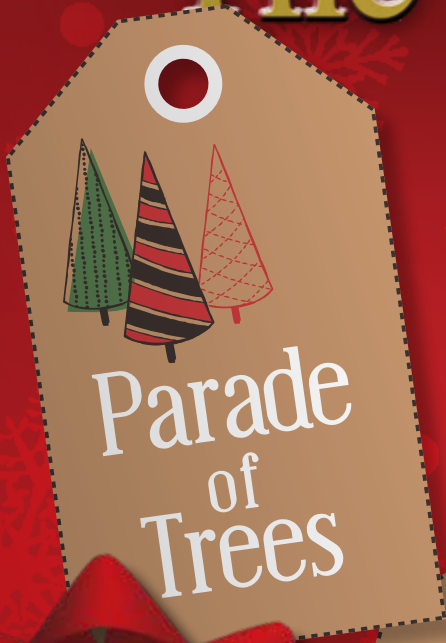


The Toledo Club topics



The Toledo Club's Gift of
Holiday Traditions

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December gifts for our members. Photo illustration by
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MARK YOUR Calendar

DECEMBER CLUB events

- DECEMBER 3 **First Tuesday in the Founders Dining Room**
- DECEMBER 5 **Dinner in the FDR: Tom Brady at the Piano**
- DECEMBER 6 **Dinner in the FDR: Prime Rib
Dickens Dinner in the Centennial Room (See page 7)
Family Night in the Tavern**
- DECEMBER 9 **Turkey Buffet in the FDR**
- DECEMBER 10 **Parade of Trees Lunch Buffet (See pages 3 and 7)**
- DECEMBER 11 **Parade of Trees Lunch Buffet
Explorers: An Evening with Dan Johnson (See page 24)**
- DECEMBER 12 **Parade of Trees Lunch Buffet
Ladies Lunch (See page 11)
Jim Gottron at the Piano**
- DECEMBER 13 **Family Night in the Tavern**
- DECEMBER 14 **Express Lunch Available in the Tavern
Tea Dance (See pages 8 and 31)**
- DECEMBER 15 **Parade of Trees Sunday Brunch (See pages 3 and 7)**
- DECEMBER 16 **Turkey Buffet**
- DECEMBER 17 **Wine and Glitter (See pages 7 and 13)
Parade of Trees Dinner Buffet**
- DECEMBER 18 **Parade of Trees Dinner Buffet (See pages 3 and 7)**
- DECEMBER 19 **Parade of Trees Dinner Buffet
Third Thursday – Ugly Sweater Party/New Member
Meet and Greet (See pages 8 and 20)
Kids' Movie: *Polar Express***
- DECEMBER 20 **Family Night
Biggest Little Holiday Party (See pages 8 and 28)**
- DECEMBER 21 **Express Lunch Available in the Tavern**
- DECEMBER 23 **Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner in the Tavern
Express Lunch Available (Tavern Menu Only)**
- DECEMBER 24 **NO A LA CARTE DINING
Christmas Eve Buffet: Seatings at 3, 5 and 7 PM (See pages 9 and 16)**
- DECEMBER 25 **CLUB CLOSED**
- DECEMBER 26 **NO DINING SERVICES (Oak Room is Open/Athletics is Open)**
- DECEMBER 27 **Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner in the Tavern
Express Lunch Available (Tavern Menu Only)
Family Night in the Tavern**
- DECEMBER 30 **Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner in the Tavern
Express Lunch Available (Tavern Menu Only)**
- DECEMBER 31 **Breakfast and Lunch in the Tavern
Express Lunch Available (Tavern Menu Only)
New Year's Eve Gala/Early Dinner (See pages 9 and 10)**
- JANUARY 1 **CLUB CLOSED**
- JANUARY 2 **NO DINING SERVICES (Oak Room open/Athletics open)**
- JANUARY 3 **Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner in the Tavern
Express Lunch Available (Tavern Menu Only)
Family Night in the Tavern**

President's MESSAGE

Greg Wagoner, President
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Fellow Members,

This is my favorite time of year at The Toledo Club.

The holiday decorations and festive spirit create an ambiance and energy that is unmatched in the area. Whether it is fine dining in the Founders Dining Room, a drink in the Oak Room or watching a game in the Tavern, make sure to utilize all of the benefits the Club has to offer this holiday season.

The Club continues to enjoy robust activity led by a continued surge in membership. The energy at the Club is palpable and growing by the week. I want to thank Christian Piazza and his entire committee for their hard work in attracting new members and integrating them into the Club.

Our Military Dinner led by Dave Quinn was a huge success. It is really special to see so many military personal down at the Club. Thank you to everyone that supported this outstanding event.

As always, the Club is booked with events throughout the holiday season. Please be sure to make a reservation as space is filling up quickly. I would also like to encourage you to attend the Tea Dance on December 14. It is a Toledo Club tradition and a special way to spend the holidays with family and friends. Erin Hirschfeld and her committee have spearheaded this year's Tea Dance to ensure it is one of the best yet.

Our Squash and Yoga programs continue to experience record participation. Please check the Club's athletic calendar on page 19 for the December Yoga schedule. And remember, these classes are included in your membership dues.

The squash program is thriving under Eddie Charlton's guidance. If you didn't see the Memorial Match between Eddie and Emma, you really missed something special. Eddie may have won (by a point in the 5th set), but my money is on Emma in the future!

I want to give a heartfelt thank you to Dave Cameron for his leadership of *Topics* for nearly ten years. Dave is stepping aside as the *Topics* committee chairman and handing the reins to Mark Keesey. But, don't worry, Dave will continue to be a vital member of the committee.

A quick reminder about the staff Holiday Gift Fund. Please take a minute and contribute. It's a small way of saying "thank-you" to our wonderful staff.

Finally, and most importantly, I want to wish all of our members and employees a happy and healthy holiday season. The Club is an historic and beautiful facility but it is the members and employees that make it so special.

See you at the Club!

Greg

Greg Wagoner, President

THE TOLEDO CLUB'S

Annual Parade of Trees



Lunch Buffet

December 10, 11, 12 11:30 AM – 2 PM
(Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)

Adults \$20 • Kids 5–11 \$12
includes non-alcoholic drinks

Prime Rib Dinner Buffet

December 17, 18, 19 5:30 – 8:30 PM
(Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)

Adults \$39++ • Kids 5–11 \$16++

Sunday Brunch

December 15 10 AM – 2 PM

Adults \$29++ • Kids 5–11 \$13++

Reservations: 419-254-2961 or go online

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DECEMBER **anniversaries**

Joan L. O'Connell	'56	63 years
Barbara Reichert Schlatter	'57	62 years
Brenda D. Geiger	'60	59 years
Milo L. Danzeisen	'62	57 years
Spencer D. Stone, Sr.	'62	57 years
Hugh D. White, Sr.	'63	56 years
Clay P. Hepler	'67	52 years
John H. Burson	'73	46 years

Joseph P. Jordan	'77	42 years
James C. Anderson	'79	40 years
E. James Stengle	'81	38 years
Sam Botek	'84	35 years
Nicholas W. DeMarco	'91	28 years
P. James Burnor, Sr	'94	25 years
Michael R. Billian	'94	25 years

MEMBERS' **comments**

55

**MEMBER COMMENT
CARDS RECEIVED /
OCTOBER 1-31**

89%

**"EXCELLENT"
COMMENTS
RECEIVED**

Love the early fare! Food and service were excellent.

Pam

Grill room looks good. We are taking advantage of extra days of service.

Bill

Mel was great. She made our evening the best.

Mike

Great to have babysitting back! The Brie and ham sandwich is amazing with perfectly toasted sourdough. Love the tavern menu and being back at the club for Saturday workouts. Thanks.

Zak

Amazing service. Our waitress was very informative for our first time in this dining room.

Brittany

Fabulous service with a smile and a sense that she really cares.

Aric

Skyy was wonderful! We had a great evening! Food was excellent.

Richard

FOOD and BEVERAGE **reminder**

Food and beverage minimums can be reached with food and beverages purchased anywhere in the Club, including takeout orders and wine orders. The amount is calculated by \$ spent before tax (or service charge on banquets). For a tally of purchases that count toward your minimum, log into your online account at toledoclub.org, and click on "Member Statements."

Manager's MESSAGE

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There's No Time Like December at the Club

We all know The Toledo Club is a special place and during the Holidays it becomes extraordinary. I encourage you to take the time to read the *Topics* magazine from cover to cover so you do not miss any of the wonderful events that we have planned for December. As I have mentioned in the past, we must continue the theme of sharing all the opportunities the Club has to offer, so please invite your family and friends down to the Club for dinner, for one of our holiday events, or just to see the Club decorated with the Parade of Trees.

Here's a recap of our December events:

- Annual Parade of Trees
 - Lunch Buffet - December 10–12
 - Sunday Brunch - December 15
 - Dinner Buffet - December 17–19
- Christmas Tea Dance - December 14
- Third Thursday in the Tavern / Ugly Sweater Party - December 19
- Biggest Little Holiday Party - December 20
- Christmas Eve Dinner Buffet - December 24
- New Year's Celebration: Early Dinner /entire evening Gala Party / Late-Night Celebration

As you can see, we have a packed calendar for December. Reservations will be greatly appreciated and helpful so we can better serve you and your guests.

Again, as we continue to focus on the Share If You Care theme at the Club, the staff and I are committed to keep improving communications on all the opportunities, amenities and events to enjoy here. Some of you are aware that in October we launched a new member texting program. Our initial text went out to all the mobile numbers we have on record. This has already proved

to be useful in sending reminders out to help improve participation levels on things going on at the Club. We are encouraging more members to sign up, as we will in the future not only send out reminders about upcoming events but will also be sending out certificates to be redeemed right from your mobile phone, such as dinner and drink specials as well as complimentary birthday meals, just to name a few. Please call or email the Club to be added to the list.

With the holidays upon us, you can help your Club by:

- Sharing with social media – Like and share with Facebook, Instagram and Twitter
- Sharing the dining and event opportunities with your friends and family
- Sharing the Club with the community
- Sharing the membership experience

The Toledo Club has so much to offer. That's why it is so important to share our gem on 14th Street with all our friends, family and colleagues, and invite them to belong to something special. Please give Dawn Miller, Executive Assistant and Membership Coordinator, or me a call if we can give a tour and/or have your prospective member up for dinner as our guest.

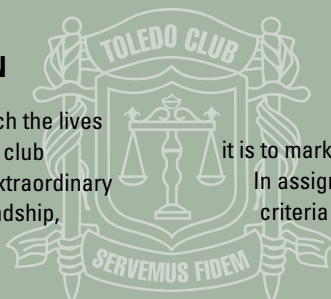
On behalf of all the staff, have a happy and safe holiday season.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey D. Anderson, CCM, CCE
General Manager/COO

THE TOLEDO CLUB MISSION

The mission of The Toledo Club, since 1889, is to enrich the lives of its members by providing a luxurious private club experience in a financially responsible manner with extraordinary social and recreational activities that foster friendship, fellowship and pride among members.



TOPICS MISSION

Topics mission is both durable and simple; it is to market The Toledo Club to the membership and the public. In assigning stories, including the cover story, our primary criteria is relevance – to the Club, its members, and/or to the arts and culture of the community.

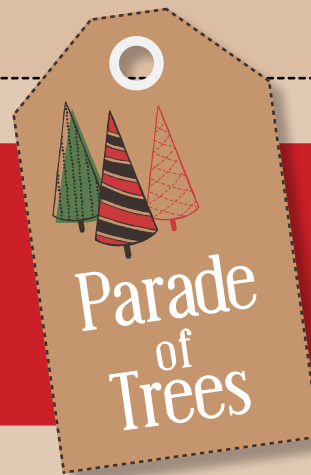
Sharing the Gift of Holiday Traditions

By Cindy Niggemyer

The December holiday season is once again reaching out to all our members as they reflect on their Toledo Club family traditions. If you are new to The Toledo Club, you can start your own tradition. If you are a member of some years, you know how important your Club has become to all your family members. For example, this month's Parade of Trees is a celebration of varied ethnic backgrounds. Please participate.

Yes, take advantage of your membership and spend your holidays with friends and our outstanding staff. Where else can you go during the busy holidays and be greeted by a professional staff and fabulous chef who know you? Another perk is to have guaranteed reservations that are dedicated just to our members.

Do you really want to go to a commercial restaurant when you could be surrounded by your friends and by the beauty of our historic Club?



December 10, 11, 12
Buffet Lunches

December 15
Santa Brunch

December 17, 18, 19
Prime Rib Dinner Buffets

This hallowed Toledo Club tradition, created by Jackie Barnes, has not only been alive, but thrived, grown, and become a family tradition for tens of thousands. It is estimated that 20,000 people pass through our Club in the month of December.

Mike and Kristen Mori, Dave and Ann Marie Quinn, Michael and Cynthia Holmes, along with Wendy and Mark Gramza, have stepped up to chair this year's iconic Club event. Along with the Christmas theme, a Hanukkah menorah and the Kwanza holiday have been added.

Do you prefer a traditionally decorated Christmas tree, trees that are whimsical and unique, or other holiday themed objects that are available for auction? Lining the walls and floors of the Club, you will find beautifully lit and artfully crafted trees along with smaller holiday offerings. Together, these bring even more life and spirit to The Toledo Club.



There are over 30 Christmas trees and other ethnic holiday treats to peruse for everyone's taste. The beautifully adorned trees, along with other December holiday subjects, have been decorated by individuals, businesses and professional decorators. The viewing and admiring of these holiday decorations is an experience in itself, but the extra bonus is that the items are also available for auction. Prices start at a bargain level for trees and decorations.



This event is a wonderland of joy, tradition and fun, but it is so much greater than that. The Parade of Trees is also a charity event, with proceeds donated to charities within the greater Toledo area as designated by the donors. The Toledo Club's Historical Preservation Campaign is also a recipient of these funds.

Since its inception, the Parade of Trees event has raised enough money to donate well over \$125,000 toward a variety of charities. To bid on the trees, you will find bidding cards located in the lobby. The bidding ends on New Year's Day and participation is open to everyone. Enjoy the beauty of the holiday season!

The Parade of Trees event will be open to the public for seven events: **Buffet Lunches will be available December 10, 11 and 12 from 11:30 AM–2 PM. The cost — \$20 for adults and \$12 for children—includes a non-alcoholic beverage.**

There will be a Prime Rib Dinner Buffet on December 17, 18 and 19 from 5:30–8:30 PM; \$39 for adults and \$16 for children.

The Parade of Trees is also open for one kid-friendly Sunday Brunch that includes a visit from Santa! **The Santa Brunch is December 15 from 10 AM–2 PM; the cost is \$29 for adults and \$13 for children ages 5–11.** Toledo Club members, of course, may visit the trees at any time. ★



December 6
5:30 PM

Join your friends and guests for a sparkling beginning to the

holiday season. The Toledo Rep's production of *A Christmas Carol* is a 30-year tradition for our area. With lavish costumes, spectacular sets and a musical score rich with carols of the era, this production is one you will not want to miss! **Your**

Holiday Buffet will include a Dickens menu of roast beef, turkey, Yorkshire pudding and all the festive trimmings. Plum pudding and apple pie complete the menu. You may have the **dinner with no theatre tickets for \$30.** Or you may enjoy the



buffet and drive yourself to the Valentine for a \$55 fee that includes tickets. Another option is to board a bus for transportation to the production at the low cost of \$65, which includes the buffet, tickets and bus. There will be two rounds of bus transportation. ★

Event Chair: Eileen Eddy

December 17
5–8 PM

WINE
and
GLITTER

Bring your friends for a relaxing evening of fun on **December 17 from 5–8 PM in the Red Room.**

Hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar are available at this free event. Take your time to look at items from vendors Purse Love, Sophia Lustig Shop, Kids Klotheshline, Kimberly Arden and MK Beauty Medical Spa. Entertainment will be by Harpist Laurel Stankey and Vocalist Alena Eddy. A raffle will be held for the benefit of Toledo Ballet. ★

Event chair: Joy Hyman

Holiday Tea Dance

December 14
5:30 PM

Photos with Santa
4:30–6 PM

Do you know that we have a three-generation Club holiday tradition? It involves the two most important parts of our social fabric, family and children. Beautifully dressed and well-acting children may sometimes seem a figment of your imagination, but they really will exist in our Founders Dining Room at the **Club's Holiday Tea Dance on Saturday, December 14. Chairman Erin Hirschfeld and Co-chair Jen Wagoner** have prepared a traditional festive occasion that will remain as a valued and treasured family memory.

You can archive that memory with a **photo with Santa from 4:30–6 PM.**



A bountiful Holiday Buffet, accompanied by a special performance by the Toledo Symphony Youth Ensemble, will begin at 5:30 PM.

Dancing in the Centennial Room will follow. The dessert table will be filled with cookies, a hot chocolate bar and festive sweets fit for the Sugar Plum Fairy herself.

New this year will be a special room after dinner for kids 11–16 years old to gather socially, play games and hang out with old friends and new.

A special lanyard pass will be given for room entrance.

Many times, memories can be hard to create. This one is easy. If you have come before, add 2019 to your photo album. If this is your first year, welcome to a Toledo Club Traditional Memory.

Tickets to this special family event are \$45 for adults (plus tax), and tickets for children ages 5–11 are \$26 (plus tax). Space is limited, so be sure to make your reservations early. Cash bar. ★



Ugly Sweater Party

Also New Member Meet and Greet

December 19
4:30–6 PM

Ok, you know you have one. Yes, you do, and it's hiding in your closet. Drag it out and join all the other revelers in the **Tavern on Third Thursday, December 19 at the Club's Ugly Sweater Party.** The party starts at 6 PM and goes until ?? You're not going to look any more ridiculous than everyone else as you enjoy light appetizers and heavy brew.

Sports Grill & Tavern co-chairs Kay Bolles and Nick Huckaby are also working on a sweater party for the children in babysitting.

Are you a new member? This event is also a Meet and Greet for you! ★



December 20
6–11 PM

the Biggest Little HOLIDAY PARTY

Let us do all of the planning for your holiday office party, for a special organization, or just your group of family or friends. The Toledo Club does the buffet, bar and entertainment and you have all the fun. It's a

great way to show off the Club decorated for the holidays. Begin the evening of **Friday, December 20 at 6 PM with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. A dinner buffet will be served in the Founders Dining Room from 7–9 PM, followed by coffee and dessert with dancing to a DJ until 11 PM** on the first floor. Enjoy all this holiday revelry for only **\$50 per person.** Cash bar. ★



Christmas Eve Buffet



December 24
Buffet Seatings at 3, 5, and 7 PM

On the night before Santa's visit, generations of members have celebrated together in the FDR or in a private room. **A sumptuous buffet will be served on Tuesday, December 24, with seatings at 3, 5, and 7 PM.** Give Mom a break!!! **The cost is \$42 per adult and \$19 per child.** Cash bar. ★



Do you know that The Toledo Club provides the premier New Year's Eve Party in the area? If you have never attended, this may be the year to start your own NYE tradition. Want to bring a guest? No problem. You may obtain an extra invitation at the front desk. **Chairman Joanne McElheney's committee, along with her co-chairs Laura Baird and Greg Fess, have spent hours working on an elegant evening with three options for our members: The Early Dinner, The Gala Party, and the Late Night Party.**

December 31

Early Dinner—5 PM

Gala Party—7 PM to 1 AM

Late-Night Party—9:30 PM to 1 AM

New Year's Eve
GALA



Early Dinner • 5 PM Are you looking for a gourmet dinner in an elegant, quiet setting? Being at the The Toledo Club with familiar staff and surroundings is the perfect way to celebrate an early New Year's Eve. *Club attire expected; guests are welcome.* **Cost is \$60 plus tax and cash bar.**

Gala Party • 7 PM to Midnight Meet up with old and new friends in the Main Lobby for cocktails and munificent hors d'oeuvres that include assorted pâté, shrimp cocktail and a cheese/vegetable spread. It is a luxurious introduction to Chef Sean's four-course dinner at 8:30 PM. You may choose the elegant Founders Dining Room, or small private rooms available for a quiet dinner with your friends. Beautiful music from the Toledo Symphony String Quartet will enhance your New Year's Eve FDR experience. Begin your meal with lobster bisque, then continue with a roasted beet salad with arugula, mixed greens, English cucumber, roasted tomato, red onion and lemon prosecco vinaigrette. Next comes your choice of a 32 oz. porterhouse steak for two with sea salt smashed potatoes and asparagus lemon asiago; seared halibut with sautéed sun-dried tomato, shallots, wilted spinach and wild mushroom ravioli with Port demi butter sauce, or a 7 oz. Filet Oscar topped with king crab, hollandaise sauce, asparagus and gorgonzola mashed potatoes. Dessert is mixed berries and Chantilly creme.

After dinner, join the fun downstairs and enjoy a quiet coffee bar with your friends in the Red Room, or continue with the Late-Night Party from 9:30 PM to 1 AM. Wander from upstairs into the first floor Centennial Room and dance to the music of the band Hey Day. There you can have late night snacks and a champagne toast at midnight, along with the traditional Toledo Club balloon drop. **The cost is \$110 plus tax and cash bar.** *Black tie attire — and guests — are welcome!*

Late-Night Party • 9:30 PM to 1 AM Dance the night away in the Centennial Room to the music of the Hey Day band. A balloon drop, late night hors d'oeuvres and a champagne toast combine to create NYE fun. Guests are welcome. *Club attire required: gentlemen in coats and ladies in party dresses; no denim.* **The cost is \$25 plus tax and cash bar.** ★

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION NOW at the front desk, by calling 419-254-2961, using The Toledo Club app, or by going online at toledoclub.org. Guest invitations are also available at the front desk. Black tie attire is welcome at all NYE events.

Non-member guests must reserve and pre-pay by credit card at 419-254-2961. Cancellations are unavailable after December 28, 2019.

The Toledo Club is happy to accommodate special food needs. Simply email banquet and catering manager Devon Layman at dlayman@toledoclub.org or call 419-254-2981 by no later than December 27. No special meals can be ordered after this date.



THE TOLEDO CLUB'S 2019
NEW YEAR'S EVE

Gala



7 PM – Midnight+
\$110 (plus tax) per person

- Hors d'oeuvres
- Four-course dinner
- Dinner music by the Toledo Symphony Youth Orchestra String Quartet
- Dancing downstairs in the Centennial Room to Hey Day band
- Balloon drop
- Midnight champagne toast
- Black tie welcome
- Small private rooms available

EARLY DINNER – 5 PM

\$60 (plus tax) per person

- Four-course dinner
- Club attire

LATE-NIGHT CELEBRATION

9:30 PM – Midnight+

\$25 (plus tax) per person

- In the Centennial Room
- Dancing to Hey Day
- Late-night snacks
- Midnight champagne toast
- Balloon drop
- Club attire

CHAIR: Joanne McElheney

CO-CHAIRS: Laura Baird, Greg Fess

Reserve NOW!

419-254-2961 or at toledoclub.org

Guests Welcome!

Ladies! Let's Do Lunch

Join our Ladies Lunch on the second Thursday of every month.

**OUR NEXT LUNCH:
Thursday, December 12 at Noon**

Mark your calendar for the coming year and join us for a relaxing afternoon.

Reservations:
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Fitness & Aquatics NEWS



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Holiday Athletic Department Hours

Tuesday, December 24: 5 AM–3 PM

Wednesday, December 25: CLOSED

Thursday, December 26: 5 AM–9 PM

Tuesday, December 31: 5 AM–3 PM

Wednesday, January 1: CLOSED

Thursday, January 2: 5 AM–9 PM



Charissa and Bill Hylan were finishers at the Churchill's Half Marathon.

Indoor Triathlon: January 25 at 10 AM

Presented by the Athletic Committee, this friendly competition is sure to keep you moving with 15 minutes of running, 15 minutes of biking, and 15 minutes of swimming. The time is NOW to start training. Between spin classes, Masters Swim and morning running, you can start right now! This is a great way to spend a cold, snowy Saturday in January. Meet up with fellow competitors and volunteers in the Tavern for awards and post-race food and drinks. You will find sign-up forms in the Fitness Center and you may also sign up online.

First Friday Breakfast: December 6

Join members for a workout and then gather for breakfast in the Founders Dining Room at 7:15 AM. You will pre-order at the desk in the Fitness Center before our workout. When you come up for breakfast at 7:15 AM, your breakfast will be served and the group will eat together. This is a great way to meet other members, get a morning workout in, and have some great conversation with great members. Please R.S.V.P. to Charissa at cmarconi@toledoclub.org.

Evening Spin Classes: Mondays and Wednesdays at 5:30 PM, \$5

We welcomed Jodi in October to the Club for her teaching expertise. Jodi Farschman and her two sons and husband enjoy living in Old Orchard. Jodi has taught spin, resistance training and yoga classes for over a decade. She enjoys running, riding her bike throughout Toledo with her husband, and experiencing the many fun events that Toledo has to offer. She is currently on the board of Girls on the Run of Northwest Ohio. She is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and received her undergraduate degree from the University of Cincinnati. She is passionate about helping others be healthier.

Maintain, Don't Gain

We have 20+ members signed up for this holiday program. They are receiving weekly emails, tracking their exercise and collecting points along the way. Keep moving forward, members. You are doing a great job! The holidays can be stressful — enjoy your time exercising and de-stressing.

Member Moments

We celebrated the 11th birthday of Landyn in November with his friends and family. A pool party with pizza, cake and presents was exactly what he wanted!

MEMBERS TAKE ON COLUMBUS MARATHON

Cindy Rerucha, wife of John MacKay and their daughter Anne Mackay, completed 13.1 miles; Meredith, daughter of John and Laurie Crisp, completed 13.1 miles; Charissa Marconi, Aquatics and Fitness Director, completed 26.2.

Whatever your goal, find your finish line!





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SATURDAY AT 10 A.M.
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WEDNESDAYS AT 12 P.M.
ALL-LEVELS ASHTANGA YOGA CLASS

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TOLEDO CLUB MEMBERS

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**Tuesday, December 17
5-8 PM • Red Room**

Hors d'oeuvres
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**Saturday, January 25, 2020
10 AM**

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Eddie Charlton

Committee and Volunteer “Thank You”!

Your Squash Committee has worked hard this off-season and start of a new season, embracing this transition year in the program and rising to every task and challenge. We are energized by the excitement and buzz around TC squash this season, so the job has been made all the more fun and rewarding. I would like to extend **thanks and recognition to an amazing group** for putting in the time and effort behind the scenes to make this a great season: **John Skeldon, Kevin Carmony, Drew Snell, Alicia Huckaby, Craig Witherell, Laura Berling, Jeff Levesque, Steve Bogart and Mike Goetz.** When you see any of them around the Club make sure to thank them for the continued effort. On that note, I would also like to recognize and thank two other volunteers for their season prep and help: **Kristin Winovich** for designing the 2019–2020 Winter League shirt (and presenting three incredible and creative options), and **Melissa Shaner** for taking over the Winter League program, a thankless task that deserves a big thank-you. Cheers to our dedicated committee and volunteers!

Key Dates for 2019/2020

Please keep the following key dates for 2019/2020 on your calendar, and we will continue to update you as the season kicks into gear:

- **OVER VS. UNDER CHALLENGE**
Thursday, December 19
- **GLASS CITY TEAM CHALLENGE**
Friday, January 31–Saturday, February 1
- **WINTER LEAGUE SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS**
February 2020
- **TOLEDO SQUASH CLASSIC 2020**
Friday, March 13–Sunday, March 15
- **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS AND AWARDS NIGHT**
Thursday, April 30

Look out for our full schedule of events soon, and see you on the court!

Toledo Club Squash Committee

Rich Effler, Chairman
w 419-536-8454 / m 419-343-9944 / rich@vallehomes.com

DRAFT NIGHT 2019

Our 2019-2020 Winter Squash League kicked off in a big way with Draft Night on October 24. The Belvedere Room was packed with members excited for the “NFL-Style” Draft team selection. Cold beer and delicious appetizers fueled a fun night. Our Winter League leans heavily on captains to select, organize and energize their teams, and this year is no exception, with an awesome group of team captains stepping up and auctioning for draft position and tier selection. The draft itself was lively and exciting from start to finish, a great show with many new and familiar faces gearing up for our Winter League. Eddie did a fantastic job embracing his first Draft, rousing the crowd with some fun jabs at our committee members, and keeping things interesting between rounds by raffling off an incredible menu of prizes. Many walked away with a free lesson, a dinner gift certificate, TC apparel, or even an Emma/Eddie Charlton signature racket!

A big thank-you goes out to all of our patrons on Draft Night who generously supported the Military Dinner, especially Keith Walker. Keg Sponsorship, always an easy draw in this crowd, did not lag this year. We will have plenty of post-match refreshment on tap behind Court 4! The night would not have felt complete without a surprise — a riveting pitch for shuffleboard in the Tavern by Nick Huckaby. Cheers to all who attended as we look forward to an exciting Squash Season.

Rich



GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP

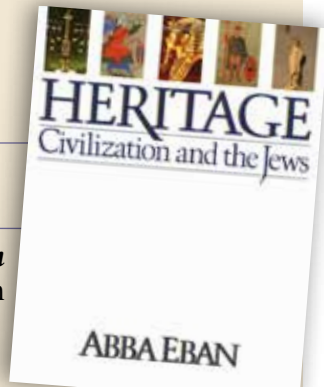
The Great Books Discussion Group is an opportunity to discuss stimulating books with old friends and new. Books are chosen by consensus of the members, and each month a member leads the discussion. We publish the selections several months in advance to allow time to do the reading. New members are always welcome. You can simply drop in at one of our meetings (the room is always posted in the elevator) or contact me for more information.

Beverly McBride
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bevjmcbride@yahoo.com

**Thursday, December 19
Noon**

Book: *Heritage Civilization and the Jews* by Abba Eban

Moderator: Alan Sokobin



THIRD THURSDAY IN THE TAVERN

December 19
6 PM

Ugly
Sweater
Party

&

New Member
Meet &
Greet



THE TOLEDO CLUB
SPORTS GRILL & TAVERN



Join a TC Rod and Gun Club Pheasant Hunt!

Everyone is welcome to join the Rod and Gun Club for a bird hunt on **Friday, December 13.**

We will meet at noon at WR Hunt Club in Clyde, Ohio for a hunter's lunch, and spend the afternoon hunting pheasant. Bring your own gun, or one can be rented from the club. Cost is approximately \$100 plus gun and shell rental, if needed. It is payable that day to WR.

For more details or to RSVP, contact **Phil Rudolph** at phil.rudolphjr@rlgbuilds.com.

THE TC ROD AND GUN CLUB AT WR HUNT CLUB • OCTOBER 18



Participating were (above): Jack Niggemyer, John Fedderke, Blayne Robbins, James Bailey, Christian Piazza, Nate Heffner and Phil Rudolph Jr.

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First Tuesday



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RESERVATIONS REQUIRED





Season's Eatings

Trees, trees, trees! Oh, garlands are nice, but imaginatively decorated Christmas TREES are definitely the BIG Show! And once again, your Toledo Club will be knock-em-dead gorgeous with fabulous trees everywhere! (Many thanks to Mike & Kristen Mori and their squadron of worker bees.) No other place in all of Northwest Ohio can compare. Absolutely NONE! Why else would the carpet be red on the second floor? Or the Centennial Room showcase a bay window and wondrous fireplace? Or the Founders Dining Room be all aglow? And the RED Room be RED?

BREAKING NEWS: Doesn't having the FDR be open Monday through Friday in the front part of December for dinner sound super member-friendly? Plus a Sunday brunch!!!! YES, this is happening! The elves of yore and yuletide fame, Gertrude and Gus, are definitely NOT "sit on the shelf" elves and are thrilled to have more opportunities to enjoy the Holiday ambiance of the Club.

What could be better than **turkey with all the traditional trimmings** than having someone else tasked with the preparing? Gus and Gertrude, fresh from finishing schoolwork, look forward to this reasonably priced **buffet (Monday, December 9 and 16)** that could serve as child friendly event to tour the trees and to begin a tradition (Do note: only the buffet is available—no ordering from the menu.) Gus, in a striped shirt and bow tie, and Gertrude in her green tights, puffy skirt and turtleneck, just might pop out to say Merry Christmas.

G & G so look forward to **First Tuesday on December 3**, dressing with just a bit of glitz as attendees get **FIRST PEEKS at the trees as well as wonderful (gratis) hors d'oeuvres for cocktail time, a wine tasting, (special pricing), the choice of three fantastic Chef Sean special entrées, plus a Christmas-y dessert.** DO make a reservation and be on the ready to begin the Holiday Season and perhaps, join a chorus of fa-la-la as the miscreant elves enjoy a giggle.

Just perhaps the merriment and fun of the **Dickens buffet dinner on Friday, the 6th**, in the Centennial Room is not your cup of mead, but no worry! To prime the Holiday entertaining and being-with-old-friends mode, **PRIME RIB will be featured in the FDR!** But do watch your shoes as that date, the feast of St. Nicholas, still sacred to those of German and Dutch descent, is celebrated there by setting shoes out by the fireplace on the eve.

Gus and Gertrude, asleep in their jammies, dream of how during the night good old St. Nick fills them with candy, coins and an ORANGE which now just happens to be the national color for Netherlands and Germany. That color did not seem to catch on as holiday fare.

Geraldine, dolled up in green taffeta, has her fingers and toes crossed as funky **Friday the 13th** just COULD be made a lucky day for meeting up with old friends and savoring the lamb chops. Gus has his palette ready for the smoked ham shank. A red wine would be a nice accompaniment.

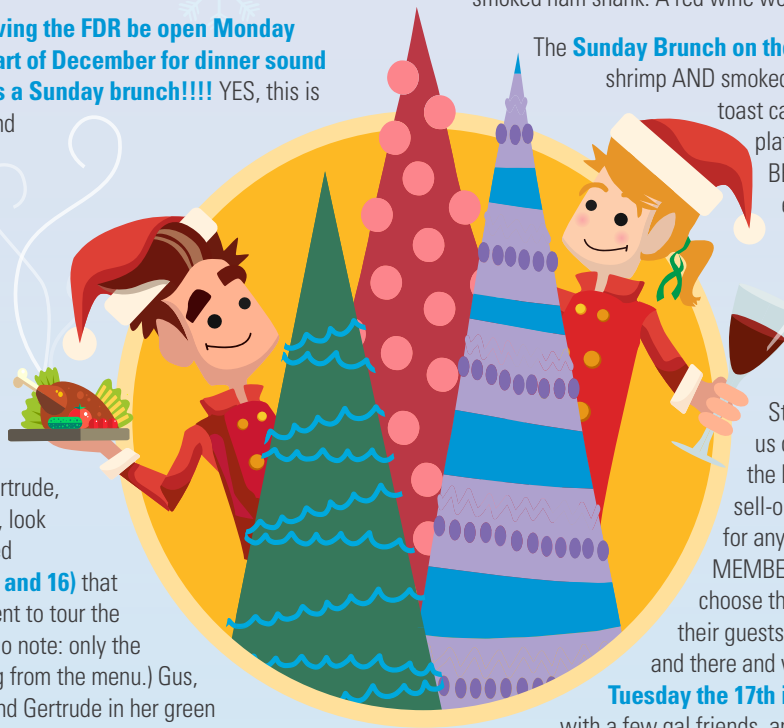
The **Sunday Brunch on the 15th** is a gourmet's dream with cold shrimp AND smoked salmon, omelet, veggie strata, French toast casserole, bacon, sausage, salads, hummus plate, bagels, Danish treats and ROAST BEEF! Hurry to make reservations as this event is also open to the public.

NEW and NOVEL this year will be a **LUNCH BUFFET on the 10th, 11th and 12th for Public Viewing of the trees. The EVENING BUFFETS will be on the 17th, 18th, and 19th.**

Strangers, but friends also, may be among us once again with these folks only utilizing the buffet. (This news also portends seating sell-outs! Be prudent!) Make reservations for any of these days in a timely fashion! MEMBERS, however, being privileged, may choose the buffet or order from the menu as may their guests. The little elves will share a toast here and there and why not? But on Gertrude's agenda on **Tuesday the 17th is first a stop at Wine and Glitter** with a few gal friends, and then it's on to dinner, ordering the scallops or the yummy salmon.

Hard may they try, Gus and Gertrude do confess to a bit of confusion on some evening dates: consulting the calendar in *Topics* magazine is quite helpful.

Breakfast daily continues. Workout, breathe deeply and fuel up—all with holiday décor about. Now that is a definite MEMBER ploy. And then wish all you pass A Very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year! 🍷



NO ZIPZ IN DECEMBER...

but Robbie Burns' birthday in January will bring forth a Highland Fling, courtesy of Chip and Eileen Eddy. Doesn't a dessert with honey, oats and whiskey sound intriguing?



Dining & Events | DECEMBER 2019

Hours

Dining Reservations
419-254-2961

Dining Service

Founders Dining Room
Third Floor

BREAKFAST
Monday–Friday*
6:30 AM – 8:30 AM

LUNCH
Monday–Friday*
11:30 AM – 2 PM

DINNER
Check calendar at right
for open days in December
5:30 – 8:30 PM

**check schedule for
alternate dining room
location if FDR is closed*

Sports Grill & Tavern
(Casual attire)

DINNER
Monday, Tuesday and
Wednesday
5:30–8:30 PM

Thursday, Friday and
Saturday
5:30–10 PM
Beverage Service until 11 PM

LUNCH
Thursday & Friday
(Express Lunch Buffet)
11:30 AM - 2 PM

Saturday
11 AM–5:30 PM

Beverage Service

Oak Room Pub
First Floor
Monday–Friday 4–9 PM

Dress Code

Proper business casual
attire is required during
dining and beverage
hours in the Founders
Dining Room.

Business Casual Attire:

Collared shirt,
pressed pants.

No shorts, t-shirts,
athletic apparel, ball
caps, denim, etc.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 DINNER IN THE TAVERN	3 DINNER IN THE TAVERN First Tuesday DINNER IN THE FDR	4 DINNER IN THE TAVERN DINNER IN THE FDR	5 DINNER IN THE TAVERN Tom Brady at the piano DINNER IN THE FDR	6 DINNER IN THE TAVERN Prime Rib in the FDR DICKENS DINNER Family Night in the Tavern DINNER IN THE FDR	7 DINNER IN THE TAVERN Babysitting 9 AM–2 PM
8	9 DINNER IN THE TAVERN Turkey Buffet DINNER IN THE FDR	10 DINNER IN THE TAVERN Parade of Trees Lunch Buffet DINNER IN THE FDR	11 DINNER IN THE TAVERN Parade of Trees Lunch Buffet TC Explorers: An Evening with Dan Johnson DINNER IN THE FDR	12 DINNER IN THE TAVERN Parade of Trees Lunch Buffet Ladies Lunch Jim Gottron at the piano DINNER IN THE FDR	13 DINNER IN THE TAVERN Family Night in the Tavern–Taco Buffet DINNER IN THE FDR	14 DINNER IN THE TAVERN Babysitting 9 AM–2 PM TEA DANCE
15 Parade of Trees Brunch Buffet	16 Turkey Buffet DINNER IN THE FDR	17 DINNER IN THE TAVERN WINE & GLITTER Parade of Trees Dinner Buffet DINNER IN THE FDR	18 DINNER IN THE TAVERN Parade of Trees Dinner Buffet DINNER IN THE FDR	19 DINNER IN THE TAVERN Parade of Trees Dinner Buffet Ugly Sweater Party / New Member Meet & Greet DINNER IN THE FDR	20 DINNER IN THE TAVERN Biggest Little Holiday Party Family Night in the Tavern–Burger Buffet	21 DINNER IN THE TAVERN Babysitting 9 AM–2 PM
22	23 DINNER IN THE TAVERN Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner in the Tavern	24 CHRISTMAS EVE BUFFET Seatings at 3, 5 and 7 PM	25 CHRISTMAS DAY: CLUB CLOSED	26 NO DINING SERVICE (Oak Room open)	27 DINNER IN THE TAVERN Family Night in the Tavern–Taco Buffet	28 DINNER IN THE TAVERN Babysitting 9 AM–2 PM
29	30 DINNER IN THE TAVERN Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner in the Tavern	31 Breakfast and Lunch in the Tavern NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA / EARLY DINNER	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY: CLUB CLOSED	2 NO DINING SERVICES (Oak Room open)	3 DINNER IN THE TAVERN Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner in the Tavern Family Night in the Tavern–Burger Buffet	4 DINNER IN THE TAVERN Babysitting 9 AM–2 PM



DINNER IN THE FDR
Monday–Friday
December 3–19

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December 4 and 18

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DECEMBER 2019 | Athletics & Events



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 AM Runners 6 AM Aqua Aerobics 8:30 AM Spin Class 5:30 PM	3 Body Sculpt 9 AM Introduction to Ashtanga Yoga with Malena 5:30 PM	4 AM Runners 6 AM Spin Class 6 AM/5:30 PM Aqua Aerobics 8:30 AM Yoga with Malena Noon	5 Body Sculpt 9 AM Masters Swim 5:15 PM	6 AM Runners 6 AM Spin Class 6 AM First Friday Breakfast 7:15 AM Aqua Aerobics 8:30 AM	7 Yoga with Malena 10 AM POOL CLOSED 12:30-3 PM
8	9 AM Runners 6 AM Aqua Aerobics 8:30 AM Spin Class 5:30 PM	10 Body Sculpt 9 AM Introduction to Ashtanga Yoga with Malena 5:30 PM	11 AM Runners 6 AM Spin Class 6 AM/5:30 PM Aqua Aerobics 8:30 AM Yoga with Malena Noon	12 BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS 7-8 AM Body Sculpt 9 AM Masters Swim 5:15 PM	13 AM Runners 6 AM Spin Class 6 AM Aqua Aerobics 8:30 AM	14 Yoga with Malena 10 AM
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AM Runners: 6 AM
MONDAYS/WEDNESDAYS/FRIDAYS

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DECEMBER 12
7-8 AM

Winter Hours

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Monday-Thursday
5 AM-9 PM
Friday
5 AM-8 PM
Saturday-Sunday
8 AM-7 PM

Adult Swim Hours
Monday-Friday
5-9 AM
11:30 AM-2:30 PM
4:30-6:30 PM
Saturday and Sunday
Noon-2 PM

Family Swim Hours
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9-11:30 AM
2:30-4:30 PM
6:30 PM-close
Saturday and Sunday
8-11:55 AM
2 PM-close

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VIEW FROM THE Tavern



Ugly Sweater Party

**THIRD THURSDAY:
DECEMBER 19**

December may be a busy time for parties, but one to be sure is on your list is **the Club's annual Ugly Sweater Party on Third Thursday, December 19.** You'll be able to search your closet (or visit the local Goodwill or second-hand store) for that special holiday fashion accessory that may have gone into hiding a while back, only to be brought out to wear proudly at just such an occasion. The uglier, the better — let fashion fails REIGN!

A **New Member Meet and Greet** will also be a part of the festivities on the 19th, so you'll have a great opportunity to get to know some of our newest members.

Pizzas and Flatbreads are now freshly prepared in the Tavern's kitchen. Stop in and try one along with a holiday cocktail!



THE TOLEDO CLUB SPORTS GRILL & TAVERN

DECEMBER

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT
December 5	Thursday	11:30 AM–2 PM	Express Lunch
December 6	Friday	11:30 AM–2 PM 5–8 PM	Express Lunch Family Dinner* – Burger Buffet
December 7	Saturday	11 AM–2 PM	Post Workout Lunch Babysitting available 9 AM–2 PM
December 12	Thursday	11:30 AM–2 PM	Express Lunch
December 13	Friday	11:30 AM–2 PM 5–8 PM	Express Lunch Family Dinner* – Taco Buffet
December 14	Saturday	11 AM–2 PM	Post Workout Lunch Babysitting available 9 AM–2 PM
December 19	Thursday	11:30 AM–2 PM 6 PM	Express Lunch Ugly Sweater Party - Babysitting
December 20	Friday	11:30 AM–2 PM 5–8 PM	Express Lunch Family Dinner* – Burger Buffet
December 21	Saturday	11 AM–2 PM	Post Workout Lunch Babysitting available 9 AM–2 PM
December 23	Monday	Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner in the Tavern Express Lunch available (Tavern menu only)	
December 27	Friday	11:30 AM–2 PM 5–8 PM	Express Lunch Family Dinner* – Taco Buffet
December 28	Saturday	11 AM–2 PM	Post Workout Lunch Babysitting available 9 AM–2 PM
December 30	Monday	Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner in the Tavern Express Lunch available (Tavern menu only)	
December 31	Tuesday	Breakfast and Lunch in the Tavern Express Lunch available (Tavern menu only)	

*** Family Dinner in the Tavern is buffet-style, casual dress, \$9.99 per person.**

The Tavern was All Aglow on October 10!



A big "Thank-You" to Event Chair Rebecca Shope for her work on the Tavern's first Glow Party!

Membership UPDATE

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Dawn Miller, Membership Coordinator | 419-254-2980 | dmiller@toledoclub.org

Team Effort = Membership Recruiting Success!

Cheers to the membership committee team and all Club members who helped in making September and October RECORD SETTING MONTHS! We were able to help **52 new members** join the fun and rejuvenated excitement down at the Club, in large part due to our strategic partnership with EPIC Toledo. We celebrated our success with a champagne toast at our meeting, and are now back at it to bring in the next batch.

Welcome, New Members!

Matt Abendroth	Alyan Memon
Jamie Adams	Katie & Phillip Moline
Matthew & Bridget Beredo	Austin Moore
Sara Blease	Lance & Jennifer Morgan
Nick & Teresa Camp	Mike & Jenna Musilli
Kevin Carr	Michael & Nicole Ohlemacher
Malena Caruso	Robin Piccione
Kyle & Lindsay Dodd	Mike & Gail Richardson
Heidi & Josh Harnegie	Luke & Celia Russo
Nate & Ali Heffner	Anton & Brittany Shirley
Paul & Kristina Hertlein	Amy & David Shock
Martin & Isabel Isaza	Geoff & Angela Shook
Jaafer Ismail	Ben Silverman
Rick & Missy Kaser	Adele & John Skolits
Peter & Brooke Koltz	Austin Stevens
Kevin & Tess Leiningner	David Stoiber
Virgil Lupu	Lyndsey Stough
Matt & Mindi Marshall	Bob & Didi Thomason
Mindy & Chad McCarthy	Stephanie White
Kirsten & Matthew McNulty	Greg & Stacey Zilba



Membership committee members raise a champagne toast to a couple of record-setting months of membership recruiting.

Our game plan is simple: Prospect. Open. Close. Retain. We are targeting affluent groups and people in the NW Ohio region, inviting them down to the Club to see all that is going on. After getting their commitment, we have set up a New Member Ambassador Program to get them plugged in and acclimated to all the great events going on this time of year.

We set a 12/31/2019 goal of 500 members; we hit that in late September and are now onto the next goal: 600 by the end of the fiscal year in August 2020! This Club is special because of YOU and that's why the membership committee needs EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU to help us reach our goal.

Action items to help as a member:

- Sign up to serve as a New Member Ambassador.
- Bring a friend or colleague down to the Club to an event.
- Connect any interested prospects with Dawn, Jeff or Christian to coordinate a tour, meal, coffee — or all three!

Thank you for all your time, efforts and help in growing membership and making The Toledo Club such a great place! There is a buzz around town about all the great things going on at our Club. Let's keep this momentum moving in the right direction!

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The Tea Dance will be held on Saturday, December 14. This year we will have a Tween Club for kids ages 11-16 to enjoy themselves in the Red Room.

Hit the pool during break! Winter break from school means the kids will be home with nothing to do! Why not bring them down to the Club and let them go swimming. Monday to Friday they can swim from 9 AM until 11:30 AM, from 2:30 PM until 4:30 PM, and again from 6:30 PM until closing. On Saturday and Sunday kids can enjoy the pool from

8 AM until noon and then from 2 PM until closing. Let them burn off some energy! We will be opening up the Sports Grill on extra days in December, so bring the kids to the Tavern after swimming.

Child care is available every Saturday from 9 AM to 2 PM and Third Thursdays from 5:30 to 9 PM.

Thursday, December 19, is Kids Movie Night. They'll have fun watching *Polar Express*.

Everyone had a scary good time at the **Family Halloween Party** held throughout the Club on October 23.

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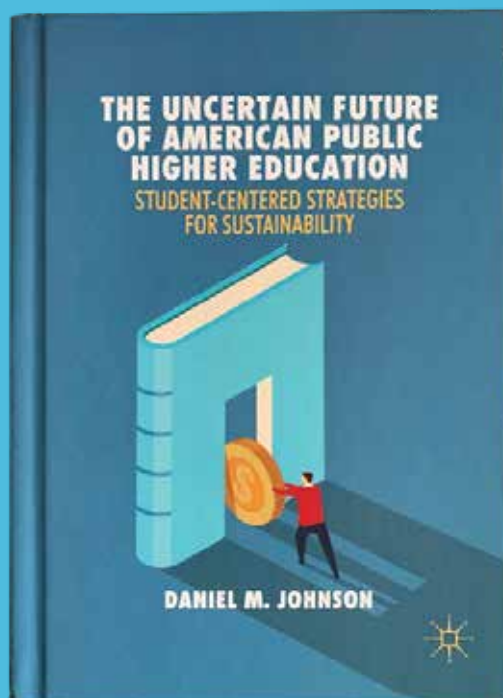
By John Fedderke

An Evening with Toledo Club Member Dan Johnson

to discuss his book,

The Uncertain Future of American Public Higher Education

Wednesday, December 11
6 PM



How much trouble are our universities in? Here are some startling statistics:

Student debt – \$1.56 trillion with 44.7 million borrowers and a 11.4% default rate. This will be a cornerstone issue of the coming election year. What's the solution?

Enrollment – Has declined for eight straight years, down 1.7% over the last year, or about 300,000 students. What does this trend mean for society, employment and our universities?

Aging infrastructure – The *New York Times* led an article in August of 2019, saying that, "Putting up with dinginess is a rite of passage for many college students." How bad is the problem?

Bloated athletics – Where do athletics go as costs go up and the NCAA ponders paying athletes?

Dan Johnson will share findings on these key issues from his new book on the state of higher education. As always, Explorers like to dig deep into topics, so he will be glad to field your questions on this topic as well as on his experiences living in the United Arab Emirates.

After an impressive career in the field of education spanning over 50 years, you would think that Dr. Dan Johnson might have slowed down. But that is not the case at all.



Following his time at The University of Toledo, he moved to Dubai in the United Arab Emirates as provost and chief operating officer of Zayed University for over three years. Upon his return from the Middle East he became very active in the Toledo community and serves on a variety of boards and advisory councils.

His latest project was his recently published book on the state of higher education in America. Dan has many years of experience on this topic. He served as 15th president of UT from 2001 to 2006. During that time, he developed strong ties with the metropolitan region, laid the foundation for the UT Science and Technology Corridor, and, along with Dr. Lloyd Jacobs, initiated the successful merger between the University and the Medical University of Ohio to create the third-largest university in the state.

In 2006, Dan was named president emeritus and distinguished professor of public policy and economic development. Prior to UT he worked with public officials on economic development-related projects for more than 40 years in Illinois, Virginia, Texas, and Alaska.

Please reserve your place now for this fascinating talk following another delicious Explorers dinner. Call Devon at 419-243-2200 now.



Halloween Party

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2019 ARMED SERVICES DINNER

at THE TOLEDO CLUB



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9 | Photos by SHENA KAYE

Toledo Club members hosted active-duty officers and enlisted men and women serving in Northwest Ohio from all five branches of the U.S military on November 11, for a reception and formal dinner just before Veterans Day. Prior to the dinner, Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine and Coast Guard songs were all played by the band. Each service member, as well as the chief of the Toledo Police Department and Toledo Fire and Rescue, was then introduced by emcees Mike Goetz and State Representative and USNR Lt. Commander Haraz Ghanbari.

A symbolic table for one was set to represent POW and MIA comrades, and each element of the setting was movingly described by LCDR Ghanbari. Strong sponsor support provided for a wealth of raffle prizes for the service members, as well as wine to accompany the sumptuous dinner of petite filet and salmon over a mound of risotto and seasonal asparagus.

By *Dave Karmol*



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6 PM • Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres
Centennial and Red Room

7-9 PM • Dinner Buffet
Founder's Dining Room

8-10 PM • Coffee and Dessert Table
in the Lobby


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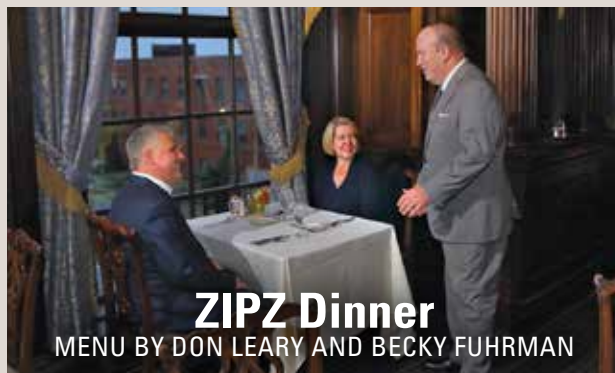


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The month of December is beginning and we are off to a great start, with holiday parties booked and many things for our members to do. With November coming and going, the Christmas season is here. Here are some reminders that the catering office would like to share with you:

The Children's Tea Dance will be taking place on December 14; please make a reservation for this fun and festive holiday party. We will have a DJ for dancing and a bountiful buffet and sweets tables to satisfy all your cravings. See more details on the next page.

Do you have an absolutely drop-dead ugly holiday sweater? On December 19, come down to The Toledo Club and join us for our Ugly Sweater Party in the Sports Grill & Tavern.

Also, for a few weeks in December, the Parade of Trees buffets will be taking place; please make your reservations online or at the front desk

to ensure your seat. See what buffets are when on page 3.

We would also like to inform our members that reservations are being taken now for the Christmas Eve Dinner Buffet. Seatings will be at 3, 5, and 7 PM. We look forward to seeing all of you there. Reservations are required.

Finally, the New Year's Eve Gala is just around the corner, so please make your reservations now for a fun and beautiful night of dinner and dancing.

For all of your catering needs this holiday, feel free to contact the catering office at 419-254-2981.

Your Catering Team

Devon Layman and Kaitlin Owens



Members' Jam

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THE TOLEDO CLUB'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS

Tea Dance

Saturday, December 14, 2019

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JUNIOR CLUB

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Reservations Required Limited Space Make Your Reservation Early

DECEMBER Member News

Have something you'd like to see in Member News?

Contact: Shirley Levy
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Paul Toth

The Press Club of Toledo honored **Paul Toth** with its Lifetime Service Award at the 21st annual Touchstone Awards ceremony. The event was held at The Toledo Club. Paul, former president and CEO of the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority, retired in September 2018. He had been with the Port Authority for 32 years, serving as president and CEO since 2008.

Paul is now the new president of ConnecToledo, the city's nonprofit downtown development corporation managed by a board of directors from the private sector. His job is to connect public and private organizations and facilitate the implementation of the Downtown Toledo Master Plan.

He served as chief counsel to two of Ohio's attorneys general, as chairman of the Ohio Supreme Court's Advisory Committee, and as a member of the Ohio Constitution Modernization Committee. He received his law degree from The University of Toledo and was the founding editor of the UT Law Review. He also holds a bachelors degree in philosophy from UT.

At The Toledo Club's annual meeting on October 28, President Greg Wagoner welcomed **Nick Huckaby** and **Kay Bolles** as co-chairs of the Sports Grill & Tavern committee. **Christian Piazza**, a newly elected member of the Board of Directors, is also chair of the membership committee.



Nick Huckaby



Kay Bolles



Christian Piazza

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Richard Walinski, a lawyer who practices in the areas of contract, corporate and commercial litigation, was appointed by Governor Mike DeWine to a full nine-year term on The University of Toledo Board of Trustees. He replaces Toledo Club member Sharon Speyer, who concluded her term in June.



Richard Walinski

Dick's family has practiced continuously in the Toledo area for more than a century.

Toledo Club member **Katherine Moline** was among the honorees at the 20 Under 40 awards ceremony, held at the Valentine Theatre. The annual award recognizes 20 individuals from northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan who have distinguished themselves in their careers. Katherine, a CPA, is a senior audit accountant at Weber Clark where she manages audit client engagement and works with the firm's large clients, as well as leading the wellness committee and serving on the marketing committee. She has also created a women's health initiative within the firm. She and her husband Phillip Moline joined the Club in October 2019.

Betsy (Carson) Brady and **Pete Kadens** were among five notable Ottawa Hills alumni who received the OHS Foundation Distinguished Alumni Award on September 20. Betsy, who graduated from OHHS in 1964, is a well-know business leader, community advocate, philanthropist, and fundraiser in northwest Ohio. In 1985, she and her husband Tom Brady founded Plastic Technologies, Inc. PTI has become globally recognized within its industry for sustainable packaging innovation with more than 1000 clients across the globe.

Betsy is actively engaged in the community, including serving as chair of the Toledo Area Chamber of Commerce in 1990, board chair of the Toledo Museum of Art, and a board member of ProMedica, The University of Toledo, Toledo Community Foundation, and the Junior League of Toledo. She and Tom have been TC members since January 2007.

Pete isn't a member yet, but, as the keynote speaker at the President's Dinner in January, he will be welcomed as an honorary member by the TC Board of Directors. More about Pete in the next issue of *Topics*.



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Beer Dinner

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(First Tuesday) December 3 • 7:30 AM
Founders Dining Room

Social/Entertainment Committee

(First Tuesday) December 3 • 5:15 PM
Chelsea Room

Food and Beverage Committee

(First Thursday) December 5 • Noon
Chelsea Room

House Committee

(Second Tuesday) December 10 • 4 PM
Chelsea Room

Membership Committee

(Second Tuesday) December 10 • 4:30 PM
Board Room

Athletic Committee

(Second Wednesday) December 11 • Noon
Conservatory Room

Sports Grill & Tavern Committee

(Third Thursday) December 19 • 5:30 PM
Sports Grill & Tavern

Family Committee

(Third Thursday) December 19 • 6 PM
Sports Grill & Tavern

Finance Committee

(Fourth Monday) December 23 • 4 PM
Board Room

Board Meeting

(Fourth Monday) December 23 • 5 PM
Board Room

Marketing Committee

(Special date and time for December)
Friday, December 27 • 11:30 AM
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Monday, December 30 • 6 PM
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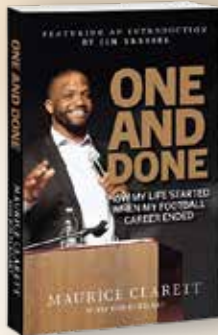
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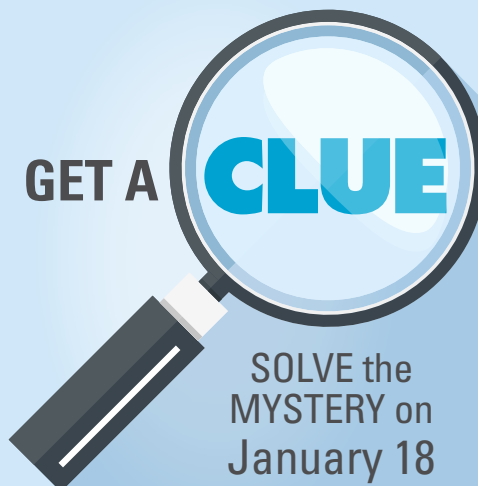
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