Monday’s Meeting: December 18, 2017
Toledo Symphony Orchestra
Holiday Concert

From the Rotary Club of Toledo Board Members, Foundation Trustees, and Staff, we wish you a Happy Chanukah, Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Monday, December 25—NO MEETING, MERRY CHRISTMAS & Happy Holidays!
Monday, January 1—NO MEETING, HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Monday, January 8—Dr. Hussain, Silk Road
Monday, January 15—NO MEETING, Martin Luther King Day

SCHEDULED MEETINGS/EVENTS

Wednesday, December 20—Club Board, 7:30am
Monday, January 8—Program Committee, 11am
  Strategic Planning, 11am
  Vocational Services, 1pm
  ITZA Committee, 1pm
Wednesday, January 10—Executive Committee, 7:30am
Contributions have been made to the Toledo Rotary Club Foundation

Todd Ahrens
David Allen
Gerry Ames
Rick Arnos
Carol Bintz
Donna Bogan
John Boggs
Steve Boice
Ernie Brookfield
Ben Brown
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Curt Church
Walt Churchill
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Craig Hopple
David Huey
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Louise Jackson
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Tom Klein
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Ron Olszewski
Mary Ellen Pisanelli
Jane Marie Rahe
James Rumpf
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Dick Wolff
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Joe Zerbey

Rick Arnos in Memory of Joan Arnos and Gunnard Rubini
Tony Broer in Memory of Betty Rumpf
Deaton Family in Memory of Gunnard Rubini
Rick Hartley in Memory of Gunnard Rubini
Pam Hershberger in Memory of Gunnard Rubini
Mary Hibbert in Memory of Gunnard Rubini
Brian Kennedy & Rehmann in Memory of Gunnard Rubini
Tom Klein in Memory of Joan Arnos and Gunnard Rubini
Gayle Lampkowski in Memory of Gunnard Rubini
Walt McGhee in Memory of William (Bill) Wilson Engelke
Susan Morgan in Memory of Gunnard Rubini
Chuck Schaub in Memory of Joan Arnos and Gunnard Rubini
Betty Sherman in Memory of Gunnard Rubini
Steve Staelin in Memory of Gunnard Rubini and Mrs. Lillian Walsh
Daniel Steinberg in Memory of Gunnard Rubini
Todd Ahrens was named director of development of the Toledo Museum of Art in October 2013. He has extensive experience in arts and educational fundraising, marketing and finance, and has held senior-level development positions at the University of Findlay, the University of Michigan Museum of Art, and St. John’s Jesuit High School and Academy. He was previously a staff member at the Toledo Museum of Art from 1997-2005, having held a variety of positions in the development department, including associate director of development and interim director of development. He began his nonprofit career with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

Todd received his M.A. in German from Bowling Green State University, and his B.A. in international business and German from Simpson College. He spent two years studying abroad in Stuttgart, Germany, and Salzburg, Austria, and also completed two summer internships at Daimler Benz in Stuttgart.

Todd has served on boards for several organizations, including the Arts Commission of Greater Toledo, the Ohio Museums Association, and the Toledo Area Partnership for Philanthropic Planning. He continues to serve on the board of the Black Swamp Arts Festival, which he chaired for the fourth time in 2017, the 25th anniversary of the Festival.

Todd is originally from Iowa. In addition to the arts, he enjoys sports and travel. He particularly enjoys long-distance running, having completed nine marathons to date. He lives with his wife Amy Craft Ahrens in Bowling Green.
Find inspiration around every corner at the **2018 Rotary Convention**. Register by December 15 to take advantage of the early-registration discount.

**The registration fee will increase by $75 after December 15!**

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**WELCOME NEW MEMBER: Nelson Shaffer!**

Nelson Shaffer is the Toledo Market President for Citizens National Bank, which is headquartered in Bluffton, Ohio. Presently, Citizens National Bank operates a Loan Production Office in the Executive Parkway area, but will open a full-service regional branch office at the corner of Central Avenue and Executive Parkway by this February.

Nelson is originally from Toledo, having graduated from St. Francis de Sales High School. He holds a Bachelor’s degree in Finance from The University of Toledo. In August 2014, he graduated from the Graduate School of Banking at The University of Wisconsin-Madison.

During, and after college, Nelson served for 7 ½ years in the Ohio Army National Guard. Nelson has worked in the Banking and Commercial Leasing industries since 1989. He has also completed Leadership Toledo, Dale Carnegie, and the 2017 Leadership Academy Toledo course. Nelson joined Rotary in May 1997, is a Paul Harris Fellow, and is transferring to the Toledo Rotary Club from Perrysburg Rotary.

In January, Nelson and his wife, Kim, will celebrate their 28th wedding anniversary. Their son, Kyle, just started his second year of Aerospace Engineering at The University of Cincinnati.

In his spare time, Nelson enjoys working out. His hobbies include collecting: coins; vintage and antique toys, such as Evel Knievel; Boy Scout and military items; and old bikes. He is a member of the Toledo Distinguished Clown Corps, and the Toledo Club.

His biggest pet peeve: People driving slowly in front of him.
Our entire developed world owes more than they can pay, Paul Eck explained. After the financial crisis, PIMCO wrote the “new normal”, which stated GDP growth would be slow and continue over a long period of time, with low interest rates. GDP growth is determined by growth in the labor force, productivity, and how much corporations invest. Because all these numbers are low, GDP growth is expected to continue at 2%. Lowering interest rates assists in the market's growth, resulting in recovery, followed by a gradual increase in interest rates. Right now, we are at the point where interest rates are slowly going up and we have a sustaining growth rate. Following the financial crisis, investors were very cautious and didn’t take as many risks. The banks, however, said that people need to take risks in order to keep interest rates low, which helps pay off more government debt. To get people to do this, central banks bought out a lot of the existing bonds. This forced people to sell their high quality bond funds and buy high yield bond funds, in order to earn the type of yield they wanted. Now, central banks in the US are starting to sell some of those bonds, but PIMCO doesn’t think it will have much impact on the fixed-income market within the next 12 months. Eck predicted continuation of the current trend.

INTERNET VIEWING

At the request of PIMCO, the December 11 meeting was not videotaped.

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*Rotary Youth Exchange*

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Take a few minutes to watch the video below for answers to many common questions:

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**Our Club Initiative:**

**Pennies for Polio**

Bring your Pennies to Rotary now through December 2017 to help end Polio!

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**Euchre Fellowship**

*Come alone or bring a guest, and enjoy a night of cards and fellowship!*

**NEXT GAME:**

**Friday, January 12 at 7:00pm**

Brandywine Country Club

*I’d toot my own horn about how good I am at Euchre, but you’d trump it.*

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December Birthdays

Stacy Hammer (1)
Peter Handwork (2)
Olivia Summons (2)
Zak Vassar (3)
Rick Marshall (4)
Jay Morgan (4)
Andy Devine (4)
Mary Westphal (5)
Jennifer Moses (6)
Tom Wanielewski (9)
Holly Newcomer (10)
Robert Ruse (10)
Romules Durant (11)
Lori Hauser (13)
Frank Viviano (13)
David Effler (13)
Brian Kennedy (15)
Jim Kamsickas (15)
Jack Newton (16)
Mike Collins (17)
Jack Zouhary (18)
Gregor Emmert Jr. (21)
Eric Shreve (21)
Josh Yecke (23)
Ron Olszewski (23)
Ray Micham (25)
Helyn Bolanis (26)
Lisa McDuffie (26)
Jim Rumpf (27)
Eric Summons (27)
Chris Amato (27)
Neil Neukam (27)
Cindy Kerr (28)
Pete Lavalette (29)
Tom Walton (31)
Robert Seeman (31)

We Welcome Guests at Rotary!

When bringing a guest to the Monday program, please sit at one of the tables marked “Guest Table”. There will be two designated tables near the floor mic each week for Rotarians and their guests. Come enjoy the program and get to know your future, fellow Rotarians!

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