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ON THE COVER: New Club President Doug Kearns and Club Manager Ed Mackiewicz toast an exciting upcoming year. Photo by John Kuser.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY CLUB EVENTS

Please NOTE: The details on any of the events shown on the calendars or mentioned in Topics are as accurate as possible at press time. Calendars are updated weekly members can always check with the Club for the latest information on event details and Club hours of operations.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

JANUARY

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SATURDAY	1	New Year's Day - Dining CLOSED/Athletics OPEN
TUESDAY	4	First Tuesday in the FDR - 6-8 PM
MONDAY	10	National Championship Game Party in the Tavern - 6 \mbox{PM}
MONDAY	17	Martin Luther King Day - Dining CLOSED/Athletics OPEN
TUESDAY	18	ZIPZ Dinner - 5:30 – 8:30 PM
THURSDAY	20	Great Books Discussion Group - Noon (See page 9)
		Third Thursday in the Tavern - Pajama Party
FRIDAY	21	Members' Jam - 6:30-8:30 PM (See page 4)
TUESDAY	25	Masters Squash Dinner
WEDNESDAY	26	Wine Dinner at the Club - $6-9\ PM$
THURSDAY	27	Jazz in the Red Room/Ramona Collins - 6–8:30 PM (See page 4)

FEBRUARY

TUESDAY	1	First Tuesday in the FDR - 6 PM
THURSDAY	3	Wild Game Dinner - 6-8 PM (See page 9)
FRIDAY	4	Glass City Team Challenge
SATURDAY	5	Glass City Team Challenge
MONDAY	14	Valentine's Day Dinner - 5:30-8:30 PM
TUESDAY	15	ZIPZ Dinner - 5:30 – 8:30 PM
THURSDAY	17	Great Books Discussion Group - Noon (See page 9) Third Thursday in the Tavern - 90s Glow Party
FRIDAY	18	Members' Jam - 6-8:30 PM
MONDAY	21	President's Day - Dining CLOSED/Athletics OPEN
THURSDAY	24	Jazz in the Red Room/Paul VornHagen - 6-8:30 PM

SAVE THE DATE

MARCH 11-13 Squash Classic 12 MARCH **Spring Fling**

Manager's message

Ed Mackiewicz, Club Manager 419-254-2988 | emackiewicz@toledoclub.org



Dear Toledo Club Member,

We've come to the end of another year here at The Toledo Club. This is my 6th year and probably the most eventful one to date.

Greg Wagoner leaves his presidency with the Club on firm financial footing. We can thank his leadership for the best financial outlook the Club has had in a long time. Thank you, Greg, for your past years of leadership and, more importantly, your commitment to the Club!

The Toledo Club is sure to find an excited president in Doug Kearns! He is already kicking the tires—no pun intended—of The Toledo Club and getting his hands dirty. You will read his article in this issue of *Topics*. He is correct that membership remains a priority. We are in the dues business. If you want to honor the legacy of The Toledo Club, the most important thing you can do is introduce a co-worker, friend or family member to the Club. Bring them in and show off this organization and this wonderful building.

I would also like to reiterate Doug's comments in his "State of the Club" article (page 6) about the age of our building. Working in the same place each day, I don't often see some other spaces in the Club. Please do not assume we have seen every problem in every room. We welcome your comments about things you feel need attention. It is the mission of The Toledo Club staff to provide perfect service to our members, and the state of the building is no exception.

Finally, I would like to return to the topic of membership. Bring your friends and family to the Club and show them to a wonderful dinner. Introduce them to Eddie Charlton and get them down to the squash courts. Let's get them hooked. Show yourselves a good time. You've earned it!

Ed Mackiewicz Club Manager

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MEMBER Anniversaries

JANUARY

Susan Cavalear 1962 / 59 years Donald F Melhorn 1965 / 56 years Marguerite P. O'Brien 1967 / 54 years Justice G. Johnson 1970 / 51 years Scott Wm. Libbe 1982 / 39 years Thomas R. Tousley 1984 / 37 years Ronald M. Cooperman 1987 / 34 years Sandra M. Hylant 1987 / 34 years Betty L. Sherman 1987 / 34 years Donna Pollex-Najarian 1989 / 32 years Donald M. Mewhort, III 1989 / 32 years G. Christopher Joseph 1995 / 26 years Edward L. Hoffman 2000 / 21 years Jack R. Niggemyer 2000 / 21 years Stephen E. Weidner 2006 / 15 years David F. Waterman 2007 / 14 years Thomas E. Brady 2007 / 14 years David Ball 2007 / 14 years David R. Myers 2007 / 14 years **Daniel Peffley** 2008 / 13 years Carol Anderson 2008 / 13 years Michael Mori 2008 / 13 years Kurt G. Franck 2010 / 11 years Tyler R. McKean 2011 / 10 years

FEBRUARY

Bruce V. Seeger 1973 / 48 years Robert M. Anspach 1974 / 47 years Stephen D. Taylor 1974 / 47 years Richard R. Faist 1976 / 45 years Thomas B. Geiger, Jr. 1977 / 44 years Robert A. Kelleher 1979 / 42 years Robert L. Maxwell 1979 / 42 years George C. Ward 1979 / 42 years Edward F. Weber 1983 / 38 years David G. Huev 1989 / 32 years Mark W. Ralston 1990 / 31 years Marsha A. Manahan 1992 / 29 years Thomas J. Holt 1996 / 25 years Kay Murray 1998 / 23 years Benjamin D. Burnor 2001 / 20 years **Amir Khan** 2008 / 13 years John Geha 2009 / 12 years Susan Geha 2009 / 12 years



The new year is here, and 2022 promises to be a great year, ringing in old and new events.

The Toledo Club is excited to announce that the popular Jazz in the Red Room is back! Fred Harrington, event originator, has been working up fantastic jazz performances for January and February, with more to come.

The fourth Thursday of each month, at 6 PM, we invite our jazz enthusiasts and friends to come out of the cold and into the warm for an evening of hot jazz! It will make your day complete.

The Red Room makes the perfect backdrop for gathering, listening to sultry sounds, sipping cocktails, and enjoying a delicious array of hors d'oeuvres. This combination is a perfect recipe for creating a beautiful evening with magic all around. That's not easy to find.

JAZZ IN THE RED ROOM 4th THURSDAYS • 6-8:30 PM OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



JANUARY 27 Ramona Collins



FEBRUARY 24 Paul VornHagen



1 S 3rd FRIDAYS • 6-8:30 PM

JANUARY 21* | FEBRUARY 18

*snecial time: 6:30-8:30 PM

NEW Members

Sarah Ruth Anjum Ian Andrews Nathaniel Baird Rachael Betz

Carestin Nicole Cullman

Gregory Cerilli Andrew DiMartini

Abdelrahmen Mahmoud Elsayed

Jonathan Fankhauser

Robert Freeman

Kyle Ganss

Matthew Garone

Alaa Kassem

Grant Kozy

Brian Kurtz Scott Thomas Lov Rachael Navarre **Dhaval Parikh Bradley Patterson** Jeffrey Piazza Rolf John Sandberg Kristi Shaner-Noviski

Justin Skiver Jason Smolenski William Souder

Tony Scott Washington

Michael White

DINING & BEVERAGE Notes

BREAKFAST is **BACK!** 6:30-8:30 AM in the Founders Dining Room

Start your day right with breakfast in the FDR Tuesday through Friday, from 6:30 until 8:30 AM. Make it a point to stop in after your early workout, before a meeting or on your way to work.

Have Dinner at the Club on Thursdays and Fridays

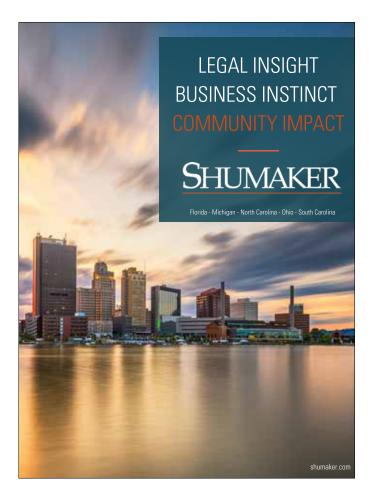
Enjoy dinner in the Founders Dining Room on Thursdays and Fridays, 5:30–8:30 PM. Just make your reservations by noon on the day before. Dining will move to the Corinthian Room when a scheduled special event is in the FDR. Check the dining and events calendars on pages 16 and 17 for when and where dining is available at the Club.

Take-out is always available for our dinners and for the meals served at events. Simply call 419-243-2200 before noon on the Monday prior. Plus, you can always order take-out from the Tavern menu whenever it's open.

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.







By DOUG KEARNS, Toledo Club President | Photos by John Kuser



MEMBERSHIP:

This remains a primary area of focus and will be for the foreseeable future. Much progress had been made over the last two years. The Club was up to 563 dues-paying members as of April 2020, only to have COVID and our aging membership reverse much of our progress adding new members. (The Club was down to 474 dues paying members as of September 2021.) Through new membership initiatives, such as the Fall Fest Intro to Squash, we have recently added 21 new members and the goal by March 31, 2022 is to have added another 70 new members. Part two of this effort is member retention. We need active members utilizing the Club weekly in various ways. I will touch on this topic repeatedly throughout this article as it really is one of the keys to our success.

CLUB FINANCES:

As reviewed in the annual meeting and as posted on the member portal of the Club's website, the Club's finances are in relatively good shape considering what has gone on (or not been able to go on due to COVID) for the last 18+ months. Cash remains tight but we are now at a point where we cannot expense the Club into a profit. The formula for financial success is really simple, but the Club must be open in all areas and have a full calendar of member events for this to work. Here is the formula that the Board of Directors keeps its focus on: Added membership + membership retention + high member utilization of the Club = Club Profitability.

STAFF:

To start out we have a wonderful long-term staff at the Club. The challenge has been and continues to be adding enough new staff to complement what we already have in place in a job market that we have never experienced before. I experience this firsthand in my day job as vice president of Yark Automotive Group: not enough qualified candidates to go around to fill the positions out there that need to be filled. Go to most restaurants around the area and you will find a similar picture. Dining rooms are less than 75% full, with open tables but no one to wait on them, so something has to give. As a result, you must reduce the number of reservations or the service suffers greatly. The same issues affect the kitchen with the amount of staffing.

Two comments on this topic, as these themes repeat throughout this article since they are all inter-connected: 1) We are committed to hiring enough staff to have the Club open for member dining in multiple areas of the Club on a weekly basis. 2) Please add a tip to your chit for outstanding service. Many of our staff unfortunately must hold more than one job to make ends meet and those tips can make the difference between our staff making the Club their primary job commitment vs. a number-two second job that they will not prioritize.

CLUB MANAGEMENT/OPERATIONS:

We have an excellent management team led by Club Manager Ed Mackiewicz. Not to say that we have not stubbed a toe or two along the way, but everyone has learned from these temporary setbacks as Ed continues to build a stronger team through his hands-on approach. I believe over the last twelve months we have created a stronger team in every area of the Club's operations.

Training and accountability have been needed, been given, and now are starting to pay dividends as we just worked through an incredibly busy and successful holiday season. The holiday offerings reinforced to our members exactly why they became members of the Club in the first place: an experience like no other in Northwest Ohio or Southeast Michigan. That said, we continue to raise expectations. From the staff meetings I have been sitting in on the response has been extremely positive. Everyone wants to get better at what they do.

BUILDING PROJECTS:

We have a wonderful old building celebrating its 107th anniversary this year. With its age comes a number of issues that must be dealt with on a daily basis. We are very fortunate to have Brian McCarty as



head of the Club's maintenance team. Brian at this point knows nearly every inch of the Club inside and out and has put in place a repair/ replace and maintain program for every system in the Club. Due to their age, systems simply wear out over time, and we are now at a point that several critical systems and structural building items of the Club need major attention. These projects that in many cases involve the historical areas of the Club will need additional funding outside of what the operating budget can support, as we trying to accelerate some of the building projects that unfortunately were put on the back burner for too many years.

As I discussed at the annual meeting and in my letter to membership, please review the ways you can donate to the Club's Historical Fund to help us take proper care of our 107-year-old historic and beautiful building.

Also, if you see an area of the Club that needs attention, please send an email to seeitsayit@toledoclub.org with a description what needs repair. That will go directly to the Club's maintenance dept. You can find more information about the "See It/Say It" program on page 11.

DINING:

The Founders Dining Room (FDR) is a major priority to maintain and expand moving forward. As already discussed at the annual meeting, we did re-open the FDR two nights per week starting in November and we are doing everything we can to keep it open as many nights per week as the members are willing to support. We have had wonderful 40-member reservation nights in the FDR and disappointing 10-member reservation nights. I am committed to continue to fully open the Club with dining options in both the Tavern and the FDR but as members we need to support it.

The Club Board has no issue with doing anything that adds member value, as long as it is no worse than breakeven. It is our fiduciary duty to do everything possible, so the Club is profitable from operations.





But we need every member's help to use the Cub more often, and to support the FDR as well as First Tuesday and ZIPZ dinners. If the Club is open and you are not using it, and then have a quarterly minimum due, that is a shame. We don't want your minimum. We want you enjoying the Club.

MARKETING:

Our newly reformed marketing committee headed up by Board member Mark Jacobs is revamping the look and feel of all the Club's branding and image to the general public as well as the communication and timing style to membership. If you have not signed up for email updates and text alerts, please do so ASAP. Obviously, these are the least expensive and provide real time communications on what's going on at the Club.

ATHLETICS:

What an asset we have in Eddie (and of course Emma) that have taken our squash program to an all-new level. 180 members on the winter league—incredible! This energy has spilled over to all areas within athletics, from classes to personal training. If you are not utilizing the athletic areas of the Club, please get involved, as Eddie's goal is to have programs for everyone young and young at heart.

RECAP:

In closing, I believe in The Toledo Club. We have a real gem in our hands. It's my job, as well as the Board of Directors' and every member's, to take care of it by polishing it up to the beauty it once was, and can be again, for future generations of Toledoans. If not us, then who will?

Please continue to send me both positive and not-so-positive feedback to President@ToledoClub.org. I will respond in a timely manner; the information is invaluable. @

Douglas Kearns

President

Toledo Club Board of Directors

THANK YOU

I'd like to thank these members for their generous contributions to the Club that were made during the annual meeting.

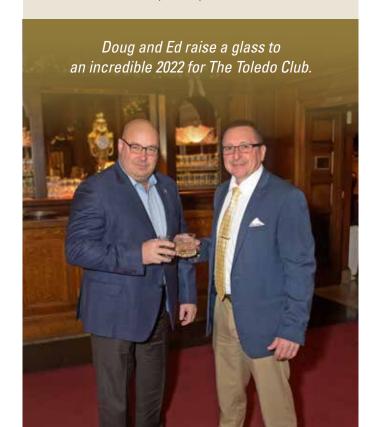
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Dick Wilensky

Jude Aubrey Todd Berman Doug Kearns David Effler Paul Sullivan Kathy Mikolajczak Mark Jacobs

If you are interested in making a gift to The Toledo Club, please contact Matt Sayre or any member of the Board.





Thursday, January 20

The Someday Birds by Sally J. Pla

Moderator: Tom Brady





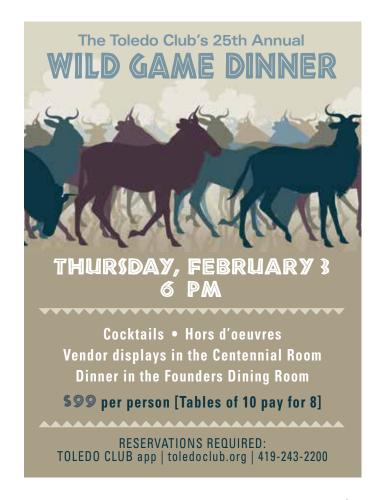
Thursday, February 17 Noon

This Side of Paradise by F. Scott Fitzgerald

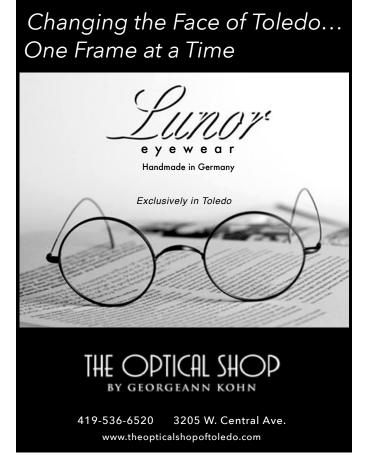
Moderator: Fred Harrington

PARADISE

Join the Group! Contact Beverly McBride 419-509-5032 | bevjmcbride@yahoo.com









STAFF Spotlight | Brian McCarty

Please welcome Brian McCarty. Brian started his role as director of facilities at The Toledo Club in May of 2020.

We are lucky to have Brian and the more than 38 years of experience he brings in facilities management. As a long-time facility professional, Brian knows the challenges of maintaining and upgrading systems in a 107-year-old building. There is much history and grandeur in the building, and he looks forward to giving the facility much-needed tender loving care. Brian has been with the Club a little over a year, and you can already see the difference from his efforts. He also understands the reality that the Club is requiring some expensive repairs and upgrades,



all constrained by budget considerations and historic building commission parameters.

With one maintenance assistant and a staff of three in housekeeping. Brian and his team are very busy, with many functions held every week at the Club. Brian appreciates the hard work of his team, and it is not uncommon to find Brian pitching in with event setup, cleaning or whatever else

needs to be done for a special event. Brian is a former board member of the Facilities and Healthcare Engineers Association (FHEA) and a past member of the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA). The relationships he has forged over the years with other building professionals provide him and the Club with vast resources to support his current role.

When you see the guy with a big smile and an even bigger ring of keys jangling from his belt, say "Hi" to Brian McCarty, the Club's Director of Facilities.



Don't Complain-Report It! By Dave Karmol

Member Tom Baird, who not only uses the Club on a regular basis, but also has his office in the building, suggested a program for members to support the Club, and keep everything in our grand old building up to snuff.

It's simple: if you see something that needs repair, cleaning or staff attention, simply send a quick email to SEEITSAYIT@toledoclub.org Make sure to include details on where the issue is located, and your suggestions on what needs to be done.

If follow-up is needed, staff may reply by email and ask for more details



With our hard-working Toledo Club staff often handling multiple duties, sometimes they don't get to every corner of the Club, or spot things that might need attention or repair. This reporting system will give Club members a simple way to help the staff keep the Club clean, safe and attractive for all our members and their guests. So if you see something—send an email to SeeltSayIt@Toledoclub.org (not case sensitive).

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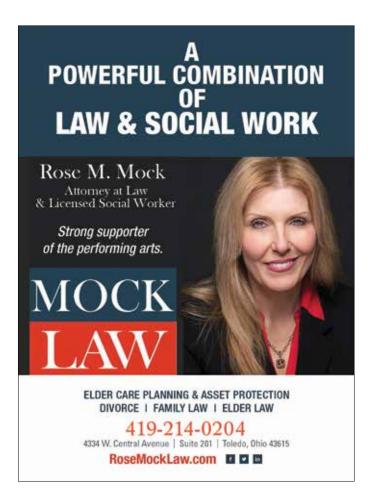
















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2021 ARMED SERVICES DINNER | NOVEMBER 6 | Photos by Kurt Nielsen

to our 2021 ARMED SERVICES **DINNER SPONSORS:**

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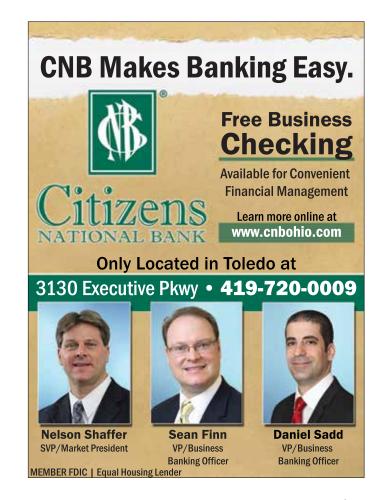














JANUARY 2022

Dining

DINING HOURS

Dining Reservations 419-243-2200

Breakfast in the FDR

Tuesday-Friday 6:30-8:30 AM

Dining in the **Sports Grill & Tavern**

Tuesday-Friday 11 AM-2 PM* 5-9 PM*

Saturdays 11 AM-3 PM*

*UNLESS a special event is held at the same time. Please refer to the calendars at right.

Special event dining in the Founders Dining Room

(reservations required):

January 4 First Tuesday

Tuesday, January 18 ZIPZ Dinner

Wednesday, January 26 Wine Dinner at the Club

Thursday, February 3 Wild Game Dinner

Monday, February 14 Valentine's Dinner

Tuesday, February 15 ZIPZ Dinner

TAKEOUT AVAILABLE Call 419-243-2200 before 2 PM

Beverage Service

Oak Room Pub First Floor

Monday - Friday 4-8 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 TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY MONDAY



Dinner at the Club

Thursdays and Fridays 5:30-8:30 PM is in the Founders Dining Room unless a special event relocates dining to the Corinthian Room.

You can call the Club to confirm location. | 419-243-2200

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NEW YEAR'S DAY-**CLUB CLOSED**

Oak Room Open 4-8 PM

4 Breakfast: FDR 6:30–8:30 AM Dining: Tavern 11 AM-2 PM 5-9 PM Oak Room Open 4–8 PM

First Tuesday 6-8 PM

Breakfast: FDR 6:30-8:30 AM Dining: Tavern 11 AM-2 PM 5-9 PM

Oak Room Open 4–8 PM

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Oak Room Open 4-8 PM

Breakfast: FDR 6:30-8:30 AM

Dining: Tavern 11 AM-2 PM 5-9 PM Dinner at the Club: 5:30–8:30 PM Oak Room Open

Dining: Tavern 11 AM-3 PM

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Oak Room Open 4–8 PM

National Championship Game Party in the Tavern

Breakfast: FDR 6:30-8:30 AM Dining: Tavern 11 AM-2 PM 5-9 PM Oak Room Open 4-8 PM

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Oak Room Open 4-8 PM

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Dinner at the Club: 5:30–8:30 PM Oak Room Open 4-8 PM

Breakfast: FDR

Dining: Tavern 11–2 PM, 5–9 PM

Dinner at the Club:

6:30-8:30 AM

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4-8 PM

Breakfast: FDR 6:30-8:30 AM Dining: Tavern 11 AM-2 PM 5-9 PM Dinner at the Club: 5:30-8:30 PM Oak Room Open

Dining: Tavern 11 AM-3 PM

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MARTIN **LUTHER KING** DAY-

Food and Beverage closed; Athletics open

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Breakfast: FDR 6:30-8:30 AM Dining: Tavern 11 AM-2 PM 5-9 PM

Oak Room Open 4–8 PM **ZIPZ Dinner**

Breakfast: FDR 6:30-8:30 AM Dining: Tavern 11 AM-2 PM 5-9 PM

Oak Room Open 4–8 PM

5:30-8:30 PM Oak Room Open

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4-8 PM Third Thursday

4-8 PM

21 Breakfast: FDR 6:30-8:30 AM Dining: Tavern 11–2 PM, 5–9 PM Dinner at the Club: 5:30-8:30 PM (Corinthian Room) Oak Room Open 4-8 PM

Members' Jam

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Dining: Tavern 11 AM – 3 PM

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Oak Room Open 4-8 PM

Breakfast: FDR 6:30-8:30 AM Dining: Tavern 11 AM-2 PM 5-9 PM

Oak Room Open 4-8 PM

Masters Squash Dinner

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Breakfast: FDR 6:30-8:30 AM Dining: Tavern 11 AM-2 PM 5-9 PM Oak Room Open 4-8 PM

at the Club

Wine Dinner

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Dining: Tavern 11 AM – 3 PM

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Oak Room Open 4-8 PM

Breakfast • is BACK!

Tuesday-Friday in the FDR 6:30-8:30 AM



& Events

FEBRUARY 2022



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&TOLEDO: A LOVE STORY

Klinger wore dresses, and his love for Toledo on his sleeve.

BY BRIAN TRAURING

Jameel Farah fell in love before leaving his hometown nearly 70 years ago. He still carries a torch for Toledo. And, Toledo loves him right back.

Farah changed his name to Jamie Farr after arriving in Hollywood. Life's lessons learned growing up in Toledo included patience. The Woodward High School graduate recalled with a smile that he "didn't even have a bedroom until I was in high school." He credits family and friends with developing a strong work ethic and support system. "My parents were always proud of who they were. They wanted to make sure we were honest and trustworthy and brought dignity to the family."

Sam Farah, Jamie's father, worked seven days a week as a butcher and grocer. His mother was a seamstress who toiled in local department stores. "It didn't matter how much money you had or didn't have. It was a real community. I got to love that."

The 83-year-old grins as he fondly recalls simple times in Toledo that brought together friends and neighbors. "Everybody got along. We had great times together." Jamie related in his 1994 book *Just Farr Fun* that "nobody ever locked their doors in our neighborhood. And nobody ever stole anything either."

The philosophy that is still part of Jamie's approach to life began early. "Everybody was pitching in and everybody knew everybody. If somebody was out of work, families would take food over to the house. It didn't matter how much money you had or didn't have. You were a real community. I got to love that and all the people that I knew."

When not playing basketball or baseball games with pals, Jamie found himself gazing at the big screens of Toledo's movie houses. He recites the roll call of local theaters, almost all long gone. The Rivoli, Mystic, Pantheon, Lowe's Valentine, Lowe's Esquire, Princess and Paramount were regular hangouts. "I went to every darn movie house you could go to. Especially the double features. The Mystic Theater was right behind the fire department. They had a bell in the theater so if there was a fire, they would ring the bell and all the firemen would run out!" Movies on the big screen lit the fuse for Jamie's burning desire to become an actor. The decades-long connection to Toledo keeps him grounded.

Actor Mike Farrell, one of Jamie's co-stars on M*A*S*H. understands that Toledo and Jamie are forever linked. "When you go to Jamie's town, you're in Jamie's town. And when you're not in Jamie's town, but you're in Jamie's company, you're still in Jamie's town."

Jamie brings attention to Toledo and its people because "I credit them for who I am today. If I didn't have that feeling about it, I don't think I could have survived in this silly business."

Survival before *M*A*S*H* was not easy. After his first movie role in the 1955 film *Blackboard Jungle*, military service interrupted Jamie's career. Afterward, he received a huge assist from comedian Red Skelton, a great friend and mentor. Still, regular roles were relatively small. Bit parts included *The Andy Griffith* Show, I Dream of Jeannie, The Flying Nun, Gomer Pyle and others. They barely covered expenses for Jamie and his wife, Joy. Persistence and patience learned during his days at Woodward paid off. He was offered a one-day shoot for \$250 on the television series, M*A*S*H in 1972. Farr's temp job lasted eleven years. Jamie turned Corporal Max Klinger into one of television's best-known characters on one of the most popular and wellrespected series in television history.

Klinger appeared in women's clothing in an attempt to escape the Army on a psychological discharge. His outlandish outfits included Dorothy (Wizard of Oz), Scarlett O'Hara (Gone with the Wind), and The Queen of the Nile. During one memorable scene, Klinger attempted an airborne escape via a hang glider wearing a bathrobe and slippers. "I still have the fuzzy pink slippers in a curio cabinet." He also wore his real dog tags on the series from his personal service in the Army. Over time, Klinger evolved. Jamie's acting talents showed depth as Klinger transitioned to the role of sergeant and company clerk. His character became more empathetic, responsible and respected, while generating humor without the dresses.

Jamie brought recognition to Toledo as Klinger, who was also from the Glass City. Toledo found itself basking in the spotlight before a national audience of millions with regular references to the Mud Hens and Tony Packo's restaurant. Wearing a Mud Hens hat and jersey was Jamie's way "to let people at home in Toledo know that, hey, I love you back there. Look at the kid from the North End and where he is right now! He's on television on CBS!" The attention to Toledo continues even now. 38 years after M*A*S*H left the air. The program appears daily on MeTV and



Jamie at The Toledo Club in 2011 for a reception put on by 13ABC.





in syndication and on streaming services internationally. *M*A*S*H's* popularity is reflected in the astounding number of awards and honors collected during its elevenyear run, including 61 Emmy awards. The program won multiple People's Choice awards and Golden Globes, among others.

The final episode of M*A*S*H aired February 28, 1983 with a record audience of 125 million viewers. Jamie notes with pride that the finale "still ranks as the highest rated written TV show in the history of television. We were saying goodbye. After 11 years being together every day, shooting different episodes and seeing our families, marriages and babies born and all kinds of things going on. It was very difficult." The M*A*S*H actors remain close, sharing phone calls, emails and occasional appearances and note with fondness and respect the passing of late colleagues such as Wayne Rogers, William

Several M*A*S*H cast members gathered with Jamie in Punte Vedra, Florida in 2016 for a reunion.



In 2018, Jamie and Brian Trauring (center), along with Cleveland Orchestra guest conductor Richard Kaufman, made a stop at Tonv Packo's.



Brian and Jamie by the plaque at the re-dedication of Toledo's Jamie Farr Park in August, 2017. (Photo courtesy of the Blade)





Christopher and David Ogden Stiers. Jamie continued the Klinger role on the series AfterMASH and was a featured quest star in movies, television programs and game shows. He still delights fans by showing up at collectible and autograph shows.

Once M*A*S*H ended its network run. Jamie still was not finished with Toledo. The Jamie Farr LPGA Classic, now the Marathon Classic, raised millions of dollars for children's charities beginning in 1984. It was part sporting event and part Toledo social event and party. "I'll never forget for my birthday, they came out and sprayed my golf ball with whipping cream and put a lighted candle on it. I really enjoyed myself and I think the city did also." It is difficult to imagine that this year's successful Solheim Cup tournament held in Toledo would have happened at the Inverness Club had the Jamie Farr LPGA Classic not paved the way.

Farr lives in California with his wife, Joy. However, his thoughts are never far from his Ohio home. In 2011 during the week of Jamie's golf tournament, The Toledo Club was the location for a private reception in his honor. Afterward, he spent time with members of the staff and posed for pictures with them. He also stayed overnight at the club once and recalled "everyone was so nice. I had a wonderful time." In December 2018, Farr returned to The Toledo Club as part of a non-publicized tour of the city between stops at Imagination Station, Fifth Third Field and Jamie Farr Park for a friend. He also toured his childhood neighborhood.

Actor Gary Burghoff, who played "Radar" on M*A*S*H describes Jamie as "affable" and a good friend. Loretta Swit, M*A*S*H's "Hot Lips" remains close and calls him a "dear." Swit joked even her mother once remarked that Jamie was her favorite on M*A*S*H.

A plaque honoring Jamie was re-dedicated at Toledo's Jamie Farr Park four years ago. Jamie's message on the plague reads, "May I and this park always serve you well and make you proud. May Jamie Farr Park be always safe for children to play in, lovers to walk in and most importantly, for dreamers to dream in."

Jameel Farah's Toledo-born life story will undoubtedly continue to inspire others for generations. @



Jamie's childhood neighborhood: Some buildings are gone but his memories remain

Jamie Farr learned the value of work scooping Sealtest at his father's corner grocery for eager ice cream customers. The store at the corner of Locust and Ontario Street is long gone but Jamie's memories are vivid. Customers would call

his father to ask for an item. Jamie was dispatched to deliver it to the customer's home. If it was not in stock. Jamie fetched the requested product from a competing store a block away. Jamie's father was primarily a meat counter man and butcher. In those davs. all meat was fresh. There was no prepackaged meat or poultry and no frozen food section. An Armenian man

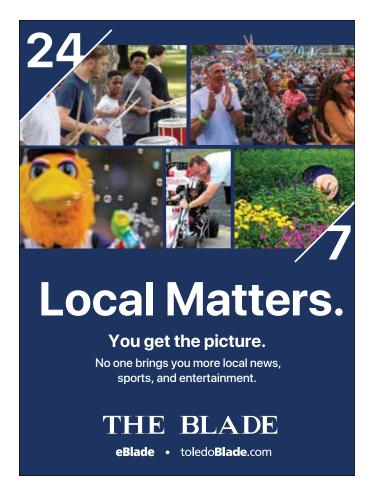


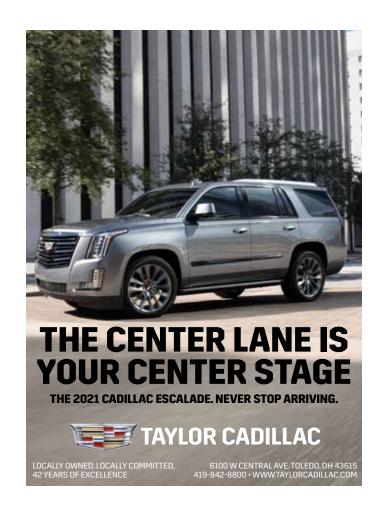
Jamie in front of the building that housed his father's grocery store.

drove to Toledo from Detroit to sell spices, oils and olives. "He came in once a week and bought his lunch of half a dozen raw eggs. He just cracked and consumed them, then washed them down with a bottle of half-and-half cream."

The neighborhood grocery counted the family of another famous Toledo actor among its customers. "Danny Thomas" mother, father and sister lived on Ontario Street about a half block from our store. Danny's mom would be in there buying fresh produce, meats and fruit from us. A very nice lady.

Jamie's last Toledo home was at 1215 North Michigan Street. He could gaze at the old Auto-Lite Spark Plug factory from the back yard, and the old duplex included a copper bathtub and remnants of old gas lights on the walls converted to hold small planters. The house is gone, but Jamie's memories of his Toledo home remain close to his heart. @





Squash news

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Eddie Charlton

A Busy Start to the Season

With 180 players in the winter league, the courts have been swamped with action. League

captains have been doing a stellar job keeping their team motivated and on schedule. As I sit and write this on a Friday lunchtime, all court times from 3 through 6:45 PM are taken!

Buckeye/Wolverine Challenge Recap

The Buckeye/Wolverine Challenge was a fun event featuring some straight-up match play between two teams of 16 players. The Buckeye team was a little stacked thanks to the return of Audrey Berling, who showed no remorse while beating up on Chad Bolles. Younger sibling Christian Berling put up a valiant effort against now-Philly-resident Ryan Leslie, losing in a well-contested three-gamer. Gretchen Rohm and Jon



Andy and Sam Dale had finished their squash matches and had started a beer, then decided to bring it on with them for the plank-off.

Fankhauser fought out a very physical five-gamer with Gretchen emerging victorious. We finished the event with a plankoff courtesy of our fitness guru Lynette Glorioso. Elizabeth Noble barely flinched while winning the competition with an impressive 4-minute 30-seconds plank!

Juniors' Road Trip

The Toledo Club Juniors headed over to neighboring Cleveland for some fun on court. After a last minute pivot due to COVID issues our venue switched to **Urban Squash Cleveland**. USC is a not-for-profit organization that provides squash coaching and extra tuition for kids in 4th through 12th grade. They have a beautiful facility with an all-glass court, which our squashers (and parents) got a run-out on. While the

format of the day itself was pretty informal, it was so nice to see our kids playing such good squash and for the most part winning matches. We look forward to our next Juniors' road trip.













DRAFT NIGHT 2021 IS IN THE BOOKS!

Draft Night 2021 is in the books! We welcomed around 100 players to enjoy one of the favorite nights of the year. 180 players were drafted into 12 teams during which everyone can mill around the room grazing on food, socializing and keeping up on hydration. The captains have been doing a great job organizing team training nights, getting team swag and giving our new players guidance on getting started. Thank you to all of our captains this season:

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While we're giving out thanks, we sold a record 60 kegs that night! A huge round of thanks to all of our Keg Sponsors.









Membership update

By Matt Sayre, Executive Assistant and Membership Coordinator

I am very pleased to have been asked to add a little bit about Membership to Topics, as we've had a recent turbo boost! Starting with a Fall Fest promotion through Athletics, we added more than 20 members to our Toledo Club family. With the recent momentum and influx of activity during our "prime time" winter months, our team has set a new goal of 15 new members per month as we continue into 2022. After discussion with the membership committee, a refocused strategic plan was drawn up to focus on area community groups—Rotary, doctor and attorney associations, etc.—with special targeted and time-sensitive promotions.

Where you fit in

The recent membership growth success has been because of YOU and your willingness to invite and share the benefits of our great membership with your friends, family and colleagues. In order for our plan to work, your help to share leads of prospective members—both on an individual and organization basis—with me is very important and would be much



appreciated. Please contact me at msayre@toledoclub.org, or call (419) 254-2980 with their name, organization, email address and phone number, as I would love to invite them down to the Club for a tour.

With our packed calendar of events and dining opportunities to start off the new year, please bring a client for lunch in the Tavern, the family for dinner in the Founders Dining Room, a friend for a squash lesson with Eddie, or for a pool party while it snows outside. Share your "Home Away From Home" with friends so they can join in on the family fun down at the Club!



Photos by YVONNE MORYC



















You can see more photos from dining events on the Club's Facebook page.



A Happy New Year!

I hope you and yours had a wonderful time celebrating Christmas and the New Year.

Lynette Glorioso

As we head into 2022, let's take the traditional song for ringing in the New Year to heart. "Auld Lang Syne" is about not forgetting our old friends and celebrating a reunion with them. With the busyness of the holidays, it sometimes proves difficult to get to the Club for your favorite class, to work out in the fitness center, or to catch up with your TC friends. But the Fitness Department has plenty of opportunities to get you right back on track alongside your fitness friends, starting 2022 strong!

The Big Ugly Returns the Week of January 3

The Big Ugly, a weight loss challenge to help you lose those extra holiday pounds you may have put on, will return with weigh-ins starting the week of January 3. Over the next eight weeks, your goal is to lose at least 5% of your body weight. If you do, you get to attend the celebration party on Tuesday, March 15 AT NO COST to you. If you don't, you pay the Big Ugly \$100 that goes towards the party. You will also receive an "I Survived the Big Ugly" t-shirt for participating. The biggest male and female loser will each receive \$100 credit to spend at the Club! New this year is The Little Ugly, which will challenge members to maintain their weight within three pounds of their weigh-in weight. If you do, you attend the celebration for free, but if you don't, you pitch in \$50 for the party. In addition, personal training sessions are being offered at the discounted price of eight sessions for \$225 to help you reach that weight loss or maintenance goal. Holistic nutritionist and health coach Kinsey Van Druten, owner and founder of Plants On Tap, will provide weekly nutrition myth busters. Register for the Big or Little Ugly by emailing me at fitness@toledoclub.org.



New Fitness Classes Added

We have added/changed a few of the classes on the Fitness Class schedule that we think you will love. Broadway and Boxing, a circuitstyle boxing class that takes place on the indoor track above the pool, has been added to Wednesday mornings from 5:45-7:00 AM. This is a great way to start your day!

The Monday 5:30 PM and the Saturday 10:00 AM class will now be a Fusion-style class. Mondays will be half spinning and half body sculpting, and Saturdays will offer half spinning and half yoga so you can get a good sweat on and then enjoy the benefits of strength training or yoga. You're welcome to join either or both of the 30-minute formats each Monday and Saturday in the Garden Group Exercise studio on the 5th floor starting January 3.

To the right is a listing of all the January and February classes. Just a reminder—all fitness classes at the Club are free to members as another perk of your membership at The Toledo Club.



If learning to swim for fitness is a goal for the New Year, our Master Swim Coach Melissa Shaner is available for private or small group lessons. Please contact Melissa or me if interested. This is a great way to get ready for the annual Indoor Tri taking place on **Saturday, January 29 at 10 AM** at the Club. This event has become more popular every year as individuals or teams compete to run, bike and swim, with prizes being awarded for longest total distance—top three men, top three women, and top relay.

Our sponsors for the Indoor Tri are **Cyclewerks**, **Dave's Running**, and SafeSplash Swim School / SwimLabs Swim School.

Set Up a Foundation for Your Yoga Practice

Starting January 4, the Tuesday evening 5:30 PM Yoga class will feature a four-week "Back to Basics: Setting Up a Foundation for Your Yoga Practice." This class invites members of all levels to attend, with each Tuesday focusing on a different foundation piece of the yoga building blocks and how to take yoga off the mat.

New Program Helps You Be a Fit Golfer

Starting in March, a four-week group training program, 4 for Fore, will be offered Monday evenings at 6:45 PM to help you become a stronger golfer while preventing injuries. 4 for Fore will be a fun, total body workout addressing all the major components in golf: balance, strength, power, flexibility, and endurance, while targeting muscles in the golf swing. Please contact me for more information or to register.



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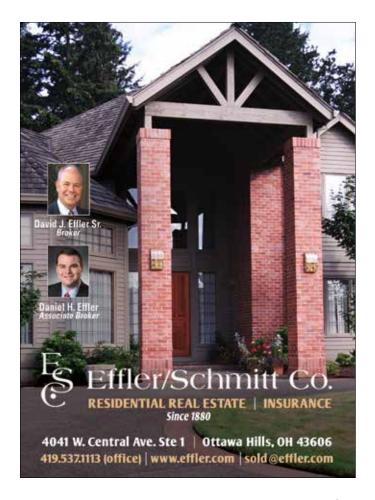
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