approachable for everyone. ”

[First Time Guest Information](#)



Whitney Keeler
Membership Committee Chair

Calendar: August

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRIDAY	SAT
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2	3 MEETING: MAGNETIC LEADERSHIP: BECOMING THE LEADER PEOPLE CHOOSE TO FOLLOW	4	5	6	7	8 ROTARY DAY OUT: DISTRICT 6600
9	10 MEETING: SUSTAINABILITY, INNOVATION, AND THE FUTURE OF FOOD RECOVERY	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 MEETING: AIMEE REID FINANCE, COMMUNITY, PEACE COMMITTEES 1 PM	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 MEETING: THE D.O.V.E. FUND PROGRAM COMMITTEE 1 PM	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 MEETING: RODNEY ROGERS VOCATIONAL SERVICES 11 AM FOUNDATION TRUSTEES 1 PM					

Our Vision:

Fellowship of Toledo leaders engaged in service to our local and world community.

Four Strategic Plan Initiatives:

- Increase community impact and strategic partnerships
- Strengthen member connection and engagement
- Grow our regional brand awareness and visibility
- Strengthen ability to adapt and innovate

