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The Toledo Club's
New Squash Director

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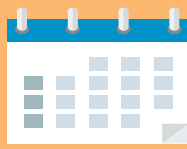
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ON THE COVER: *The Club's new squash director, Eddie Charlton, is photographed in front of Court 3 by John Kuser.*



MARK YOUR Calendar

OCTOBER CLUB events

- OCTOBER 1 **First Tuesday**
- OCTOBER 3 **Tom Brady at the Piano**
- OCTOBER 4 **Dinner in the Founders Dining Room: Prime Rib
Family Night in the Tavern: Burger Buffet**
- OCTOBER 5 Babysitting available 9 AM – 2 PM
- OCTOBER 9 **Toledo Club Explorers: Schedel Arboretum** (See page 24)
- OCTOBER 10 **Ladies Lunch
Dinner in the FDR: Ben DeLong at the Piano
Third Thursday on Second Thursday: Glow Party** (See page 28)
- OCTOBER 11 **Family Night in the Tavern: Taco Buffet**
- OCTOBER 12 Babysitting available 9 AM – 2 PM
Kids Pool Party (See page 31)
- OCTOBER 14 COLUMBUS DAY - CLUB CLOSED
- OCTOBER 16 **Beer Dinner**
- OCTOBER 17 **Members' Jam in the Red Room** (See page 3)
- OCTOBER 18 **Steak for Two Special in the Founders Dining Room
Family Night in the Tavern: Burger Buffet**
- OCTOBER 19 Babysitting available 9 AM – 2 PM
- OCTOBER 21 **ZIPZ Dinner: Menu by Don Leary and Becky Fuhrman**
(See page 17)
- OCTOBER 23 **Family Halloween Party** (See page 11)
- OCTOBER 24 **Jazz in the Red Room: Gene Parker** (See page 26)
- OCTOBER 25 **Family Night in the Tavern: Taco Buffet
Wine Sale Table**
- OCTOBER 26 Babysitting available 9 AM – 2 PM
Adult Halloween Party (See page 14)
- OCTOBER 28 **Annual Meeting**
- OCTOBER 31 **Wine & Dine Dinner Special in the Founders Dining Room**

SAVE THE date

- NOVEMBER 9 **Armed Services Dinner** (See back cover)
- NOVEMBER 28 **Thanksgiving Dinner Buffet**
- DECEMBER 14 **Tea Dance**
EVENT CHAIR: Erin Hirschfeld
- DECEMBER 31 **New Year's Eve Celebration**
EVENT CHAIR: Joanne McElheney

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President's MESSAGE

Brett Seymour, President
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Fellow Members,

What a great kickoff to another season at the Club; September at the Club is always energizing. First Tuesday, the Welcome Back party and Party in The Parking Lot were great events getting us all ready for a fantastic fall. The Tavern is now serving dinner six nights a week and more formal dinner is available in the Founders Dining Room on Thursday and Friday, plus special events. Greg and Jennifer Wagoner (incoming Board President and First Lady) hosted the ZIPZ dinner on the 23rd, and family Taco Night in the Tavern and Meet the New Squash Pro rounded out the month on the 27th.

October will bring the cooling of weather in Northwest Ohio, but it will certainly still be hot and happening at the Club. We jump right in with First Tuesday and a Prime Rib dinner the first week. On Saturday the 5th please join us for the Kids Pool Party in the Fitness Center. The new Rod and Gun Club will have an outing on the 18th for Sporting Clays and a Hunters Lunch — please join them. Halloween has some good opportunities for families with our Family Halloween Party on Wednesday the 23rd and our adult Halloween Party on Saturday the 26th. Plenty more will take place during the month— see the calendar for full details.

Exciting things are happening with our Membership Committee. They hosted an open house on September 11 and will have great traction in recruiting new members. Please take an active role in helping us to grow. Look for ongoing events planned to attract and help retain new and existing members. Some great ideas have been shared and I'm sure you will find them as exciting as I have.

October 28 will be the Annual Meeting of the members and we hope many of you will attend. Greg Wagoner will take the helm as the President of The Toledo Club that evening. This also means that my term as your President is ending. I want to thank all of you for allowing me the privilege of being the President of this great club. Serving on the board for the last 10 plus years has been both rewarding and difficult and will leave a lasting imprint on my heart. Thank You!!

God bless,

Brett J. Seymour, President

TOPICS MISSION

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



MEMBERS' JAM

IN THE RED ROOM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

6–9 PM



Come out to the Club for a wonderful night of music, drinks, appetizers and dinner

HAPPY HOUR SPECIALS

available in the Red Room:

- Drink specials
- Small bites menu
- Chef's special appetizer table



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

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OCTOBER *anniversaries*

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|------------------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------|
| William Bonser | '64 / 55 years | Michael R. Miller | '87 / 32 years |
| Donald M. Mewhort, Jr. | '66 / 53 years | Marc Holland | '91 / 28 years |
| Martin E. Mohler | '74 / 45 years | Patrick W. McCormick | '93 / 26 years |
| Benjamin T. Brown | '78 / 41 years | Steven S. Bogart | '94 / 25 years |
| Beatrice Schirm | '80 / 39 years | David G. Jagodzinski | '94 / 25 years |
| Todd W. Berman | '84 / 35 years | | |

THE TOLEDO CLUB

Jazz IN THE RED ROOM

4th Thursday • 6-8:30 PM

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

OCTOBER 24:
Gene Parker

THIS SEASON'S SCHEDULE:

JANUARY 23 - Ramona Collins
FEBRUARY 27 - Paul VornHagen
MARCH 26 - Lori Lefevre
APRIL 23 - Ron Kischuk

FOOD and BEVERAGE *reminder*

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

Manager's MESSAGE

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The "Firsts" Just Keep On Coming!

It's hard to believe it is Autumn already. That means the Club is in full operation, with full dining hours back and a packed calendar of events available. The fall season also brings many first times for me here at the Club. The Welcome Back Fiesta was a big hit as it was great to see many members that I have not seen over the summer. I also experienced for the first time the Party in the Parking Lot. Wow, what a party, with just shy of 1,000 party goers that had a great time. Big kudos to all the bands, the PPL committee, volunteers from Diabetes Youth Services and especially the staff that weathered the rain early in the party and was able to keep it going well into the night.

As we continue to work hard on making the Club vibrant and the place to be, the social committee, food and beverage committee and staff are focused on providing new and exciting options for dining and social events. Just as a reminder, our new dining options include early bird specials from 4 PM to 6 PM on Thursdays and Fridays and many new dining features in the Founders Dining Room. Also, the Tavern kitchen is up and running and includes a new pizza oven. This will help us provide more casual dining opportunities at the Club. For more new things being offered check out the Dine and Drink News on page 16.

October also has many social opportunities to take advantage of, starting with a special Explorer's event hosted by Schedel Arboretum and Gardens on October 9. Meet at the Club and you will be shuttled out to Schedel Arboretum for a cocktail reception and a tour of the beautiful gardens, followed by a multiple course meal catered by our hosts. Also, a first on the calendar will be a Beer Dinner, on October 16, hosted by Chef Sean and

Maumee Bay Brewing Company. Chef Sean is currently creating a fun casual menu that he will pair with several of Maumee Bay's popular beers. This will be a fun-filled evening with great food and tasty brews.

The final first I would like to mention is that Eddie Charlton is the first Squash Director I have ever hired. I want to thank Search Committee Chair Rich Effler and the entire committee for their time and effort. Once you meet Eddie and his family you will realize what a wonderful job the committee did. I am truly excited about the future of our squash program, and even joined the Winter League. This will be a great opportunity to see Eddie's coaching talents in action and to see if he can help me learn the game and make the cut in the league.

I want to thank all the members that took the time to bring a prospective member to last month's Open House. We had a great turnout and welcomed in several new members that night. Keep an eye out later this fall as the Membership Committee plans on hosting another open house to encourage the membership to help recruit new members.

Please mark your calendar for all the cool stuff coming up in October as it is going to be a fun month. I look forward to seeing everyone around the Club and, as always, I welcome your comments and questions.


A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff".

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.





HOLDING COURT with EDDIE CHARLTON

The Toledo Club's
New Squash Director

As you read in the September issue of *Topics*, the summer of 2019 kicked off with a thorough and intense search for a new Squash Professional at The Toledo Club, and the culmination could not be better: a skilled squash professional, a detail-oriented administrator, a thoughtful and genuine family man. In Eddie Charlton, we have found an individual with a passion for squash, an excitement for Toledo, and a desire to embrace and enhance our squash program.

I have had the privilege of getting to know Eddie this summer, and I am excited to give you the opportunity to do so too. I look forward to seeing all of you on the court this season!

Rich Effler
Toledo Club Squash Committee
Chairman

*Photos on pages 6, 8 and 9
by John Kuser*

Where were you born and raised?

I grew up just outside Nottingham (England) in a village called Blidworth. It's a small place consisting of a fire station, doctors' surgery and a grocery store. Nottingham, the nearest city, is a 30-minute drive.

Tell us about your education.

I went to primary and secondary school in neighboring villages. When I finished with secondary school I decided to board at Grantham College, where they also had a squash academy that ran alongside academics. This provided me with the opportunity to train daily, while allowing me to gain a degree in sports and exercise science. Living alone at college was a great learning experience for me; I had to learn how to cook for myself, go out and get my own groceries, as well as wake myself up in the morning!

As a student, what did you picture yourself doing after graduation?

My plan was always to give professional squash a go. My parents were very supportive and encouraged me to give it a try for a couple of years. The first year was tough but I'm glad I persevered. Playing squash has given me so many opportunities that I could never have dreamed of. I have flown on a private jet, visited the beaches of Mauritius and most importantly met my wife, all because of squash.

What attracted you to squash?

My dad was an avid player and he would take me on court as much as I liked. I would watch him play league on a Monday night (it meant going to bed late) and I would get on court in between games whenever I could. I liked the fact there was no hiding on court—it is down to you and only you. I had played soccer for years and struggled with having others decide my fate. I also love how multi-faceted squash is. You have to be incredibly fit, fast, powerful and strong, and technically solid, while still being mentally present enough to figure out the tactics of a match. I've heard squash perfectly described as chess at 100 mph!

(Below) Eddie plays in the second round of the 2014 British National Squash Championships in Manchester, UK.

(Photo: John Fryer/Alamy Live News)



(Above left) Eddie captured the BTMI Barbados Open PSA M5 title in 2017.

(Above right) In 2014, Eddie outplayed the No. 2 French seed to capture the PSA Challenger 5 Open International d'Angers Championship in France.

(Left) Eddie is pictured with Squash Camp players from the Bronx, NY, when he was there to be inaugurated as a CitySquash Traveling Squash Professional.

“ In Eddie Charlton, we have found an individual with a passion for squash, an excitement for Toledo, and a desire to embrace and enhance our squash program. ” Rich Effler, Toledo Club Squash Committee Chairman



What was one of your first jobs?

My first ‘real’ job was washing dishes at my local pub (The Bird in Hand), it allowed me to earn money to buy squash equipment and other squash related things. I remember leaving early one Sunday (without permission) to attend the finals of a junior squash tournament. I had my priorities straight from a young age!

Tell us about your career.

I’ve had a great playing career. I reached a career-high ranking of 50th in the world. I beat numerous top 10 players and won eight times on the world tour. 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. I enjoy working with people of all ages and abilities, and take pride in playing a small part in enabling people to achieve their goals.

Who is the most influential person or mentor in your life?

My late grandfather (Harry) played a big part in shaping me into who I am today. He was a talented sportsman and played numerous skill-based sports. He would spend hours running me ragged at a ping-pong table, frustrating me on a pool table and grinding me down at checkers. He never once let me win. I would cry after our numerous battles and he would console me and ask if I wanted to have another try. I remember the first time I beat him at ping-pong we were on vacation. He was doing his utmost not to let me get over the line but once that final point was played I could feel his sense of pride at me finally getting the better of him.

What are your first impressions of The Toledo Club?

When we first entered the Club we were impressed by its grandeur. The staff were extremely welcoming and I could immediately picture myself working there. Jeff and Ed took the time to show me around and I really enjoyed seeing the Club’s architecture. The high ceilings, chandeliers and artwork give the Club a traditional feel. The members we have met so far have been extremely welcoming. We were made to feel at home right away, and the warmth with which we were received played a big part in our decision to move to Toledo.

What is your mission at The Toledo Club?

I want to help the Club continue to grow, boost the number of people playing squash at every age and level, and create a fun environment for people to thrive. I would like to produce junior squash players competing on a national level with goals to go on and play in college, and increase the number of females playing the game, as well as help the competitive members get even closer to their full potential.

What is the best advice you ever received?

My grandad would drive me crazy repeating “keep cool, calm and collected” at every opportunity. This is something that has stuck with me and I think it can be applied in almost every situation.

Tell us about your family.

Emma and I have been married for three years. We have a 17-month-old son Harry, who is our pride and joy. All of our family live back in England. They get out to visit us once or twice a year and we try to get back once a year. Having a young child and no family nearby has been extremely tough but it has strengthened our relationship with each other as well as with Harry. Emma is also an ex-professional squash player. She won the world team championships with England and achieved a career high ranking of 11 in the world. We met at my home club where she was based as a professional. We used to practice together sometimes and in one memorable practice session, she actually hit me in the mouth with the ball... not a flirting technique I had encountered before!



(Above and below) Eddie and Emma with their son Harry outside of The Toledo Club. The Charltons were at the Club for the Welcome Back Fiesta party in September.



“ The members we have met so far have been extremely welcoming. We were made to feel at home right away and the warmth with which we were received played a big part in our decision to move to Toledo. ”

What recreation and/or hobbies do you enjoy?

Emma and I love playing golf—golf has always been a getaway from squash. When you play a sport professionally you need something to do which allows you to switch off, something that gives you a different focus. For me golf always presents different challenges. It gives you plenty of thinking time and is also a great excuse to get outdoors for fresh air. The fact that Emma also plays is a huge positive. It's nice to spend that time with her, although needless to say, we can get a little competitive! 🏌️

An Exciting Time for Toledo Club Squash! *by Rich Effler*

The cover story for this edition of *Topics* says it all! Hopefully you now know our new squash director, Eddie Charlton, a little better. Whether or not you are active in our squash program, please take some time soon to come down to the Club to meet Eddie, and welcome him, Emma and Harry to Toledo and The Toledo Club.

If you're INACTIVE in squash:

If you are reading this article and have recently joined the Club, or have been a member for some time and have considered playing squash, or have actively chosen to avoid the basement of the Club — fear no more! If there is ever a time to jump in, it's this year. We have a full schedule of our usual league and tournament activity, and we welcome all skill levels and ages. Squash, specifically Toledo Club Squash, is a lot more than a great workout. It's fun and friendly, and competitive when it needs to be. It is a way to catch up with friends and business associates. It is best served with a cold beer or a glass of wine. It's special. Come and give it a try this year and learn the game from our new pro. Please contact anyone on committee if you are interested in signing up. We would love to have more friends on the court.

If you're ACTIVE in squash:

If you flipped to this page because you are active in the program and like to check out what's on tap, this one's for you too! We need you this year more than ever. Your committee is challenging all of you to be as involved as you possibly can this year. We welcome any feedback, big or small, on how we've done things in the past. While the league and season may feel familiar in this transitional year, we are taking inventory and looking at ways to improve. Beyond that, we have a dynamic pro who is excited to embrace our program and get to know you and your game. Let's show Eddie what makes Toledo Club Squash so special!

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

- **WINTER LEAGUE SIGN UP**
Deadline: Monday, October 14
- **DRAFT NIGHT 2019**
Thursday, October 24 at 6:30 PM in the Belvedere Room
- **WINTER LEAGUE BEGINS**
Monday, October 28
- **MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT / TOP 32 INVITATIONAL**
Begins Monday, November 11
- **MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT FINALS AND DINNER**
Friday, November 15
- **TOLEDO CITY CHAMPIONSHIPS**
Friday, January 24—Saturday, January 25
- **2020 TOLEDO SQUASH CLASSIC**
Friday, March 13—Sunday, March 15

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

Toledo Club Squash Committee
Rich Effler, Chairman



HIT THE CLUB FOR THE TAVERN'S FIRST

GLOW PARTY

SECOND THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10 • 6 PM
SPORTS GRILL & TAVERN

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF
MUSIC, DANCING, AND DRINKS
BEST GLOW COSTUME WINS CLUB CASH!

BABYSITTING AVAILABLE

FAMILY HALLOWEEN PARTY



Wednesday, October 23
5:30–7:30 PM

Parade through the Club to collect candy

Activities for the kids

Cookie decorating

Spooky good foods (buffet)

Hot cider and kiddie cocktails

Adult beverages (cash bar)

Reservations required
419-254-2961

\$20 per adult
\$15 per child



ROD & GUN CLUB Sporting Clays Outing

October 18 | WR Hunt Club | Clyde, OH

The Rod & Gun Club is headed to WR Hunt Club in Clyde, Ohio on October 18 for Sporting Clays and a Hunter's lunch. All are welcome.

WR is a hunting preserve featuring pheasants, chukars, quails, sporting clay courses, a lodge and pro shop.

Plan to meet at 10 AM, at WR Hunt Club, 5690 County Road 237, Clyde, Ohio. Bring your own gun, or one can be borrowed from WR. Cost is approximately \$40 per person, to be paid the day of the event. For questions or to RSVP, contact Phil Rudolph by October 11 at phil.rudolphjr@rlgbuilds.com.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP

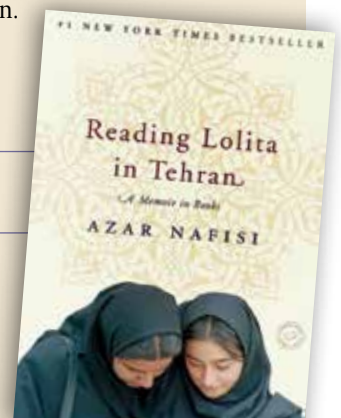
The Great Books Discussion Group is an opportunity to discuss stimulating books with old friends and new. Books are chosen by consensus of the members, and each month a member leads the discussion. We publish the selections several months in advance to allow time to do the reading. New members are always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

Beverly McBride
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Thursday, October 17
Noon

Book: *Reading Lolita in Tehran*
by Azar Nafisi

Moderator: Jim Hartung





Charissa Marconi

Winter Fitness Center Hours BEGIN OCTOBER 1

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

Our Mission: To create, promote and advocate for the finest athletic environment, facilities and programs on behalf of our current members and those we would like to attract. Included are areas of the pool and fitness facility, while lending support and being a proponent of the squash program. Our number one goal is the safety and wellness of our members.

High-Milers and Maumee River Swim

Thank you to the members who kept track of their miles from Memorial Day to Labor Day!

FAMILY AND FRIENDS CPR CLASS

The Athletic Committee will be hosting a family and friends CPR and AED class on an upcoming Saturday. Our date is not yet confirmed, but if you would like to familiarize yourself with some life-saving techniques, this would be of great benefit. This will not be a certification class. Please contact the Fitness Center for more information.

Spin and Yoga Classes

Spin classes are offered Wednesdays and Fridays at 6 AM, **and now Mondays and Wednesdays at 5:30 PM.** Spin Class is \$5.

We're currently working on revising our Yoga classes. New and exciting information is coming soon!

OLANDER ULTRA 24 FINISHERS

Bill Hylan and Charissa completed the Olander Ultra 24 Hour Relay.



Ironman 70.3 Finishers

Nick and Alicia Huckaby completed Ironman Muncie in July and Aquatics/Fitness Director Charissa completed Ironman Traverse City in August. An Ironman 70.3, also known as a Half Ironman, is one of a series of long-distance triathlon races. The "70.3" refers to the total distance in miles covered in the race, which consists of a 1.2-mile swim, a 56-mile bike ride, and a 13.1-mile run. The Traverse City Ironman was an inaugural event; the swim was in the west bay at Clinch Park, the bike ride climbed 3200 feet and took us out to Sleeping Bear Dunes and back, and the run was flat and shady, bringing us back to finish up at the theater in downtown. The course was absolutely stunning. Anyone interested in triathlon training can please contact Charissa, as more will be held in the future.



Charissa completed her first 70.3 Ironman in August in Traverse City.



Nick and Alicia Huckaby completed their first 70.3 Ironman in Muncie, IN.

New Time for AM Runners: 6 AM

We have revamped our morning running program in hopes of attracting more members to join. We will be meeting Mondays (3 miles), Wednesdays (5 miles) and Fridays (3 miles) at 6 AM in the Fitness Center. Please join us to log some miles and enjoy the beauty of downtown.

High-Milers Running, Biking and Swimming

Thank you to our faithful members who kept up their workouts throughout the whole summer and kept track on our charts at the Club.

OUR SWIMMERS:

Melissa Shaner
38.3 miles
Kevin Brennan
43.45 miles
Jim Anderson
48.0 miles
Jim Jaros
96.0 miles
Charissa Marconi
36.98 miles

OUR CYCLISTS:

Kevin Brennan
178.5 miles
Jim Edgeworth
61.0 miles
Kathy Mikolajczak
333.0 miles
Todd Berman
1290.0 miles
Charissa Marconi
957.0 miles

OUR RUNNERS:

Kevin Brennan
231.65 miles
Nick Stack
148.7 miles
Rebecca Shope
79.7 miles
Dennis Johnson
323.0 miles
David Karmol
21.9 miles
Charissa Marconi
302.0 miles

The Toledo Club Fitness Center

EVENING SPIN CLASSES
NOW AVAILABLE!


Spin Classes


WEDNESDAYS/FRIDAYS
6 AM
MONDAYS/WEDNESDAYS
5:30 PM



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Chef Sean's Nocturnal Nibbles
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by Cindy Niggemyer

Here is a destiny you can easily control—The Toledo Club's Halloween Party on Saturday, October 26. The party begins at 8 PM and ends at that ghoulish hour, midnight. This is an adult event that comes with the "spook friendly" price of \$10. Want to scare your friends? Bring them along!

Chip and Eileen Eddy are bringing their warehouse of decorations meant to alarm and startle. There will be specialty drinks, an astrologist to predict your future, great music, prizes for costumes, Chef Sean's Nocturnal Nibbles, and numerous photo opportunities. Dress up or down. Everyone is welcome and a spook or spirit may appear.

EVENT CHAIR: Eileen Eddy

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HALLOWEEK AT THE CLUB!

Do you have a business that wants a Halloween party, but doesn't want to do the decorating? Since the first floor will be decorated for part of the week before Halloween, the Club is to your rescue. Call catering and book your "turnkey" Halloween party today. Just order your food and everything else will be taken care of.



HALLOWEEN AND THOSE WILD AND CRAZY CELTICS

[AND I DON'T MEAN THAT BOSTON BASKETBALL TEAM]

Quickly, what is the next-highest-grossing commercial holiday after Christmas? It involves candy, but not necessarily bunnies. Surely you have not hesitated answering the question. The hint is the October party date in *Topics*. Yes, it is that fun-and-merriment holiday, Halloween. Are you into big words? Samhainophobia is the fear of Halloween. Due to the amount we spend on the holiday, fear of Halloween doesn't look like an American problem.

What was the beginning of adults and children disguising themselves and asking for offerings? Looks like the best we can track basic Halloween back to is that old civilization standby for "weird stuff," the Celts. There was probably not a common racial origin for the various Celtic peoples. Their language and customs seem to be the unifying factor, not genetics. Once spread out throughout Europe and Asia, by 100 AD they had become restricted to Ireland and the western and northern parts of Great Britain. Celts needed to know the future. They really weren't any different back then than we are today. Knowing future weather meant the difference between survival and death. Let's not get into that Climate Change issue.

The presence of the otherworldly spirits made it easier for the priests to make predictions about the future. It is hard for us to imagine that an entire civilization depended on "Mother Nature" for survival, and prophecies were a part of both comfort and frightening prediction. Why October 31? This day marked the end of summer, the harvest and the beginning of the dark cold winter, a time of year that was often associated with human death.

Always great subjects for movies and television, the English and Irish Celts celebrated Samhain, an Irish-Gaelic word for "the summer's end," by throwing on some animal heads that were lying around, along with full animal skin costumes. They danced about bonfires, because the Celts were into bonfires. Bonfires gave drama to the tableau (also works for the movies). They looked to their ancestors for guidance in the coming year and hoped to commune with the spirits at the Samhain Celebration. To jazz the whole group up, they read fortunes and told stories of the Gods and death. In order to protect themselves from any roaming evil spirits, the Celts would appease them by offering treats. So, yes, here is that trick-or-treat connection.

The face-carved pumpkin lanterns tradition may be from the Celts' placing of candlelit ancestors' skulls outside their doors, always a tasteful decorating image. The name jack-o'-lantern comes from the old Irish tale of a Celtic bad actor that could not enter heaven or descend to hell. What a dilemma, especially because the first jack-o'-lanterns were made from small turnips, and he had to wander around waving them. Irish immigrants in America finally smartened up and used the larger pumpkin.

The Catholic Church, always a spoiler about stuff like this, decided to create All Saints' or All Hallows' Day and stop all the nonsense. Did it work? It seems so very hard to contain our innate wonder about spirits, the "underworld" and our control of destiny. I'll leave you to answer that question. ☺

Dine & Drink NEWS by Jeff Anderson

The staff, Food and Beverage Committee and Social Committee are focused on adding value to your membership, so be sure to take advantage of these exciting dining and social opportunities — some new, some familiar—at the Club.

Early Bird Specials in the Founders Dining Room: Chef Sean is offering early bird specials on Thursday and Fridays in the FDR from 4 PM to 6 PM. It will be a great way to get in and out of the Club and on your way to a event downtown.

Wine and Dine: One Thursday a month in the Founders Dining Room we will offer a choice of two entrees and a bottle of wine for a special price. A great excuse for a date night.

Steak for Two Night: One Friday a month, Chef Sean will have available a tasty 36 oz. grilled porterhouse steak for two with salad served tableside. Reserve your steak by the Wednesday before.

Wine Sale Table: On the last Friday of each month, we'll have a wine sales table as you walk into the dining room full of a variety of bottled wines on sale. Just grab a bottle that suits your palate and bring it to your table to enjoy with your dinner selection.

Wine Bins: How does having your own personal wine cellar here at the Club sound, stocked with your favorite wines? Give Ed Mackiewicz a call to reserve your own bin and have him stock it and have it ready for your dining and entertaining needs.

Mug Club: For a nominal annual fee you can join the Mug Club, which will give you access to The Toledo Club's special mug and a discount on draft beers in the Tavern.

Frequent Dining Program - Breakfast and Express Lunch Buffet: To encourage use of two great amenities, we will be starting a frequent dining rewards program for breakfast in the Founders Dining Room and the Express Lunch in the Tavern on Thursdays and Fridays.

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Fall Flavors

EXCITEMENT IS IN THE AIR! And why not? Chef Sean has crafted a delectable menu for the Founders Dining Room to tantalize all taste buds and, as a Toledo Club bonus, is quite healthful. Ah, and the atmosphere in the FDR is so grand, so elegant, but also so private for table talk. What more can one ask?

FIRST TUESDAY lives on, and as a reminder, is OPEN to all members. **Do come on Tuesday, October 1**, have a cocktail and mix with other members as introductions abound while you are munching from the self-serve hors d'oeuvres bar. Chef prepares three very special entrées for that evening. Everyone then joins the long table to dine and converse: singles feel no ostracization. A terrific wrap-up is the dessert, as it is believed Chef really loves this aspect of a meal! This monthly event serves as a grand "Meet and Greet" for fellow Toledo Club members; oh, and the meal is wonderful also!

FIRST FRIDAY in the fall means **PRIME RIB** once again! Reservations are always a good idea.

FANFARE FOR FRIDAY THE 18TH as **Steak for Two Tableside Dining** will be featured!

WINE AND DINE is set for **Halloween evening, October 31**. Do not be spooked by this date, but enjoy pairings with each course.



DINING CAN BE ADVENTUROUS! The maple honey-glazed salmon with butternut squash ravioli is such a treat, as are the succulent scallops, perfectly done as one would expect, with goat cheese polenta. If those side dishes do not say "Yes, that sounds wonderful to me," one can request a potato; this is YOUR Club and requests are accommodated as the norm. On the other hand, a bit of "venturing out" could be a good thing! A terrific autumn dish is the lamb chops seasoned nicely, not available in many restaurants and deservedly, a revered entrée!

THE ADDITION OF THE MARYLAND CRAB CAKE is proving to be VERY popular and well it should be!! How about that grilled American Wagyu Baseball Sirloin to satisfy that beef lust? Another new item is the ham shank, which Chef Sean is quite proud of concocting. The chicken thighs (tasty dark meat) with sweet potato chorizo hash shows off with great aplomb contrasting textures and flavors. REMEMBER: All old favorites were once new!

INCIDENTALLY, if by chance or choice, a full dinner just does not seem seemly, the appetizer of Bang-Bang Shrimp is scrumptious! A new addition and equally scrumptious is the Octopus Carpaccio. That eight-legged seafood is low in calories, and high in protein, iron and selenium—the tentacled temptation is a natural vitamin pill!

LUNCH has so many choices, and why not? Who wants a sub every day? At their desk? Get OUT and walk, or drive with the windows open, and sing along the way. Diversion is good for the soul and the mind!

BREAKFAST too can be inspirational or just plain old fuel for thought!! ☺



TAVERN TIDBITS

Gillie, Gillie! The Tavern will now be open for dinner hour on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays in addition to Thursday and weekend hours!

The renewed kitchen on the second floor guarantees faster and "too-HOT-to-the-touch" plates. No more elevator ride!

This is great news for those who'd like to sup after an après workday workout and for those who just might wish to have a casual supper prepared by someone else. Warrior burnout can mean bad, bad food choices if premised on the fast food drive-by or the frozen food section. Yes, beers are on tap, as is a full bar.

No nutritional worry! All the major food groups are represented and presented with style and grace. Start with French onion soup! A Downtowner Salad is great; and just toss salmon, a bistro steak, chicken or shrimp atop for a super supper. Build a juicy fresh Midwest burger, add in-house-made French fries plus slaw and you're good to go! A turkey and avocado bacon wrap screams flavor and then there is the trusty perch sandwich, which could well be the NW Ohio symbol. However, the three tacos combo could give it chase.

Soooo tempting are the St. Louis-style ribs, as is the flatbread pepperoni pizza. A Reuben? Yes, indeed. Pulled pork sandwich on a bun of the brioche sort completes the ethnic gastronomical run.

Do NOT forget to inquire about DESSERT!!

ZIPZ DINNER • MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

The cooling weather says "Cook in a Pot" time and **Becky Fuhrman and Don Leary** have planned just that for the October ZIPZ dinner, with a great recipe for **Yankee pot roast**. Enjoy this fun time, a little music, table-hopping and camaraderie, PLUS a fantastic meal at a very reasonable price! Reservations advised!





Dining & Events | OCTOBER 2019

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Founders Dining Room
Third Floor

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

LUNCH
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11:30 AM – 2 PM

DINNER
Thursday–Friday*
5:30 – 8:30 PM

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

Thursday, Friday and Saturday
5:30–10 PM

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11:30 AM - 2 PM

Saturday
11 AM–5:30 PM

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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.

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| 6 | 7 DINNER IN THE TAVERN | 8 DINNER IN THE TAVERN | 9 DINNER IN THE TAVERN Explorers Dinner at Schedel Arboretum and Gardens | 10 DINNER IN THE TAVERN Ladies Lunch Ben DeLong at the piano Glow Party in the Tavern DINNER IN THE FDR | 11 DINNER IN THE TAVERN Family Night in the Tavern–Taco Buffet DINNER IN THE FDR | 12 DINNER IN THE TAVERN Babysitting 9 AM–2 PM Kids Pool Party |
| 13 | 14 COLUMBUS DAY: CLUB CLOSED | 15 DINNER IN THE TAVERN | 16 DINNER IN THE TAVERN BEER DINNER | 17 DINNER IN THE TAVERN Great Books Group Members' Jam DINNER IN THE FDR | 18 DINNER IN THE TAVERN STEAK FOR TWO SPECIAL Family Night in the Tavern–Burger Buffet DINNER IN THE FDR | 19 DINNER IN THE TAVERN Babysitting 9 AM–2 PM |
| 20 | 21 DINNER IN THE TAVERN ZIPZ Dinner: Menu by Don Leary and Becky Fuhrman DINNER IN THE FDR | 22 DINNER IN THE TAVERN | 23 DINNER IN THE TAVERN Family Halloween Party | 24 DINNER IN THE TAVERN Jazz in the Red Room: Gene Parker DINNER IN THE FDR | 25 DINNER IN THE TAVERN Family Night in the Tavern–Taco Buffet Wine Sale Table in the FDR DINNER IN THE FDR | 26 DINNER IN THE TAVERN Babysitting 9 AM–2 PM Adult Halloween Party |
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| 29 | 30 | 1 Body Sculpt 9 AM | 2 AM Runners 6 AM Spin Class 6 AM/5:30 PM Aqua Aerobics 8:30 AM | 3 Body Sculpt 9 AM Masters Swim 5:15 PM | 4 AM Runners 6 AM Spin Class 6 AM First Friday Breakfast 7:15 AM Aqua Aerobics 8:30 AM | 5 |
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Saturday–Sunday
8 AM–7 PM

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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

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TOM AND BETSY BRADY: A Life Built Around EDUCATION & INNOVATION

by Stephanie Jaros



Tom and Betsy Brady relax on the glass hammock on the lawn of the Glass Pavilion at The Toledo Museum of Art Block Party in 2016.

I was telling a friend about interviewing and writing a story on Tom Brady. “Who? The quarterback of the Patriots?” This is always the first reaction of people who know only one Tom Brady in the whole world. I bet Tom gets that a lot. Well, the Tom Brady I am representing to you today is a 180-degree different figure, who was born in Toledo, is a Holland, Ohio resident, and whose technological innovation has had a greater impact in our daily lives than will ever result from the football heroics of the other Tom Brady. One of the most distinguished examples is that Tom and his team figured out a way to duplicate in plastics what previously had been possible only in glass. They were the ones who solved that problem for Coca-Cola, whose bottles still display a remnant of that trademark shape.

Before talking about Tom exclusively, we need to pause and step back to include his wife Betsy Brady. Tom and Betsy are a devoted and loving couple who have been married for 51 years and have raised three wonderful children and now twelve grandchildren, as well as being great business partners and entrepreneurs who started Plastics Technologies Inc. (plus five other PTI companies) more than three decades ago. They are also great philanthropists who volunteer and have served on numerous boards related to education and public service.

Tom and Betsy met on the East Coast. She was Betsy Carson then, an English major at Smith College in Massachusetts, where she met the Dartmouth college student Tom Brady on a blind date. The truth is that they missed each other on the first attempted date because Betsy was severely sick and hospitalized. However, Tom (he admitted later that it was not what he normally would do) wrote a “get well” letter to Betsy. She responded and they got together. She didn’t know he was from Maumee and had been salutatorian of his Maumee High School class. He didn’t know she had been valedictorian of her 1964 class at Ottawa Hills High School. But from that moment, they knew they were right for each other. They tied the knot during Betsy’s junior year at Smith while Tom was attending graduate school at Dartmouth.

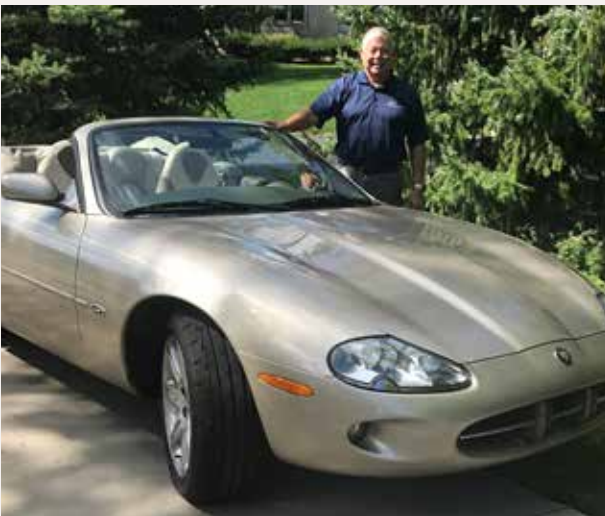
Tom has an impressive educational background. In an undergraduate engineering course at Dartmouth, he and his peers were presented with a “gap” in

the commercial world which they were asked to fill by proposing a solution, developing a prototype process or product, and then selling that solution as a commercially viable business. Tom had already started to solve real-life problems for business at that time. Now the entrepreneurship seeds were planted in his mind. He went on to earn his graduate degree in engineering from Dartmouth and PhD in materials engineering from the University of Michigan. After graduation, he joined Owens-Illinois and was asked to fill the "gap" by developing a family-sized plastic carbonated soft drink container which was not technically or economically possible using metal or glass. By the early 1980s, a new business of making PET containers for high-performance packaging applications took place at O-I. PET is short for polyethylene terephthalate, the chemical name for polyester. It is a clear, strong and lightweight plastic that is now widely used for packaging foods and beverages, especially convenience-sized soft drinks, juices and water. This also was the turning point for Tom and he got approached by a bottling company for help in manufacturing their own plastic bottles.

In 1985, after fourteen years with O-I and with Betsy's support, Tom gave up his vice president title and, risking a well-established family life, founded PTI. Working at O-I had prepared Tom with everything he needed to know to start a company, in terms of leadership, supervision, strategic planning, business operations, manufacturing, customer management, and so forth. With an increasing demand for employee management and also for focus on developing technology, Tom asked his then stay-at-home wife to help. Betsy would work on the spreadsheets at home, supporting him 24/7.

As the original PTI grew, along with the five other PTI companies, Betsy assumed more responsibilities and has become the backbone of the company. She developed the soft structure of the business, including its accounting system, administration, personnel and employee benefits policies. Betsy humbly said "it is

Photo by Tom Ethington



(Left) In 2011, Betsy received a 25-year service award from PTI. The award was in the form of a significant contribution to the community organization of the recipient's choice, a tradition Tom and Betsy initiated as the first recipients, and one that the company has embraced and been proud to continue ever since.

Photo by Tom Ethington

a learning curve" but she is very good at it! One other thing worth mentioning is that while Tom worked at O-I, Betsy was busy raising three young children while volunteering with the Junior League of Toledo and working on projects that included one involving mature women entering the workforce and presenting their volunteer work as credentials. By 1985, she was Junior League President. This volunteer experience prepared her for her leadership role with the PTI companies. She respects women working for the companies and respects people who have different family issues and schedules. She understands creating flexibility in the workplace, which works so that everyone can have a positive impact on the business.

Betsy has also created a family culture in the PTI enterprises. It is true; nearly 50 per cent of their employees are females and more than 90 per cent of the new working mothers have returned to the workplace after having children. More than 50% have stock option ownership of PTI and only a handful of the employees have departed from the business in the past 34 years. Betsy is a positive and influential woman who always has a smile on her face. Not all couples can work together, but Tom and Betsy are the exceptions, and they are a perfect fit in the business world as well as in the family sector. They have different skill sets, but mutual respect. The success of the PTIs is equally attributed to both the industrially sophisticated and knowledgeable Tom Brady and the maternal role of Betsy Brady who puts families first as well as their many loyal employees.



(Above) Tom and Betsy in the environmental testing lab at PTI in 2018.

(Left) A passion for Tom has been collecting a number of classic "cool" cars for over 20 years.

PAYING IT *Forward*

Both have been very active in the community services. Tom has been a big supporter for education. He served as the interim dean for the College of Education at The University of Toledo from 2009 through 2011 where he founded the Brady Partnership Schools program. The program aims at providing a pathway to prepare highly qualified urban early childhood teachers/educators who support the learning of diverse students in high-needs communities. In doing so, the program partners with The UT College of Education, The Boys and Girls Clubs and the Toledo Public Schools. In the fall of 2013, the couple dedicated the Brady Engineering Innovation Center at UT.

In addition, Tom has been greatly involved in the university's College of Engineering, which provides undergrad and graduate programs that prepare students for research and advanced engineering careers. Over the years, the PTI companies have offered co-ops and internship opportunities to UT engineering students. Tom, who deeply values his undergraduate course of entrepreneurship at Dartmouth, has applied the same philosophy to the UT engineering school and has been supportive of cultivating engineers in a more creative way. "Think like an entrepreneur as a freshman, before being



totally emerged in the engineering programs," he advises. "(We need to) train people to keep their eyes open." Currently Tom is on the advisory board of the university's College of Arts Center, College of Education and College of Engineering, besides being a member of the UT Medical School's Medical Research Society.

Betsy, along with her sister Mary Fedderke, is a lifetime supporter and overseer of the Boys and Girls Club's Carson Scholarship, a full-tuition four-year college scholarship awarded annually to an outstanding member of the Club. Their father, Sam Carson, had been deeply committed to the organization for approximately 50 years.

Nearly all of Tom and Betsy's 3 children and 12 grandchildren were together for Thanksgiving last year.



(Above) Tom and Betsy at the unveiling of the UT College of Engineering's Brady Innovation Center in 2013.



(Below) Tom in his office at 333 14th Street, PTI's location in 1987. The company moved to that building from their initial offices at the corner of Canton and Spielbush. Adds Tom about the 14th Street building: "I served 10 years on the board of the Toledo School for the Arts, the current owner of that building. Coincidentally, my office from this 1987 photo is now part of one of the art classrooms at TSA."




Tom's piano stylings can be heard on occasion during dinner in the Founders Dining Room.

Photo by Tom Ethington

To celebrate his milestone birthday, Betsy and her siblings spent lots of time thinking of how to honor him, knowing that he would hate it if they did a big party, and he did not want "things." What they ended up with was a plan to "pass the philanthropy forward." They started working with the Boys and Girls Club and founded Carson Cadet Corps, a development program for the youngest club members. In addition to that, Betsy was the first chairwoman for the Toledo Chamber of Commerce and the first chairwoman for the Toledo Museum of Art, and she still remains on the TMA board. She also has served on the board of ProMedica for the past twenty years. She is currently on the governance board for Toledo Early College high schools (a joint venture of UT and Toledo Public Schools) and a member of the executive committee of the Science Society of Imagination Station.

Tom and Betsy were jointly named Philanthropist of the Year in 2006. The list goes on, as both have served on countless boards and are still actively involved in the community. Their children and grandchildren also have gravitated toward public service. Their middle daughter worked for the U.S. Agency for International Development, which is dedicated to transforming families, communities and countries to thrive and prosper. Their oldest granddaughter organized a club in her high school to mentor younger students. She and her brother also have been volunteering and mentoring at the Boys and Girls Clubs.

When asked about what advice he would offer to people who have the desire to give to the community, Tom without hesitation said, "Please talk to Dr. Romules Durant, the superintendent of the Toledo Public Schools. We need young people to help with education! Dr. Durant can point them in the right direction." This again demonstrates how Tom and Betsy Brady deflect attention from themselves and project it onto others — a true tribute to Northwest Ohio and our world! 



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TOLEDO CLUB EXPLORERS

Join us for Dinner at Schedel Arboretum and Gardens

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Wednesday, October 9 | 5:30 PM



The Toledo Club Explorers group will be able to experience nature in all its fall finery when they travel to Schedel Arboretum and Gardens in Elmore, Ohio on October 9, for dinner in a spectacular setting. The gardens are home to 15,000 annuals, perennial beds, an extensive bonsai collection, a grove of dawn redwoods, bald cypress trees, a formal rose garden, and tropical gardens. Other features include a Japanese garden, two lakes, numerous water features including a 30-foot waterfall, a working vegetable garden and fruit tree orchard.

Cultural features include a 1800s manor house containing Archaic Bronze, some of which is 5,000 years old, antique bronze pieces, Oriental and Persian rugs, artwork and numerous unique collectables. In the 1970s, the Schedels maintained the most significant privately held collection of antique carved jade in the country.

Also on the grounds a summer cottage, as well as a welcome center that plays host to special art exhibits, banquets, meetings and shows throughout the year.

The many treasures on display here are the legacy of Joseph and Marie Schedel. They called the property home during their 50-plus years of marriage, working toward their dream of leaving a living legacy for all to enjoy. Joseph died in 1981 and Marie followed in 1988. The Schedel Foundation was established the following year to help make their dream a reality. In 1991, visitors entered the grounds for the first time.

Since then the gardens have continually evolved and have added even more interesting and desirable species and new beds that now total more than 100.

Toledo Club members Rod Noble and Doug Adams-Arman serve as executive director and development director of the SA&G.

THE DETAILS:

5:30 PM - Depart The Toledo Club by motorcoach

6:15 PM - Reception and tours of the Gardens

7:30 PM - Specially-prepared dinner

8:45 PM - Depart Schedel Gardens

\$55 per person (includes transportation)

For reservations, call 419-254-2961 or go online.

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A Revved-Up Membership Committee Needs Your Help!

Under direction from our new membership committee chair, Christian Piazza, an army of existing committee members, along with an infusion of new members, are already off and running. The focus of the committee has been implementing new recruiting strategies, the onboarding of new members, and a focus retention plan.

The membership committee team has taken an "It takes a village" approach with its progress, but NEEDS the help of every member to continue the exponential growth and re-energizing of the Club.

New Membership Programs

Two new programs approved by the board of directors that the membership committee will be marketing are:

EPIC Toledo Program: This program is offered in partnership with EPIC Toledo and has experienced great progress so far. We have over 15 EPIC members that have already signed up or are in the process of joining The Toledo Club.

Welcome Back Program: Any member on a leave of absence longer than a year, or former member who has been away from the Club for more than a year, can come back with no initiation fee and pay a reduced

rate (\$75 per month – Junior/Intermediate classification; \$150 per month – Resident classification).

Toledo Club Ambassadors Needed

The membership and staff have not only focused on recruiting new members, but also are working on RETENTION of members. This retention starts with a effective onboarding and acclimation process for all new members. An anchor for this retention plan is the Ambassadors Program.

The essence of the program is to get new members acclimated to their new Club and make sure they are comfortable with using the Club and are aware of all the wonderful amenities available.

Here is a list of what Ambassadors can do to help our new members:

- Provide tours of the building its amenities: the dining areas, barber shop, fitness facilities, swimming pool, tailor shop, catering offices, and the squash area.
- Invite them to Club events like ZIPZ dinners and Jazz in the Red Room.
- Invite them to dine in the Tavern and Founders Dining Room for breakfast, lunch or dinner.
- Help them meet current members of the Club.

As an Ambassador, you can help keep the momentum moving forward!

If you're an active member willing to be paired up with new members to help them get acclimated into the Club, please contact Dawn Miller at 419-254-2980.



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All that *Jazz* by Shirley Levy

A Night of Cool Jazz with Gene Parker

Thursday, October 24 in the Red Room



If you know jazz, you know Gene Parker, a multi-instrumentalist who is a virtuoso on the saxophone. He has also set a standard for jazz education. Gene will be the featured performer at The Toledo Club's Jazz in the Red Room, Thursday, October 24, a night you don't want to miss.

Need I remind you that Jazz Night is now open to the public at no charge. Cash bar, hors d'oeuvres and a light dinner menu are all available.

The last time I heard Gene was inside the Old West End's Collingwood Arts Center. It was a dark and barren setting, but Gene, playing as part of a quartet that included his son Ray, quickly lit up the hall with a cool jazzy vibe, often veering off the beaten track and jamming the blues or dipping into bluegrass. It was a captivating performance that no one who heard it will ever forget.

Gene Parker is a 1980 National Endowment for the Arts recipient. Currently, he is instructor of jazz studies at Ohio Northwestern University in Ada, Ohio and jazz saxophone instructor at Wayne State University in Detroit. He has been a guest artist at the Toledo Symphony and the Detroit Symphony. A Perrysburg resident, Gene is a Maumee High School graduate who has inspired hundreds of students, many of whom have gone on to professional careers.

A true multi-instrumentalist, Gene is equally comfortable playing vibes, clarinet, flute, percussion, bass cornet, piccolo and piano. In the past he has worked with Tony Bennett, Vic Damone, Billy Eckstein, Nancy Wilson, Lou Rawls. Sammy Davis, Jr., Clark Terry, Wayne Newton, Mel Torme, The Four Tops, Zoot Sims, Dizzy Gillespie and Diana Reeves, among other well-known jazz artists. He once toured with The Three Irish Tenors, playing flute, piccolo, cornet and penny whistles.

For years, Gene was a fixture at the former Rusty's Jazz Café, Murphy's Place, Degage, and other Toledo area jazz clubs. At age 76, he still plays multiple instruments and performs with combos as many as six times a week. He can often be heard playing piano at The Chop House in Toledo, and performing at many other area venues.

Now one of the deans on the local jazz scene, Gene has an optimistic view about the future of jazz. "It's an art form that will be around as long as people appreciate creativity and inspiration," he told Blade staff writer Tom Henry.

His motto is "Take care of the music and the music will take care of you." Well said, Gene Parker! 🎷

Upcoming schedule:

January 23
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February 27
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VIEW FROM THE Tavern

Second Thursday's all aglow!

Third Thursday will be on the Second Thursday in

October and it'll be a glowing evening on **October 10!** Join your Toledo Club friends for the first ever

Glow Party! There'll be music, dancing, and drinks flowing while members are glowing. Best Glow costume will win Club Cash! Babysitting will be available.



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Express Lunch

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Don't forget the Tavern is the place to be for the **Express Lunch on Thursday and Friday**. Where else can you go where \$14.00 buys a salad buffet that includes a soup and baked potato bar, and salad toppings that include chicken, salmon and pulled pork?

Tweens just wanna have fun

We're looking to create a "Tween" room so that the tweens will want to come spend time at the Club. If you have a PlayStation, Xbox, or games that are just collecting dust, please feel free to bring them to the Club.



THE TOLEDO CLUB SPORTS GRILL & TAVERN

OCTOBER

| DATE | DAY | TIME | EVENT |
|------------|----------|-------------------------|---|
| October 3 | Thursday | 11:30 AM-2 PM | Express Lunch |
| October 4 | Friday | 11:30 AM-2 PM 5-8 PM | Express Lunch Family Dinner* - Burger Buffet |
| October 5 | Saturday | 11 AM-2 PM | Post Workout Lunch Babysitting available 9 AM-2 PM |
| October 10 | Thursday | 11:30 AM-2 PM 6 PM | Express Lunch GLOW PARTY - Babysitting avail. |
| October 11 | Friday | 11:30 AM-2 PM 5-8 PM | Express Lunch Family Dinner* - Taco Buffet |
| October 12 | Saturday | 11 AM-2 PM | Post Workout Lunch Babysitting available 9 AM-2 PM |
| October 17 | Thursday | 11:30 AM-2 PM | Express Lunch |
| October 18 | Friday | 11:30 AM-2 PM 5-8 PM | Express Lunch Family Dinner* - Burger Buffet |
| October 9 | Saturday | 11 AM-2 PM | Post Workout Lunch Babysitting available 9 AM-2 PM |
| October 24 | Thursday | 11:30 AM-2 PM | Express Lunch |
| October 25 | Friday | 11:30 AM-2 PM 5-8 PM | Express Lunch Family Dinner* - Taco Buffet |
| October 26 | Saturday | 11 AM-2 PM | Post Workout Lunch Babysitting available 9 AM-2 PM |

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

Watch your Friday Blast and *Topics* magazine for upcoming Tavern events!

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A Busy Month!

Wow, has it been a crazy month! The Welcome Back Party was a hit and the Prospective Member Open House also went well. As for the rest of the month of September, we opened up the Sports Grill & Tavern throughout the week for dinner. We also said our final farewells to squash pro John Seidel, though you may see him throughout the Club or at some Toledo Club events.



Your catering team was busy with two successful weddings as well as participating in the "I Do" fall bridal show at the Pinnacle. Finally, to end the month, the catering office hosted their own Wedding Open House for brides to come and tour The Toledo Club with family members who may not have been at the bridal show.

Coming up in the month of October: If you are interested in some glowing fun, bring your glow sticks and drop by the Tavern on the

October 10 for a fun and festive **Glow Party**. Toledo Club members also are invited to come to the Club on **October 19, the night of the Zombie Crawl**. Park and enjoy a drink and a great meal, then check out the festivities happening down the block. I hear it's a sight that'll give you quite a fright! The Toledo Club is also joining the scary scene with our own **Halloween party taking place on October 26**. Come and party the night away in your best costume. Finally, to wrap up the month, the Toledo Club's **Annual Meeting** will be taking place at 5:30 PM October 28 in the Red Room. The catering office hopes to see our members participating in all the upcoming events.

As a reminder, **don't forget to make your reservations** for any Club event you come to. It helps our staff to it make an eventful and memorable night for everyone.



Your Catering Team



First Tuesday

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TC FAMILY focus.



Friday nights! It's hard to believe that the kids have been back in school for almost one month! It's time to start thinking about football, evenings by the firepit, and s'mores. The Club is back in full force with something for everyone. Friday nights bring back the Friday Night Family Buffet in the Tavern. Where else can you get a buffet for \$9.99? The Tavern opens at 5 PM which is plenty of time to eat and then cheer on your favorite hometown football team.



Pool Party Time on Saturday, October 12 from 12 noon to 2 PM. Bring your family down to the pool!

The kids' Halloween party will be back on Wednesday, October 23 from 5:30–7:30 PM. What better way to celebrate than with a kid-friendly buffet in the Centennial Room, kids' activities and cookie decorating? Bring something to collect your goodies in as the kids walk through the Club. All five floors will be passing out candy and treats.



Babysitting is back on Saturdays from 9 AM until 2 PM and on Third Thursdays from 5 PM until 9 PM.

Kids' Movie Night in October on the **second Thursday the 10th** instead of the usual Third Thursday, so, as always, let the kids come in their comfy clothes and relax watching the movie and eating popcorn. This month's movie will be *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial*.

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OCTOBER Member News

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Craig Findley

Toledo Club member **Craig Findley** has announced that he and his team have partnered with Dynasty Financial Partners to form an independent wealth management firm called Venture Visionary Partners. In addition, the firm has selected Schwab Advisor Services to provide custodial support and services. Located on Monroe Street in Sylvania, Ohio, Venture Visionary Partners has a staff of 11 professionals and \$1.5 billion in client assets.

Formerly a managing director of the Touchstone Wealth Partners group at UBS, Craig was recognized as a Barron's Top 1200 Financial Advisor for 10 years, the Forbes Best in State Wealth Advisors List for 2018 and 2019, as well as the 2019 Financial Times Top 400 Financial Advisors List.

NEW MEMBERS

James Bailey Matt Karaffa
Andy Ranazzi

IN MEMORIAM

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

Herma T. (Coffey) Green

Herma Green, mother of Toledo Club member Marianne Ballas, passed away September 6 at Kingston Place in Marion, Ohio. She is survived by Marianne, sons Joseph H. Green, and Jeffery Green, 6 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.



Mark your calendar now to attend **the Club's Annual Meeting on Monday October 28**, at 5:30 PM in The Red Room. It's a great opportunity to celebrate the election of Greg Wagoner, the incoming president of our Board of Directors.

The Toledo Club topics

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Social/Entertainment Committee
(First Tuesday) October 1 • 5:30 PM
Chelsea Room

Food and Beverage Committee
(First Thursday) October 3 • Noon
Chelsea Room

Squash Committee
(Second Tuesday) October 8 • 7:30 AM
Georgian Room

House Committee
(Second Tuesday) October 8 • 4 PM
Georgian Room

Membership Committee
(Second Tuesday) October 8 • 4:30 PM
Board Room

Athletic Committee
(Second Wednesday) October 9 • Noon
Conservatory Room

Sports Grill & Tavern Committee
(Third Thursday) October 17 • 5:30 PM
Sports Grill & Tavern

Family Committee
(Third Thursday) October 17 • 6 PM
Sports Grill & Tavern

Finance Committee
(Special date): October 21 • 4 PM
Board Room

Board Meeting
(Fourth Tuesday): October 22 • 4 PM
Board Room

Marketing Committee
(Last Tuesday) October 29 • 11:30 AM
Georgian Room

Topics Committee
(Last Tuesday) October 29 • 12:30 PM
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