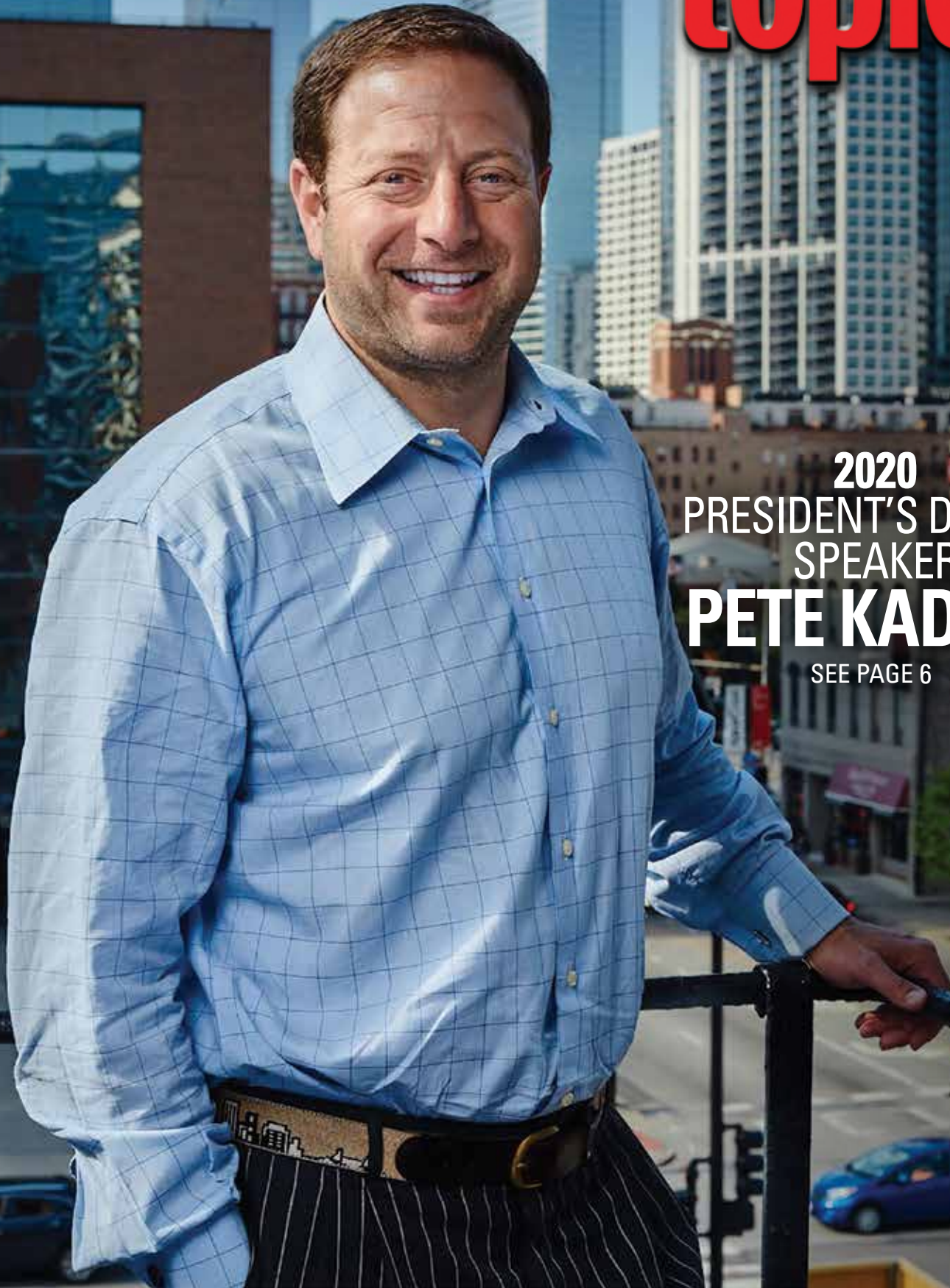


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SPEAKER  
**PETE KADENS**

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**ON THE COVER:** The 2020 President's Dinner speaker and  
Ottawa Hills native Pete Kadens, photographed in Chicago.



# MARK YOUR Calendar

## JANUARY CLUB events

- JANUARY 1 CLUB CLOSED
- JANUARY 2 NO A LA CARTE DINING - ATHLETICS OPEN
- JANUARY 3 **Dinner in the FDR: Prime Rib  
Family Night in the Tavern**
- JANUARY 7 **First Tuesday Dinner in the FDR**
- JANUARY 9 **Ladies Lunch  
Dinner in the FDR: Tom Brady at the Piano  
(Wine & Dine Special)**
- JANUARY 10 **Family Night in the Tavern**
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Kids' Movie: Frozen**
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Pre-Symphony Dinner  
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- JANUARY 18 **Murder Mystery: "Speak Easy-Die Hard"**
- JANUARY 20 NO A LA CARTE DINING
- JANUARY 22 **World o' Whiskey** (see page 26)
- JANUARY 23 **Jazz in the Red Room: Ramona Collins** (see page 30)
- JANUARY 24 **Family Night in the Tavern**
- JANUARY 27 **ZIPZ Dinner: Scottish Menu by Chip and Eileen Eddy**
- JANUARY 29 **President's Dinner** (see pages 6-9)
- JANUARY 30 **Dinner in the FDR: Jim Gottron at the Piano  
(Wine & Dine Special)**
- JANUARY 31 **Wine Sale Table in the FDR  
Family Night in the Tavern**

**BABYSITTING AVAILABLE** Every Saturday 9 AM – 2 PM, and Third Thursday (call for hours)

## 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](http://toledoclub.org), and click on "Member Statements."



# President's MESSAGE

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## Fellow Members,

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season.

The Club enjoyed robust activity throughout the holiday season. From the Dickens Dinner to the Ugly Sweater Party in the Tavern to the Biggest Little Holiday Party, the Club was buzzing with activity on a nightly basis. The Tea Dance, hosted by Erin Hirschfeld, was a huge success. It is an absolute joy to watch the different generations on the dance floor at the end of the evening. The Christmas Eve Buffet was packed and the New Year's Eve Gala, hosted by Joanne McElheney, was the best in town.

I want to commend Jeff and his entire team for their tireless work and flawless execution throughout the holiday season. The service and cuisine were unparalleled.

I am excited for 2020. The Club is positioned to have another fantastic year. We have added more than 100 members in the last few months and continue to experience record levels of membership inquiries. The energy at the Club is palpable. We fully anticipate the membership growth to continue throughout 2020. We are working hard to integrate these new members into the Club to show them what a special place it is. Please make sure to introduce yourself to the new faces down at the Club.

January is packed full of events. Make your reservations for the First Tuesday and ZIPZ Dinner before they fill up, and mark your calendars for Third Thursday in the Tavern (don't forget to check out the new shuffle board table!). I want to give a big thanks to Nick Huckaby and Kay Bolles, co-chairs of the tavern committee, for all of their hard work.

The World o' Whiskey Dinner, another Toledo Club tradition, is scheduled for January 22. I know John Fedderke and the rest of the committee having been working hard at multiple tasting nights to make sure the best Scotch is paired with an outstanding meal. The dinner will be sold, out so get your reservation in quickly.

Don't forget to attend the upcoming Explorers event with our very own Eddie Charlton on Wednesday, January 15. Eddie will give a history of his professional career and his exciting journey from being a top-50 player in the world to head professional at The Toledo Club.

Finally, I want to strongly encourage all of you to attend the President's Dinner on January 29. Our keynote speakers will be Pete Kadens and Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz. Pete was born and raised in Toledo and has enjoyed significant business success in numerous ventures, including serving as the CEO for the first publicly traded cannabis company. However, what makes Pete special is that he has tuned his entrepreneurial drive to create positive change in his hometown and has paired with Mayor Kapszukiewicz to transform Toledo's early education system. Pete and the Mayor will engage in a highly entertaining question and answer format that will address a variety of issues. It will be a special evening.

See you at the Club!

*Greg*

Greg Wagoner, President

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# Jazz

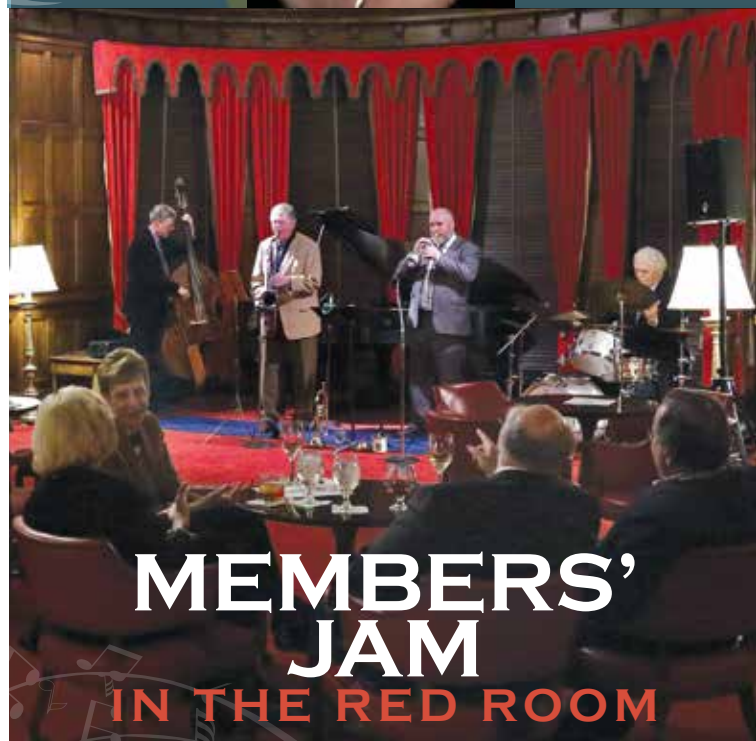
## IN THE RED ROOM

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## JANUARY 23:

# Ramona Collins



# MEMBERS' JAM

## IN THE RED ROOM

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 16 6-9 PM

Don't forget dinner specials in the Founders Dining Room before or after

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 Sandra M. Hylant '87 33 years  
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 Donald M. Mewhort, III '89 31 years  
 G. Christopher Joseph '95 25 years  
 William McElheney '95 25 years

## MEMBERS' comments

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**MEMBER COMMENT CARDS RECEIVED / NOVEMBER 1-30**

92%

**"EXCELLENT" COMMENTS RECEIVED**

*Thank you for a beautiful evening!*

Andrea

*Buffet Salad Bar is excellent with so many great selections. Tomato soup and Cream of Cauliflower soup were both superb!*

Dave

*Food and service were outstanding, genuine and a step up in quality, Overall, a lovely way to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our engagement!*

John and Kathy

*Kudos to the Chef for the vegetarian dinner at First Tuesday!*

Linda

*Positive, responsive and proud to be a part of Toledo Club resonated from staff.*

Amy

*Scallops were absolutely excellent! And really loved the presentation.*

Jim

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# Manager's MESSAGE

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## A New Year – and So Much to be Thankful For!

Happy New Year! It's hard to fathom it has been a year since I joined The Toledo Club team and what a whirlwind of a year it's been. Thanks to the board, our committees and our incredible staff for their support during my first year. We've accomplished much over the last 12 months and I am eager to see what 2020 brings to the Club.

I hope you all had a chance to see the Club in all its holiday glory last month. The decorations were simply spectacular. My sincere thanks to Gary Buerk & his staff for once again decorating the Club so exquisitely. I also want to thank those individuals and organizations who donated or decorated Christmas trees for the Parade of Trees this year. This wonderful tradition brings many visitors into our Club and it's always nice to hear them offer so many positive comments about The Toledo Club.

Continuing with the appreciation theme I want to thank past presidents Brett Seymour and Aaron Swiggum for their time, efforts and dedication serving on the Board of Trustees. I am forever grateful to current president Greg Wagoner, the search committee and the entire Board for giving me the opportunity to serve in the capacity of general manager of this gem of a club. Thanks to the tireless effort, commitment and stewardship of the future of the Club by our Board and committees, we have a renewed energy, passion and strategic direction for the future. You cannot have a vibrant club without members, so a shout out to the membership committee, led by chair Christian Piazza, and all the members who shared the Club with friends, family or colleagues, and have helped put our membership levels back on the right trajectory.

Again, so many things to be thankful for, including a vibrant squash program led by our new squash director, Eddie Charlton. A big note of gratitude to Rich Effler and the squash and search committees for finding Eddie and helping us to grow and improve an already successful program. Can't forget about all the things on the social calendar driven by social committee chair Cindy Niggemyer and her very active committee. All of our committee chairs and members are so appreciated for their efforts in making The Toledo Club such a special place, so thank you one and all. We are blessed to have so many people who care about the future of the Club.

With 2019 ending on such a positive note at the Club, we need everyone's help to keep that positive energy going. Our Toledo Club has so much to offer and it's important to continue to share our gem on 14th Street with your friends, family and colleagues. Tell them why you love our Club and invite them to belong to something special! Please give Dawn Miller or me a call if we can provide a tour and/or have your prospective member up for dinner as our guest.

On behalf of all the staff, here's to a great year before us at The Toledo Club!

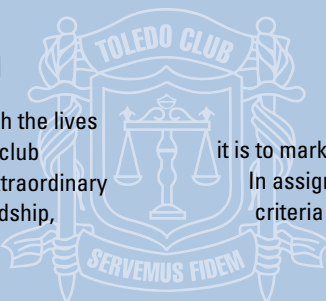
Sincerely,



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.



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THE 2020  
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PRESIDENT'S  
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SPEAKER  
**PETE  
KADENS**

This Ottawa Hills native is bringing  
HOPE to Toledo Public Schools

BY SHIRLEY LEVY



*Pete with his wife Amy.*





# THE 2020 PRESIDENT'S DINNER

"I am honored to welcome Pete Kadens to The Toledo Club," President Greg Wagoner said. "I grew up with Pete. He was an outstanding student and fantastic athlete with an exceptional work ethic. He has used these skills and his entrepreneurial spirit to achieve extraordinary business success in a number of industries. While it has been a real joy to watch Pete's business success, what makes him special is how he has used that success as a platform to make a positive social change. Pete has really focused on the educational challenges at Toledo Public Schools. He has worked closely with Mayor Kapszukiewicz to create a plan that will help solve these problems. Pete's mission to drive reform in Toledo is inspirational and will make a lasting impact on this community."

And that isn't the only reason that Greg Wagoner has engaged Pete Kadens as the keynote speaker at this year's President's Dinner. "In addition to being a philanthropist, Pete is also a visionary and a successful businessman who has started three companies that have employed thousands of people over the past 16 years."

Helping Our Population Educate – or HOPE Toledo, is his latest philanthropic project, a program he founded with a pledge of \$5 million. More about that below...

Pete and his wife Amy were born and raised in Toledo. They now reside in Glencoe, Illinois, near Chicago, with their three young children. They both graduated from Ottawa Hills High School, where Pete was president and captain of the basketball and track teams. He went on to earn his bachelor of arts in political science from Bucknell University. After graduating, he parlayed a \$6000 gift from his parents into a successful career as an entrepreneur. He retired in August 2018, at the age of 40, as CEO of Green Thumb Industries, one of the five largest publicly traded legal cannabis operations in the world, with a current capitalization of over \$2 billion. Recalled by former Ottawa Hills classmates as the Cannabis King, he was one of 25 cannabis executives serving on the board of directors of the Cannabis Trade Federation, and he was named one of the 20 Most Influential People in the world in the cannabis industry in 2018.

Prior to Green Thumb Industries (in 2000) he started one of the largest commercial solar companies in the US: SoCore Energy. Under his leadership, SoCore expanded operations into 17 states and was named one of Chicago's most innovative businesses by Chicago Innovation Awards. In 2013, he sold SoCore Energy to Edison International, a Fortune 500 energy holding company. Pete also started an outsourced sales company in 2000 called Acquirent which is still in existence today and has over 200 employees.

Pete served as chairman of Streetwise (2009–2018), one of the largest homeless aid organizations in Chicago, and currently serves as chairman emeritus. He also sits on several other boards in the non-profit and for-profit space. He was awarded the Trailblazer Chicago Award by the Cara Program in 2019, the Catalyst Man of the Year by Streetwise in 2015, the Distinguished Alumnus for Citizenship in 2010 by his college alma mater Bucknell University, and was honored as a Distinguished Alumnus by Ottawa Hills High School in 2019. He was also named one of the 40 Under 40 by Crain's *Chicago Business* in 2012. Pete is a 2019 Henry Crown Fellow of the Aspen Institute. He has been honored by many other awards as well.



*Pete Kadens with Toledo Public School student De'Azhia and her grandmother Barbara.*

## Q&A WITH PETE KADENS

### **What is HOPE Toledo?**

HOPE Toledo is a promise to all Toledo students in public schools that they can achieve academic success without the burden of significant debt. It's also an intervention program to help these students work through any trauma or life challenges through trauma-informed education and intervention. The goal of HOPE is to create a better condition for Toledo by creating better conditions for our youth.

### **What is the fund-raising goal needed to sustain the program's first five years?**

\$60 million for the first 5 years, but ideally to pull it off we need over \$100 million. In order to change the educational culture of Toledo forever, we need this program to sustain itself for at least one kindergarten–12th grade cycle (13 years), as this is the continuity required to change paradigms and perspectives.

### **Have you been able to get any other donors on board?**

Yes, there are other donors on board, but to be honest it has been a struggle and it's something that I'm somewhat frustrated with. There is wealth in Toledo. When poverty flourishes we all lose, and the Toledoans and

# THE 2020 PRESIDENT'S DINNER

corporations with resources need to really see and understand that and come to the table in a BIG way to enable the inalienable right of a quality education for all Toledoans.

## **How much have you raised so far?**

Not something I can disclose at present but it's not nearly enough.



Pete, then president of his company SoCore Energy, was in New York City to "ring the bell" at the NASDAQ opening on November 16, 2010.

## **The Toledo Public Schools (TPS) has a low rank in the list of public schools. How can HOPE change that?**

TPS does have a low rank in the list of Ohio schools. How can HOPE change that? TPS is getting better and improvement is always the first milestone, but in order to solve any problem you first have to believe that the problem CAN be solved. I see a lot of lack of confidence that our education challenges can be solved, and that is somewhat disheartening. If we believe in our kids and we give them the resources and opportunities available to kids, say in Ottawa Hills, they will find their way to success in life. We CAN solve this problem; it just takes confidence, culture shift and resources.

## **Currently, Toledo has a low college graduation rate of 18 per cent. Will a higher graduation rate result in more kids staying in Toledo?**

YES. And importantly a higher graduation rate will create more opportunities for employers to locate operations here for a skilled and educated base of employees, and it will cause a spike in demand for qualified workers. A more educated population is how we truly get the flywheel moving in Toledo so this isn't just an educational initiative but it's an economic development initiative, too.

## **Without HOPE, where is the future of education in Toledo headed?**

To be honest, I'm gravely concerned about that without HOPE, or some platform like it — while things are getting better at TPS under the leadership of Dr. Romulus Durant — he and his team can only do so much, There needs to be far more resources committed to the schoolchildren in our city in order to change our fate and make us a highly competitive middle market community over the long term.

## **How did you become interested in education?**

My anthropological fascination is really related to poverty, and that started at 8 years old when my dad took me on an academic sabbatical to developing countries for research he was doing at UT, and it continued throughout high school when I did some research projects at Cherry Street Mission. But I decided that instead of solving generational poverty when it is already full blown and the people we are trying to help are adults, why not stop generational poverty dead in its tracks by properly educating our children so that they can create generational wealth and turn the tide of poverty that has plagued their families, for generations in some cases. So my solution to poverty alleviation is educational attainment and positive educational outcomes.

## **Did you have a mentor or someone who helped you develop your unique career insights?**

Many. I attribute my success to so many people and I was fortunate that part of my DNA is that I am a sponge in that I hear what people tell me and I absorb it and learn from it. I believe I can learn from

💧💧 **A more educated population is how we truly get the flywheel moving in Toledo.** 💧💧



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almost anyone I encounter. One of my mentors was a college professor of mine who retired as the COO of Goldman Sachs before teaching. He was very serious and very stern and didn't take any bullshit from anyone. He taught me the rigor of finance and business. The other is a gentleman named Glen Tullman who has taken many companies public and who has employed many thousands of people, but who also gave back in meaningful ways to charity with both his time and resources. He placed a high premium on being a quality human being.

**What has been the most rewarding part of your career (business or philanthropic)?**

So many positive things have happened to me and I have been so damn lucky that it's hard to pick out one rewarding thing. Taking a company public was incredible and such a rush, so I always think of that moment. Employing 4500 people over 17 years as a CEO is something else I'm very proud of. Another thing I'm super proud of is a woman named Sarah who I employed for 10 years over two companies. Sarah grew up homeless and in an incredibly horrible situation. She started with me as an office manager making \$26,000 a year and today she's a millionaire. And while she did this on her own, I know that I played a key role in her ending generational poverty for her and her family and that makes me super proud. I have lots of other stories like this that make me feel that all the hard work and sacrifice was well worth it.


**What advice would you pass down to the next generation?**



Don't grade yourself on a forgiving curve when it comes to your inner character or your ethics. Instead of always asking what you want out of life, try to ask "what does life want out of me?" If you focus on doing good in this world versus just making money... in the end you will be a lot more fulfilled and you will also make a lot more money. At least that's been my experience as I never once focused on how much money I was going to make, but rather how much impact I was going to make, and the money just seemed to follow.

**What is your favorite book or movie?**

My favorite book is "Good To Great" by Jim Collins. I also love to read "The New Jim Crow" by Michelle Alexander. I don't really watch movies or TV.

**What's your favorite activity you enjoy with your family?**

Watching my kids play competitive sports (swimming and basketball primarily) and coaching. When I see the fire lit by a sport they are passionate about, it excites me and makes me proud to be a participant in their upbringing. 

 *I hear what people tell me and I absorb it and learn from it. I believe I can learn from almost anyone I encounter.* 

## The Toledo Club 2020 PRESIDENT'S DINNER Wednesday, January 29



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*Olga Kern's appearance is made possible through a generous gift from John H. and Barbara Burson.*



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By Cindy Niggemyer

# Thinking of Florida for **January?**

Well, save the price of a plane ticket!

**Your Toledo Club has a full schedule for January.** Below is a listing of the highlights. For times, cost, additional dining events, etc. refer to the information placed throughout *Topics*. Highlighted by the fabulous President's Dinner, there is something for everyone week after week. You really didn't want to squeeze onto an overbooked plane and pay extravagant winter prices, did you? Stay home with your friends!

By the way, **you can phone reservations into the reservations number at 419-243-2200.** Or, this might be a good time to go digital and **add The Toledo Club app to your phone.** Reservations are so very easy to make.

TUESDAY, JANUARY **7 First Tuesday** - Chef Sean is at it again, creating another outstanding dinner. Sit at the large communal table or reserve a private one. You are in for a treat.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY **15 Explorers** - Let's all go to England! Squash Director Eddie Charlton will be our tour guide for his native country. Take an armchair tour and have a great pre-ordered dinner.

THURSDAY, JANUARY **16 Third Thursday in the Tavern and Members' Jam in the Red Room** - Wander between the first and second floor and ask yourself how many other clubs have this many events. This is a "Meet and Greet" for our many new members.

FRIDAY, JANUARY **17 Pre-Symphony Dinner** - Enjoy a pre-ordered dinner that will allow you time to socialize with your friends before the fabulous *Rachmaninoff's Third Symphony* performance at the Toledo Museum of Art.

SATURDAY, JANUARY **18 Murder Mystery: "Speak Easy-Die Hard"** - The Toledo Club had quite a reputation during the "Roaring Twenties." Relive that era with an interactive murder mystery dinner. The Murder Mystery Company will be bringing the drama, and Chef will prepare a time period dinner, all for the price of \$55. Chairmen Nick Stack and Kay Bolles are encouraging vintage dress, but it is not required.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY **22 World o' Whiskey** - John Fedderke and his merry band of "Whiskey Gurus" have created another noteworthy event. Please remember that, even with a price of \$150, every year is a sold-out event.

THURSDAY, JANUARY **23 Jazz in the Red Room** - Here is your chance to hear Toledo Jazz favorite Ramona Collins. There is no cover charge.

MONDAY, JANUARY **27 ZIPZ Dinner** - Join us for a Scottish Robert Burns Celebration Dinner. ZIPZ dinners bring all of our Toledo Club cultures together. So, not Scottish? Come wearing some tartan plaid anyway — today you are! Eileen Eddy has created a menu to please all.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY **29 The President's Dinner** - President Greg Wagoner has invited entrepreneur Pete Kadens as the keynote speaker. Watch for your mailed invitation. This elegant and informative dinner is a fundraiser for The Toledo Club.



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Charissa finished the year with a festive 13.1 run at the Santa Hustle race in Sandusky.

## Happy New Year to All of You!

Does your New Year's resolution include losing a few unwanted pounds? Does your bulging belly or flabby arms leave little to be desired? Are you looking to sign up for your first 5k, marathon or triathlon? Are you transitioning from rehab to physical therapy and would like to continue a path of exercise? If you're resolving to get healthier, we can help you achieve your goals to bring out the new you in the New Year! Please contact the Fitness Center for a tour and an orientation or to schedule a personal training session. We are here to help you achieve your goals.

## Battle of the Borders Challenge

Our annual Battle of the Borders Challenge was won by the Michigan fans who managed to gather more workout minutes in the month of November. Even though Ohio State won the big game, hats off to the Michigan work group at the Club: **Andy Ranazzi, Bruce Seeger, Bill Davis, Bob Finkel, and Matt Marshall.** Thank you all for participating in our mini-motivator.

## Indoor Triathlon: Run, Bike and Swim January 25, 10 AM

Compete as an individual or get a relay team together. It's 15 minutes of each event — run, bike and swim. The longest distance wins!

Sign up in the Fitness Center or online at [imathlete.com/events/toledoclubtri20](http://imathlete.com/events/toledoclubtri20).

## Maintain Don't Gain

To all members who have signed up for this, please remember to **do your final weigh-in in the Fitness Center.** We hope our tips helped you be more mindful during the busy holiday season.

## Indoor Marathon: January 13–February 24

Sign up in the Fitness Center and log your miles each day from your treadmill workout, from the track upstairs, or a run from the Club. Set a goal and achieve it!

## Glass City Marathon April 26, 2020

Now is the time to start thinking about this amazing race. Relay, 5k, half marathon or full marathon. Training starts January 6. Please contact me for a training program or a running buddy. Run happy!



## Pool Parties

We celebrated two birthdays at the Club. Thank you to Dan Peffley and Jim and Stephanie Jaros for thinking of The Toledo Club to host a birthday party. Happy Birthday to Landyn and Angelina. We had a blast with you on your birthday.

Landyn's birthday pool party with family and friends and an amazing cake made by his grandma.



# Yoga at The Toledo Club

with Malena Caruso

## January Class Schedule:

(No class January 1 and 2, 2020)

Tuesdays - 5:30 PM      Thursday - 6 AM  
Wednesday - 12 noon      Saturday - 10 AM

Sign up for classes through the FREE Toledo Club mobile app under events OR through the Club's website. Contact Dawn Miller with questions.

## Saturday, January 4 – Special New Year Intention Setting-Class

10–11:30 AM - Garden Room

Not only is this the first Saturday of the new year, but it's also the start of a new decade! We're going to use this as a time to reflect on 2019 and set new intentions for 2020. This class is designed in more of a workshop style and will allow students to tap into their deepest intentions for the year to come. Writing supplies will be provided as well as tea.

Sign up for classes through the FREE Toledo Club mobile app under events OR through the Club's website. Contact Dawn Miller with questions.

## Saturday, January 11 – Yoga/Squash Workshop with Lead Yoga Instructor Malena Caruso and Squash Pro Eddie Charlton

1–2:30 PM

Malena and Eddie are teaming up to show members how yoga is a great compliment to their squash regime. More details to come! Space will be limited.

Sign up for classes through the FREE Toledo Club mobile app under events OR through the Club's website. Contact Dawn Miller with questions.

## Note from Malena:

*The last two months have been absolutely inspiring! You all have shown up to class willing and eager to learn. I can't thank you enough for your commitment. It's not easy, but it's worth it! We've talked about the Four D's of Ashtanga Yoga: Discipline, Devotion, Dedication and Determination. You all have proven you're up for the challenge! It's a new year. It's a new decade. And as the first Sutra in the Yoga Sutra says, "Now, is the time for yoga."*



# GET INDOORS AND TRI

## The Toledo Club Indoor Triathlon Saturday, January 25, 2020 10 AM

Compete as an individual or get a relay team together!

Longest total distance wins —  
top 3 men, top 3 women and top relay

Register at: [imathlete.com/events/toledoclubtri20](http://imathlete.com/events/toledoclubtri20)  
or ask for a form in the Fitness Center.



### RUN!

15 minutes  
on the track



### BIKE!

15 minutes on a  
stationary bike



### SWIM!

15 minutes  
in the pool



### CHEERS!

Post-race celebration  
in the Tavern

Hosted by The Toledo Club Athletic Committee | Open to non-members





Eddie Charlton

## Winter League Update

Winter League play is in full swing. Court scheduling is tight, and that's a good problem to have! Please let your committee, captains or pro know if there is anything we can do to help make sure this is a great experience for you. Our first half of league play wraps up on December 31, and second half picks back up on January 6. Play your matches and get those bonus points!

## Glass City Team Charity Open

Mark your calendars for this event at the end of January. As a wrinkle to our calendar, we have combined a couple of events from years past and are excited to try out this new format. This team tournament will be held on **Friday, January 31** and **Saturday, February 1**. Teams of three players will be assembled for a two-day tournament that promises at least two matches. There will be a modest tournament entry fee, with the majority of proceeds going toward a charity selected by the winning team. Look for more information and details soon behind Court 4 and via email. This will be a fun weekend and a great tune-up for our marquee event, The Toledo Squash Classic, in mid-March.



## Events Calendar

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:

- **INDOOR TRIATHLON**  
Saturday, January 25 (see the athletic committee or Charissa for details)
- **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

Cheers, and see you on the court!

### Toledo Club Squash Committee

*Rich Effler, Chairman*

*Eddie Charlton, Squash Director*



# THE 2019 MEMORIAL SQUASH TOURNAMENT

by Rich Effler

Our first tournament on this year's calendar, the Memorial Top 32 Invitational, was a huge success on and off the court. **Tournament Chair Drew Snell** led the charge and organized a great tournament and awards dinner. As the name states, this tournament is an invitational for the top 32 squash players in the Club. It began nearly forty years as the Paul L. Effler Memorial Tournament, and has since been shortened to The Memorial, honoring all of those who have lived and loved Toledo Club squash and since passed. As a twist to the typical tournament, The Club pro was included in the field of 32 every other year... and the results have reflected this rotation! This year's field was split into two divisions competing for two champions.

**The Wiley Division**, players ranked 1–16, honored seven-time Club champion John Wiley, who passed away this past year. John was known as a fierce competitor on the court and true gentleman both on and off. John's spirit was well reflected in his bracket this year, with great competition and highly contested matches throughout the tournament. Both Eddie and Emma Charlton competed in the Wiley division, and met in the quarterfinals, playing to a packed crowd on a Sunday afternoon. Eddie, victorious in the match, was put in place in a point that was captured on video, featuring a dagger of a drop/kill and bit of a stare down! The semi-final matches of Eddie vs. Nick Demarco and Drew Snell vs. Michael Mack were competitive, leading to an action packed finals match between Eddie and Drew. Eddie won 3-0, and tossed in a no-look, behind-the-back, reverse-corner drop for good measure in game three! Doc Wiley would have been proud!

**The McNeely Division**, players ranked 17–32, honored dedicated Toledo Club squasher Mike McNeely. Mike was known to many in the program as the best kind of player — one who worked hard at his game and climbed the ladder from lower to middle tiers, playing anyone who would want to get on court. Kevin Carmony offered some nice notes about Mike's love of the game and commitment to the program at the Awards Dinner. The McNeely division was not short on competitive matches and intense play. Semi-finals featured contested matches with Steve Turner vs. Chad Bolles, and Eric Croak vs. Nick Huckaby. Steve's speed and veteran touch carried him to the finals against defending champ Eric Croak. The two traded games one and two of the finals, before Eric's determination shined through, grinding out games three and four for a 3-1 victory. Congrats to Eric for defending his crown — it's now time to move on up!



## GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP

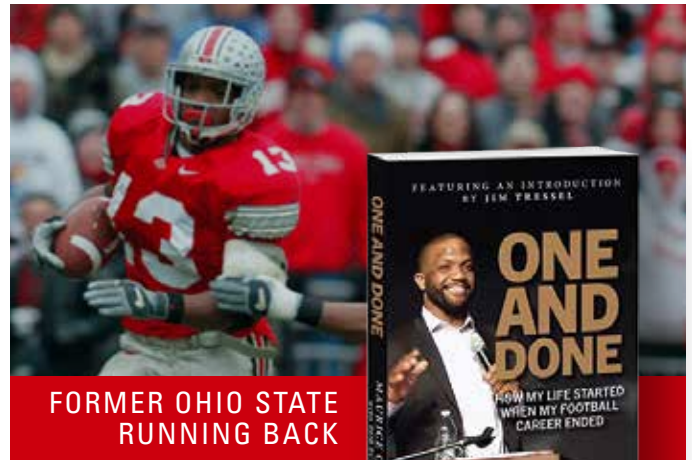
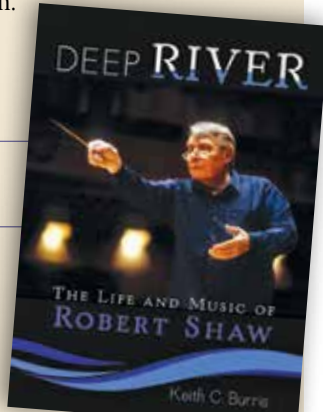
The Great Books Discussion Group is an opportunity to discuss stimulating books with old friends and new. Books are chosen by consensus of the members, and each month a member leads the discussion. We publish the selections several months in advance to allow time to do the reading. New members are always 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, January 16  
Noon**

**Book:** *Deep River:  
The Life and Music  
of Robert Shaw*

**Moderator:** Kieth Burris



**FORMER OHIO STATE  
RUNNING BACK**

**Maurice  
Clarett**

**B O O K S I G N I N G**

**Tuesday, January 14**

6–7 PM • Centennial Room • \$30  
[VIP Event • 5–6 PM • Red Room • \$60]

Reservations: 419-243-2200 or go online

All proceeds from the book will benefit  
the Red Zone Foundation.

**Ladies!**  
**Let's Do Lunch**

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

**OUR NEXT LUNCH:  
Thursday, January 9 at Noon**

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

**Reservations:  
419-254-2961**

**Barber Shop**  
Monday - Friday  
7 AM to 5 PM  
Basic Cut \$13  
Deluxe/Massage \$20

Tom, Bert, Jim and Adita

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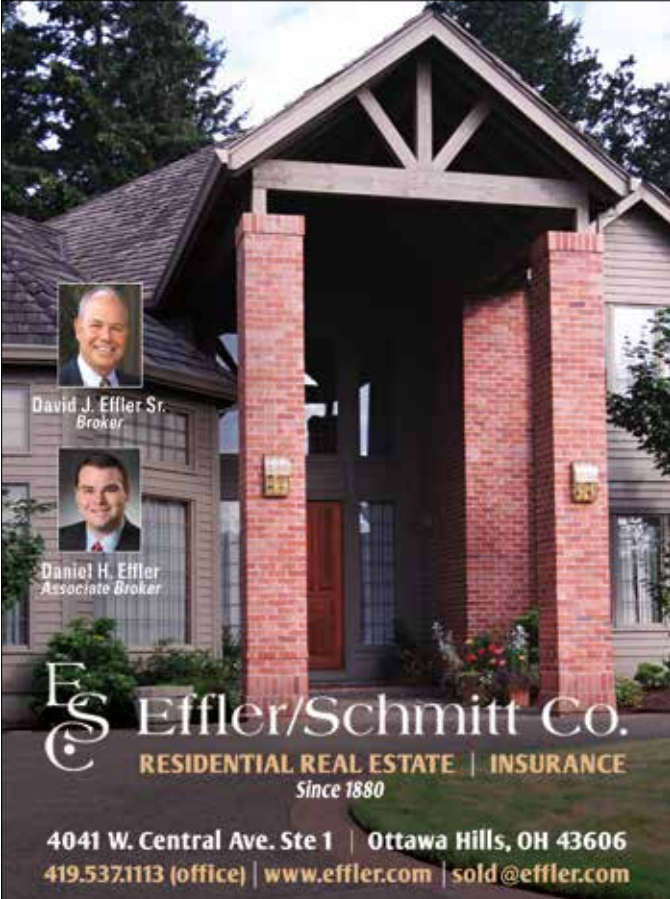
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## START YOUR New Year Out RIGHT!

*Let the Club do the cooking!*

**T**he trees are tucked away, the lights are down, and January has arrived with all its promise for a new year and cheer—as we enter a new decade. Will it be the Roaring Twenties again? Your club has MUCH going on this month to suit all!

Is your mantra “Where’s the beef?” Look no further than to the fabulous **prime rib dinner offered on Friday, January 3**, which is certainly an inducement to “winter up the body” for the upcoming cold. Three cuts are available: king, queen and teeny, and all are very flavorful. (*Hint: order king and have leftovers for Saturday lunch.*)



Of course, this may be the time to try the braised ham shank (smoky and delish), the chunky lamb chops or those tasty scallops which can’t be complimented more highly.

In addition to being the date only two months before St. Patrick’s Day, **Friday, January 17, is Steak for Two night**; however, this meal, a cut above any other fine Toledo restaurant offering, **MUST** be ordered by the previous Tuesday as the cut is special. Rave reviews have been on every comment card since Chef Sean began to offer this!

**Wine and Dine:** hmmm, sounds gourmet? Or economical? Or enjoyable? Oui, ya, and but, of course, my dahling. Ed M chooses the wine: the diner chooses the entrée from one of three. And the chit comes in at a mere thirty dollars per person. **Now THAT is something special and will be on Thursday, January 9 and January 30!**

A hot, warm lunch certainly should be on the agenda for January as should the hot breakfast! Soup and a custom sandwich; mmm, good!

Yes, **First Tuesday, on the 7th**, lives on. PLEASE make reservations by noon—so much better for the kitchen to achieve efficiency. The canapés keep getting better and better, the bar is bustling and the casual introductions during cocktail time make all feel comfortable and welcome. And Chef offers three wonderful entrées! And chatter along the table promotes Club membership.

Circle **Wednesday, January 29, for the Annual Prez Dinner**. This elegant event will honor the new Prez, Greg Wagoner, with a VERY exciting dining experience in the lovely Founders Dining Room. This will be a fabulous “soup to nuts” affair with much wine and the bonus of a fine speaker. 🍷



## TAVERN TASTINGS

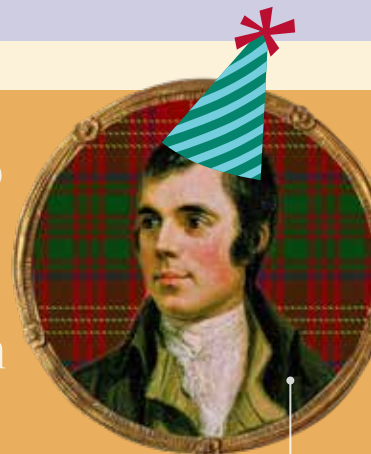
**B**ang-bang shrimp may be THE most popular snack in the Tavern, and for good reason—this is out-and-out “delight the tongue” special! But try the mussels, with the tinge of herbs, as a lighter treat after a workout. Add French onion soup—WOW! Now that’s a meal. The olive tapenade is a terrific veggie special: add tomato soup and one will be waiting with bated breath!



That little kitchen proves good things come in small packages as it serves up HOT and FAST your order of pulled pork, burgers, caprese steak on a brioche bun, classic tacos, grilled turkey, etc. etc. etc. The plus of two sides fill the plate! Pizzzzzzas? Can you say Italiano??? Cozy and casual are the bywords here.

Drop in also for **the LUNCH BUFFET offered on Thursday and Fridays**: it is extensive, tasty, and a fun way to connect with other members! 🍷

## What Better Way to FLING Yourself into the New Year than with a Scottish ZIPZ Dinner?



It will be a **ZIPZ-style celebration of Robbie Burns’ birthday**, including the bringing forth of a Highland Fling! **Recipes and more are courtesy of Chip and Eileen Eddy**. Doesn’t a dessert with honey, oats and whiskey sound intriguing? Join your fellow members for a good time and a wonderful meal on **Monday, January 27**. Reservations recommended (family tartans not required.) 🍷

Burns, widely regarded as Scotland’s national poet, wrote what’s generally considered the “anthem of New Year’s Eve” poem (and song), “*Auld Lang Syne*.”



# Dining & Events | JANUARY 2020

## 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**  
Thursday and Friday\*  
5:30 – 8:30 PM

*\*check calendar 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
29	30	31	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY: CLUB CLOSED	2 NO A LA CARTE DINING	3 Prime Rib in the FDR Family Night in the Tavern- Burger Buffet	4 Babysitting 9 AM–2 PM
5	6 DINNER IN THE TAVERN	7 DINNER IN THE TAVERN First Tuesday	8 DINNER IN THE TAVERN	9 DINNER IN THE TAVERN Ladies Lunch Tom Brady at the piano / Wine & Dine	10 DINNER IN THE TAVERN Family Night in the Tavern– Taco Buffet	11 DINNER IN THE TAVERN Babysitting 9 AM–2 PM
12	13 DINNER IN THE TAVERN	14 DINNER IN THE TAVERN Maurice Clarett Book Signing	15 DINNER IN THE TAVERN Toledo Club Explorers: Eddie Charlton	16 DINNER IN THE TAVERN Third Thursday Kids Movie: Frozen Members' Jam	17 DINNER IN THE TAVERN Steak Dinner for Two Pre-Symphony Dinner Family Night in the Tavern	18 DINNER IN THE TAVERN Babysitting 9 AM–2 PM Murder Mystery: "Speak Easy-Die Hard"
19	20 NO A LA CARTE DINING	21 DINNER IN THE TAVERN	22 DINNER IN THE TAVERN World O' Whiskey Dinner	23 DINNER IN THE TAVERN Jazz in the Red Room: Ramona Collins	24 DINNER IN THE TAVERN Family Night in the Tavern– Taco Buffet	25 DINNER IN THE TAVERN Babysitting 9 AM–2 PM
26	27 DINNER IN THE TAVERN ZIPZ Dinner: Scottish Menu by the Eddys	28 DINNER IN THE TAVERN	29 DINNER IN THE TAVERN PRESIDENT'S DINNER	30 DINNER IN THE TAVERN Jim Gottron at the piano Wine & Dine	31 DINNER IN THE TAVERN Family Night in the Tavern– Burger Buffet Wine Sale table	1

**CALL FOR DINING AND EVENT RESERVATIONS:**  
**419-243-2200**



**MANICURIST AVAILABLE IN THE BARBER SHOP**  
**January 15 and 29**

**CALL 419-254-2979 FOR AN APPOINTMENT**





# JANUARY 2020 | Athletics & Events

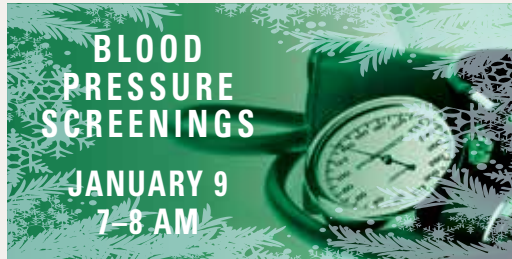


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**AM Runners: 6 AM**  
**MONDAYS/WEDNESDAYS/FRIDAYS**



**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS**  
**JANUARY 9**  
**7-8 AM**

## Winter Hours

**Fitness & Wellness Center**  
419-254-2990

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**

Monday–Friday  
9–11:30 AM  
2:30–4:30 PM  
6:30 PM–close  
Saturday and Sunday  
8–11:55 AM  
2 PM–close

**Squash Courts**  
419-254-2965

**Barber Shop:** 1st Floor  
Bert Mills  
Jim Schimming  
419-254-2979  
Monday–Friday  
7 AM–5 PM

**Tailor Shop:** 5th Floor  
Phyllis Sheets  
419-382-7490  
Tuesday 9 AM–5 PM  
Friday 9 AM–1 PM

**Other Club Services**

Robert Bremer  
Licensed Massage Therapist  
419-966-7372

Manicurist  
419-254-2979

Thomas Derring  
Leather Specialist  
419-254-2979



# The Toledo Club's HIDDEN ASSETS

by David Karmol | Photos by John Kuser

*Behind a plain wooden door next to the coatroom, or through an exterior side door that opens by entering an access code, can be found some amazing assets of The Toledo Club. These assets are proven to extend your life, reduce your chances of becoming ill, and improve your daily mood—but only if you use them.*

*The assets are the health and fitness facilities of The Toledo Club, and the people who maintain them and help instruct and train Club members who take advantage of the facilities and equipment.*

*Let's take a quick tour of the facilities, and meet some of the people who can help you make the most of them. (For your own tour, contact Charissa Marconi at the Club, anytime.)*

## WORKOUT ROOM

Filled with both cardio and weight training equipment, this room has everything you need to get your body in shape, take off pounds gained over the years, or simply maintain fitness that allows you to live life fully. Watch one of three TVs while you burn calories.

## SQUASH COURTS

Three championship squash courts, with an observation area on the first floor, assure members that there is seldom a wait for court time for those who want to get their heart pumping with a vigorous squash match. A great part of The Toledo Club tradition.

## OLYMPIC-SIZE POOL

The Club's year-round heated pool, complete with lane markers and a timing clock, is available during all Club hours to members and their guests. It's a huge 20 x 60 feet, allowing for lap swimming, as well as water aerobics classes. Charissa keeps the pool chemistry constantly at the safe levels required by the law, as well as teaches aerobics classes three days a week.



# TRAINERS



Not only does the Club boast top-shelf facilities, it also offers members access to certified trainers who can design a training program for people of all ages and fitness levels. You are certainly never too old to begin working out, but the sooner you start, the sooner you will see—and feel—the benefits.

We spoke to the Club's trainers, to get their perspectives on how they see people using the Club's facilities most effectively. We asked them each a few questions about their experience at The Toledo Club.



## CHARISSA

## RUNNING TRACK

For those who get their endorphins fired up by a run, nothing beats a run around the cushioned surface of the track, with banked turns and a timer on one end of the room so you can monitor your time. Only 25 times around the track and you've run a mile!

## MEN'S WORKOUT ROOM and lockers

(Original gym, from when the Club was for men only)

With a few machines, benches and free weights, as well as toilets, showers and a dressing area, this area is handy for squash players and is also available to Club members who might prefer to work out on their own, without distractions.

## MEN'S LOCKER ROOM

The men's facility has lockers, showers, an eight-seat steam room, and towel service. Everything you need to get showered and dressed for work after your workout is available in the locker room, which is always maintained in classic Toledo Club fashion by Rod Wright.

## LADIES' LOCKER ROOM

The ladies' locker room, on the second floor adjacent to the pool, is a thoroughly modern and spotlessly clean carpeted area, with tiled showers, dressing areas, lockers and a dry sauna. Post-workout dressing stations are complete with large mirrors, sink and hair dryers. Charissa keeps this room maintained and clean in Toledo Club fashion.

**CHARISSA MARCONI** is a full-time employee of the Club, and (believe it or not) has been with us for over 14 years. She's an ironman and triathlon competitor and is also a certified trainer. She's also now offering spin classes two days a week. She's also one of two Club employees who are certified pool operators, to make sure the pool chemistry is always maintained properly.

### Q What's the most surprising thing about the Club?

**A** *The members are so loyal to the Club. And for a club that is known primarily as a social club, it has facilities that match many of the finest major city athletic clubs.*

### Q What do you like best about the Club?

**A** *The members.*

### Q Why should members start a workout routine, and how should they get started?

**A** *Why? Because a workout relieves stress, has serious medical benefits, and you will meet new friends. And, you might just like it! How? The best way is to meet with me to learn what facilities are available, and let me help you tailor a program that meets your schedule and your fitness level.*

### Q Describe a success story you've seen in your work.

**A** *I have a client who is 96 that I've been working with for 14 years, 3 days a week. Each year he sets new goals to keep going with his workout. A previous goal was to see his grandson; his current goal is to live to 102, and he's well on his way to that goal!*

# TRAINERS



**BRYAN POLCE** is another enthusiastic trainer for The Toledo Club, with a masters in exercise science and cardiac rehabilitation, and training from the National Academy of Sports Medicine in the fields of fitness nutrition, weight loss and corrective exercise.

**Q What was the most surprising thing you found out about TC when you started working here?**

**A** *The most surprising thing I noticed was the vast amount of amenities offered by the Club as well as the positive cultural environment.*

**Q What do you like best about the TC?**

**A** *Being biased toward the gym, I would have to say the gym, pool and indoor track.*

**Q What are the benefits of a good workout routine?**

**A** *TC members should start a workout routine in order to live a life of health and happiness. Cardiovascular fitness and strength training are extremely important in order to maintain a healthy lifestyle free of health issues and injury. Fitness will also decrease stress levels and aid in decision-making skills and clear thoughts.*

**Q Describe some success stories of clients you have worked with.**

**A** *I have trained some of the most amazing clients over the years and they all have had their individual successes; there is success in just working towards a health goal. Different clients with different goals achieve weight loss, muscular strength, muscular endurance, a decrease in blood pressure and cholesterol and other metabolic syndrome risk factors. The most important success that I have had with every client is in translating educational knowledge into a plan for the client's fitness program now and into the future.*

**BEN OLIN** is a partner at The Standard Gym on Summit Street, and offers training services to TC members at the Club for a reasonable charge. He's a certified personal trainer, certified CrossFit trainer and coach—and he has a great sense of humor as well.

**Q What's the most surprising thing about the Club?**

**A** *It's not just a "good old boys" club. I knew the Club had a pool; I didn't know it had a full gym.*

**Q What do you like best about the Club?**

**A** *The people here are great—both members and staff. Everybody is super friendly, and it's a great place for networking.*

**Q Why should members start a workout routine, and how should they start?**

**A** *Why? Because you care about your kids and loved ones, and you want to live longer for them. You trade one hour three times a week for many years of additional time with the people you love—and you feel better, and can do more. How? Just start by doing more than what you are doing. Don't spend time on research; it will just confuse you. Hire a professional trainer, even if just for 10 sessions, to get started on a program. With me, you are in a judgment-free zone. Remember, there's a difference between exercising and training. I can help you train.*

**Q Describe a success story you've seen in your work.**

**A** *I had a guy who started at 306 pounds, who got down to 252 in just 9 months. I had a lady who couldn't stand up from a chair, who now can do full body squats. I can tailor a workout for you, no matter where you are starting. 🏋️*







# Thanksgiving Buffet

NOVEMBER 28, 2019 / PHOTOS BY JOHN KUSER





# VIEW FROM THE Tavern



Nick Huckaby



Kay Bolles

**W**hat a year it's been for the Tavern so far! From the new kitchen (seriously, have you tried Chef's new pizzas?) and the glow party in October, to the countless Saturday brunches, the Tavern has been bustling. More exciting events are on the horizon for 2020, too, including **a new shuffleboard table** and **a trivia-night Third Thursday** (the month is still TBA). Also watch for a shuffleboard tournament to break in the new table!

**As the new Tavern co-chairs, we are very interested in hearing from you, the members.** If you have any suggestions on how the Tavern could be improved, please reach out to us at [nhuckaby@shumaker.com](mailto:nhuckaby@shumaker.com) and/or [kbolles@danberry.com](mailto:kbolles@danberry.com). We're working to make the Tavern a great and inviting place for all members, no matter how new or seasoned! Hope to see you in the Tavern soon!

## THIS MONTH AT THE SPORTS GRILL & TAVERN

### Express Lunch Buffet

Thursdays and Fridays - 11:30 AM – 2 PM

### Family Nights in the Tavern

Friday, January 3 - Burger Buffet  
Friday, January 10 - Taco Buffet  
Friday, January 17 - Burger Buffet  
Friday, January 24 - Taco Buffet  
Friday, January 31 - Burger Buffet

### Third Thursday

Thursday, January 16 - 6 PM

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# TOLEDO CLUB EXPLORERS

By John Fedderke

## Travel the World with Our New Squash Pro Eddie Charlton

Wednesday, January 15  
6 PM

By John Fedderke



From Blidworth, England to Toledo, Eddie and his wife, Emma, have journeyed around the world as professional squash players and now have landed — very happily — at The Toledo Club.

Of his time on tour, Eddie says, “I’ve had a great playing career. I reached a career-high ranking of 50th in the world. I played in some amazing places (some not-so-amazing too!) and travelled far and wide playing the sport I love. Since moving to the U.S. three years ago, I have moved my focus to the coaching side of the game.”

Oh yes — Emma was ranked #11 on the women’s tour.

Most recently, Eddie worked as a squash pro in Chicago. The tale of the Charlton family’s journey from Chicago to Toledo, via U.S. Immigration is every bit the adventure that playing pro squash in Barbados and around the world was.

Come meet our new director of squash and share in a life’s journey that has brought world-class talent to Toledo, thanks to The Toledo Club’s unique squash facilities and avid players.

***Join the Explorers for a great dinner and charming presentation. Everyone is welcome so let’s see some squashers step up to the bar and share in fellowship to start the New Year.***

***Call 419-243-2200 for reservations.***



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*We begin the evening in the Red Room at 6 PM for hors d'oeuvres with a special cocktail created by our partners, Maumee Bay Distillery. They will craft a batch of Maumee Mules featuring their High Level Distilling Ice House Vodka and house-brewed ginger beer. We'll also sample the whiskey we've been aging in our World o' Whiskey barrel that was laid down all those years ago at our very first event. History in the making.*

*A piper will lead us upstairs to the Founders Dining Room where the grand tour will begin.*



## **Glenfiddich Winter Storm 21**

Only 7800 bottles in the world and you'll get some!

We kick off with Winter Storm, a 21-year-old special issue Scottish single malt finished in Ice Wine barrels from Canada's Peller Estate Winery. This beauty is a Double Gold winner with a nose featuring tropical fruit and candied sweets, with sweet ice wine under it all. The palate is soft, sweet, more candied fruit or rinds, with some Turkish Delight and sherbet. You will enjoy the sweetness merging with dry ice wine. The finish is short and sweet. Winter Storm is not typical of Glenfiddich's traditional single malts. A limit of 7800 bottles. Glenfiddich hails from the Spey Valley of Scotland. Its name means "glen of the deer."

*Mesquite smoked mushroom bleu cheese souffle*

## **Midleton Barry Crocket Irish Whiskey**

Triple distilled and smooth as silk.

A wonderful pot still whiskey named for a former Master Distiller at Midleton made from both malted and unmalted barley. The nose is malt, fruit, new grass, honey, and butterscotch with a little lemon or citrus. There is a little rosemary and apple in the mix as well. The palate has cinnamon, spice, caramel, malt, vanilla, and toffee. The finish is long with more caramel, fruit, and distant oak. Triple distilled and finished in bourbon and new American oak barrels.

You will enjoy whiskeys up to 25 years old from this single pot still whiskey. Midleton Distillery is in County Cork, Ireland.



*Shaved fennel salad*

*Arugula, shaved beets, toasted pine nuts, olive oil apple puree*

## **Brenne French Single Malt Whisky**

Best whiskey of 2017

French Scotch? You decide. Made at a cognac distillery in cognac copper pot stills and aged in new French oak and first-fill cognac barrels, Brenne's French Single Malt is the 2017 Best Whiskey Winner. The nose is tropical fruit, cognac, spice of cinnamon, and deep wine grapes, with some malt and vanilla. The palate is brandied fruit, cognac, vanilla, and deep sweetness, with the French oak everywhere. The finish is long with fruit, chocolate, pineapple, wine, and wood flavors. Founded in 2012, this distillery uses 100% estate-grown barley from on site.

*Grilled Elk Chop*

*Blackberry demi, pickled onion parsley salad*





## Koval Four Grain Whiskey from Chicago

Is it windy with big shoulders?

This four grain whiskey was made in Chicago at Koval, a distillery founded in 2008. Its name means "blacksmith" in several European languages and "black sheep" in Yiddish. It's made from organic grain using only the center cut from the stills; no heads or tails. And no corn, as the grains are oats, malted barley, wheat, and rye. The whiskey is heavily charred in 30-gallon barrels made from oak cut in northern Minnesota. The nose is banana, hard candy, spice, herbs like cardamom, fresh bread, brown sugar, and vanilla. The palate is not like the nose; it has pie crust, cinnamon, orange rind, and fig flavors, plus some maple syrup and distant oak as well. The finish is medium with all the palate drifting away. Aged four-plus years, each bottling is a single-barrel experience, so they vary. The grain comes from local farms, with malt, milling and mash done on site, in a copper pot still.



*Blue Crab Cake*

*Roasted red pepper remoulade*

## WhistlePig 15 Rye Whiskey

97 rating to end the evening.



WhistlePig 15 is finished in hard, dense grain Vermont oak barrels from trees on site at WhistlePig Farm. The distillery was founded by a group including the long-time distilling master from Maker's Mark. Newer editions are made on site from grain grown on the farm.

Older whiskeys were made from specific selected Canadian stock and aged in Vermont. They scored 97 points in Wine Spectators ratings. The nose is deep and rich with caramel, vanilla, the local oak, allspice, and burnt orange flavors. The palate is warm, rich, and loaded with butterscotch, as well as Christmas Cake spices, almonds, and a hint of tobacco. The finish is very long, rich and detailed with the best of the nose and palate. Water used in making this rye comes from a well on the farm.

Aged in a copper pot still, WhistlePig is named for the groundhogs on the farm.

*Cranachan*

*Layered raspberries, toasted oats, honey, Chantilly cream*

After dinner, return to the Oak Room to sample wares from our friends at Third Street Cigars.

***This extravaganza is priced at \$150 for a single ticket and \$125 each for a table of eight. At this point, we have already reserved quite a few tables for intrepid world adventurers, so don't delay in making your reservation by calling 419-243-2200.***

***Stay thirsty, my friend.***

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# December AT THE CLUB (AND A Dickens Dinner!)

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# TC FAMILY focus.



What a fantastic December The Toledo Club had — something seemed to be happening every night of the week! January's bringing a bit of "calm" to the lives of our members and their families, but rest assured, there are still plenty of events happening at the Club.

## Family Fridays and Third Thursday

Friday nights, there's the **Family Friday Night Buffet in the Tavern. Third Thursday, January 16, will have the kids watching the movie "Frozen."**



## Keep Your Kids Active!


Open swim times for families are a great way to burn off some extra energy. Other activities, such as squash clinics tailored to the younger set, will be conducted by the Club's squash pro, Eddie Charleton.

The **junior squash sessions run on Thursdays and Saturdays for ages 3–18, and classes are split into age groups. Thursday sessions are 4:30–6:45 PM (three groups), and Saturday sessions run from 9 AM – Noon (four groups).** The dates below are for junior squash programming in January and February 2020.

## JANUARY & FEBRUARY JUNIOR SQUASH SESSION DATES

January 9, 11, 16, 18, 23 & 25 • February 6, 8, 13, 15, 20 & 22

## Update Your Family's Info

Lastly, we're trying to keep our members' records updated, so please be sure the Club has a list of all of your children and their birthdays. If you are logged into the Club's website, you should be able to see all of your family listed. If your information is incorrect or needs to be updated, please be sure to send the new/correct info to Dawn Miller (dmiller@toledoclub.org) to be sure your information is up-to-date. 

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## Two for One

*Jazz fans in the Red Room on Fourth Thursday, January 23, are in for a special treat—actually, two special treats: Ramona Collins and Doug Swiatecki.*

Photos by jazz photographer, historian and aspiring author Doug Swiatecki will be displayed on easels all over the Red Room. You can be sure you don't want to miss this. His photos are amazing, ranging from pictures of Art Tatum and Johnny O'Neill to shots of Cliff Murphy and Jim Gottron performing with the Club's jazz band.

Singer, composer and recording artist Ramona Collins, whose voice is a smooth and smoky delight, is known as Toledo's "Queen of Jazz." Her arrangements, always compelling and emotional, complement her style.

She IS the music. Once she begins to sing, it takes over her soul, her body, her smiles and her expressive dark blue eyes, and creates an immediate bond with the audience. She interacts, not just with the audience, but with the band, expressing a warm feeling of empathy. One critic described her style as "singing heart on the sleeve."

Ramona has already hit some impressive high notes. She has performed all over the country, and been named Best of Toledo/Blues for 2015 and 2016. In style, she has been compared to Billie Holiday, Ella Fitzgerald and Sarah Vaughn. A tireless booster of jazz, she's performed at Rusty's Café, Murphy's Place and Nine, in Toledo and at Baker's Keyboard Lounge and Bert's Marketplace and Metropolitan Methodist Church in Detroit, Kingsbury Park, The Defiance Jazz Festival, and Moriarity's Pub in Lansing, Michigan, as well as many other venues around the nation. *Toledo City Paper* named Collins *Best Singer in 1915* and *Best Blues & Jazz artist in 2016*.

She's super-competent in a full range of genres, from jazz and blues to Motown. She's concerned mostly with the melody, but she's also a major interpreter of the lyrics. "Tick tock, tick tock," she improvises, gesturing at the band as she swings into her favorite song: Ella Fitzgerald's "Round Midnight."

Singing until late at night, going home alone in the dark, tired and sometimes in unknown territory, can be a draining experience. The lyrics of "Round Midnight" (the Thelonius Monk version) express that so well....



*Ramona Collins*

## Round Midnight

<i>It begins to tell,</i>	<i>Darlin' I need you, lately I find</i>
<i>'round midnight, midnight.</i>	<i>You're out of my heart,</i>
<i>I do pretty well, till after sundown,</i>	<i>And I'm out of my mind.</i>
<i>Supertime I'm feelin' sad;</i>	<i>Let our hearts take wings</i>
<i>But it really gets bad, 'round midnight.</i>	<i>'round midnight, midnight.</i>
<i>Memories always start 'round midnight</i>	<i>Let the angels sing,</i>
<i>Haven't got the heart to stand those</i>	<i>For your returning.</i>
<i>memories,</i>	<i>Till our love is safe and sound.</i>
<i>When my heart is still with you,</i>	<i>And old midnight comes around.</i>
<i>And ol' midnight knows it, too.</i>	<i>Feelin' sad,</i>
<i>When a quarrel we had needs mending,</i>	<i>Really gets bad</i>
<i>Does it mean that our love is ending.</i>	<i>Round...Round...Round...Midnight...</i>



# Membership UPDATE

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## 100 and still counting!

Wow, what a special time to be a part of all the action going on at the Club!

Since coming back this fall, our Club has experienced more than 20% net growth in membership over a three-month period of time! That is 100 (and still counting) new members, which means over 175 new people now call The Toledo Club home. From the bottom of my heart, THANK YOU to every person serving on the Membership Committee and every single loyal

member who has brought a friend, colleague or family member down to join in all the fun! This growth is a prime example of how powerful a cohesive group can be when taking a “village” approach and mentality.

We’ve exceeded the 550-member mark and aren’t stopping now, so please continue to bring prospects down for a lunch, drink, squash game or any of the upcoming marquee events at the Club!

With all these new faces mixing and mingling with loyal long-timers, it is vital we continue to include, invite and engage them with all the upcoming events.

## Welcome, New Members!

<b>Joe &amp; Emily Bergeron, Jr.</b>	<b>Charine Mourad</b>
<b>Evan Boucher</b>	<b>Joseph &amp; Deborah Nachtrab</b>
<b>Omar &amp; Cecilia Chaudhary</b>	<b>Jamie Naragon</b>
<b>Nick &amp; Gail Conrad</b>	<b>Brant Niggemyer</b>
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## 2020 - 1st Quarter Ask:

**New Member:** Get engaged. Find your club passion and explore joining its committee.

**Veteran Member:** Become an Ambassador. Invite a new member take part in your favorite Toledo Club tradition or event.

## Picture yourself on our roster

With so many new faces, we’re hoping new members and some not-so-new members will take the time to set up their profiles on The Toledo Club website—adding not only contact information, but also a photo. It’s so much easier for members and employees to get to know each other when names can easily be put with faces. It’s very simple—logging into the website and adding a photo takes less than five minutes!

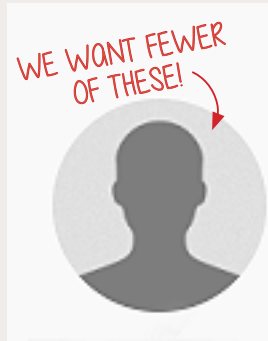
Please don’t forget that The Toledo Club has a mobile app. Once the app is downloaded, so much can be done quickly and easily, right from your home or work computer, or your phone. You can make reservations, look at the calendar, and even see the current issue of *Topics* magazine.

And be sure to follow the Club on social media. Stay up-to-date by checking:

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# JANUARY Member News

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

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Bill Buckley

Toledo Club member **Bill Buckley** was one of seven recipients of awards in different categories presented by The Northwestern Ohio Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. Bill, who was nominated by Richard P. Anderson and The Great Lakes Historical Society, was honored with the Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser Award.

January is a good time to **update your roster information.**

If any changes are necessary, contact Dawn Miller at dmiller@toledoclub.org or 419-254-2980

## I N M E M O R I A M

*Toledo Club members offer heartfelt condolences to those who have suffered the loss of family and friends.*

**Kimberly Ray Millins-Shields**, a long-time server at The Toledo Club, passed away December 1. She is survived by her husband Jim Mullins; mother Shirley Shields, a hostess at the Club; father Roger Shields; children Eric and Josh Shields; and grandchildren Isaiah, Joshua and Tracy Shields.

Jazz bassist **Clifford Murphy**, who was a regular member of The Toledo Club's jazz band, passed away in December. "Clifford is emblematic of the history of jazz," local jazz historian Doug Swaitecki said. "You could use the word 'icon.' He was literally and figuratively a giant of jazz."

Toledo Club member **Barbara (Bonnie) J. Milano** passed away in November. She joined the Club in August 2008.

Kudos to the President's Dinner keynote speaker **Pete Kadens and his wife Amy**, Ottawa Hills High alumni who were inducted into the 2020 Ottawa Hills Athletic Hall of Fame. The award recognizes individuals who have made exceptional and extraordinary contributions to the OH athletic program, had outstanding statistical achievement in an individual sport or sports, and conducted themselves in such a way as to bring honor to the school.

The couple's gift to Ottawa Hills was a \$500,000 donation, the largest gift the district has ever received, to help construct a new fitness center at Ottawa Hills Junior/Senior High School and establish a fund that will be used to host prominent authors, scholars and speakers, as well as help renovate the Multipurpose Room and the boys' and girls' locker rooms. The district plans to make the Kadens Family Fitness Center available to all village students and residents.

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## JANUARY MEETING SCHEDULE

### Squash Committee

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

### Social/Entertainment Committee

(First Tuesday) January 7 • 5:15 PM  
Chelsea Room

### Athletic Committee

(Second Wednesday) January 8 • Noon  
Conservatory Room

### Food and Beverage Committee

(NOTE: Special date and time for January)  
January 9 • Noon  
Chelsea Room

### House Committee

(Second Tuesday) January 14 • 4 PM  
Chelsea Room

### Membership Committee

(Second Wednesday) January 14 • 4:30 PM  
Board Room

### Sports Grill & Tavern Committee

(Third Thursday) January 16 • 5:30 PM  
Sports Grill & Tavern

### Family Committee

(Third Thursday) January 16 • 6 PM  
Sports Grill & Tavern

### Finance Committee

(Fourth Monday) January 27 • 4 PM  
Board Room

### Board Meeting

(Fourth Monday) January 27 • 5 PM  
Board Room

### Marketing Committee

(Last Tuesday) January 28 • 11:30 AM  
Georgian Room

### Topics Committee

(Last Monday) January 28 • 12:30 PM  
Chelsea Room

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