Monday’s Meeting December 7, 2015:
Tom Backoff, Louise Jackson, and Kathy Mikolajczak—Toledo Rotary Club Foundation

The Toledo Rotary Club Foundation Trustees will update everyone on our Centennial Gift to Toledo Area Metroparks, report on the traditional activities of the TRF during 2014-15, and discuss the exciting future to evolve the Foundation to support the Club’s strategic plan that include transformational projects.

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Holiday Party Reminder
Club members and their significant other are invited to the Club’s Holiday Party on Friday, December 4 from 5-7 pm at the Inverness Club.

Upcoming Meetings/Events
FRIDAY, December 4
5:00-7:00 pm Holiday Party Inverness Club
MONDAY, December 7—Speaker: Foundation Trustees
Program: Toledo Rotary Foundation Update
Greeters: Guisselle Mendoza, Majida Mourad, Kevin Mullan, Dean Niese, Daric Peppers, Judy Potter, Brad Rubini, Hunt Sears, Neil Neukam, Paul Hong
WEDNESDAY, December 9
7:30 am Executive Club Board, Original Pancake (Secor)
MONDAY, December 14—Program: Toledo Symphony
Greeters: Jim Scheib, Joe Sharp, Paul Sullivan, Travis Tangeman, Tracey Tangeman, Lou Tosi, Keith Walker, Tom Waniewski, Lori Vance, Zak Vassar, Dan Zimolzak

Committee Meetings:
1:00 pm New Member
1:00 pm Youth Service
WEDNESDAY, December 16
7:30 am Club Board, Toledo Club
MONDAY, December 21—NO MEETING
MONDAY, December 28—NO MEETING
MONDAY, January 4—Speaker: Michael Bower
Program: Owens Community College
Greeters: Matthew Adkins, Bob Amthor, Ryan Ball, Cindy Binkley, Linda Blackburn, Bill Buckley, Jeff Cole, Ed Caldwell, John Getchey, Erik Ibsen
WEDNESDAY, January 6
12:00 pm Foundation Trustees, Toledo Club
MONDAY, January 11—Speaker: Randy Oostra
Program: ProMedica
Greeters: Bill Cook, Mary Ann Culpert, Janina Douglas, Mary Fedderke, Scott Fry, Tom Fry, Kristina Latta-Landefeld, Tony Ruth, Eric Jordan

Committee Meetings:
11:00 am Strategic Planning
1:00 pm New member
1:00 Water
WEDNESDAY, January 13
7:30 am Executive Club, Original Pancake
FRIDAY, January 15 FAC, Toledo Club
MONDAY, January 18—NO MEETING

Internet Viewing: The past meeting can be viewed online at https://vimeo.com/146712656.
The Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas—Holy Discipleship, Holy Families, and Holy Vocations

Bishop Daniel E. Thomas declared he has felt tremendously welcomed to Toledo. He was installed as the 8th bishop of Toledo in October 2014. The bishop said that the Rotary theme is a perfect fit for the Catholic Church and aligns with its ideals. He then discussed, what a Roman Catholic bishop is and how he received a call from the papal nuncio (the pope’s representative) in Rome telling him that Pope Francis had named him bishop of Toledo. The Diocese of Toledo consists of 15 deaneries in 19 counties. Bishop Thomas worked for Pope Francis on the Committee of Bishops and explained that the pope sends bishops to teach, govern, and to sanctify the worshippers. He has made it his mission to travel to all of the deaneries in the Diocese. Bishop Thomas talked about the “Pope Francis Effect” and how the pope has stated he will comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable. The bishop declared, “he (the pope) challenges those who need to be challenged.” 2016 has been declared the Jubilee of Mercy. Bishop Thomas talked of the pilgrimage to Philadelphia to the World Meeting of Families this past September which raised the consciousness of the importance of family to the whole world. He also was able to greet the pope. Three efforts are being spotlighted in the diocese: immigration, human trafficking, and care for the common home. Bishop Thomas is encouraging people to reconnect through prayer, fasting, and alms giving. He said the most moving event thus far was the funeral of the former mayor and that the community’s outreach was overwhelming. Bishop Thomas extolled the assembled to not just give a hand out but a hand up to assist people to better themselves. He wants to eradicate poverty in Toledo and extend charity to all.

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New Member

Stephen MacDonald is the Bridges Out of Poverty Coordinator for the Lucas County Family and Children First Council. Through this role, he upheld the motto of “Service Above Self” by connecting the needs of low-income individuals and making them real to those who have more resources. Prior to this, he was the Executive Director of the Youth Opportunities Program at the YMCA for over ten years, and was the Director of Youth Programming at Leadership Toledo. Stephen lives in Troy, MI with Amy his significant other, and his teenage stepchildren Aven and May.

Toledo Rotarian Del Palmer, 86, of Naples, Florida, passed away on November 23. Del served as Club President in 1979-1980 and was a Paul Harris Fellow. To escape the cold winters, Del retired to Naples in 1986 but continued his Club membership until his death. A private burial will be held in Ottawa Hills Memorial Park.

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Describe your profession and what is your favorite part of it?
I am the owner of Vanguard Technologies, specializing in outsourced IT support for doctors, manufacturers, lawyers, and non-profits. I handle client relationships and project implementation. I’m part firefighter and part business development consultant. My favorite part of what I do is delivering that “wow” experience that makes the lives of my clients, their employees, and their families better.

What do you like to do when you are not working?
I watch NASCAR, Mud Hens games, read military and science fiction, and take pictures of drive in movie theatres. I also like to teach computer classes and train new production volunteers at my church.

What is the most satisfying benefit you get from being a Rotarian?
So far, the most satisfying benefit of being a Rotarian is being able to learn and grow with the area’s best professionals and leaders while serving being part of something bigger than myself.

Tell us about your family.
I have been married to my wife Kristy for 15 years. We have four dogs and a cat.

Share one thing people do not know about you.
I played an Episcopal priest in our high school production of “Arsenic and Old Lace.’

Share some “words to live by” or your favorite quote.
“Be excellent to one another” and “Do a good turn daily.”

What would you be doing if you were not in your profession today?
I would be a video switcher or producer for concerts and other live performances managing the operators, shots, angles, and all those glorious blinking lights. There is nothing like the rapid pace of multiple-camera live video to make one come alive.

Outside of Rotary, please share other interesting civic or community involvement of which you are a part.
I work weekends as a live video switcher for Cedar Creek Church, helping to produce our services and running cameras and computers as needed.

Where do you see yourself in ten years?
Assisting entrepreneurs around the country in building successful managed IT practices, continuing to bring technology to non-profits, serving on a board, and spending at least several months of the year living in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula.
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