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JOINING TOGETHER — FOR — JAZZ

Two Toledo Music Directors
Plan a Noteworthy Collaboration

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ON THE COVER: TSO Music Director Alain Trudel and

Toledo Jazz Orchestra Artistic Director Ron Kischuk, both

Toledo Club members, were photographed in the Red Room

by Shena Kaye.

MARCH CLUB Events



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Banish the winter blues and join your TC friends at the Club. As you can see below, there are many and varied events to attend in March.

SUNDAY

1 Sunday Funday: Pool Party

Enjoy some family fun in the pool, and take advantage of the brunch in the Tavern from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM.

TUESDAY

3 First Tuesday Dinner in the FDR—Mardi Gras!

6 PM | Help celebrate the beginning of Lent and taste the flavor of New Orleans.



THURSDAY

5 Ben DeLong at the Piano

FRIDAY

6 Prime Rib Dinner in the FDR Family Night in the Tavern

SATURDAY

7 Stock Your Wine Cellar—Red Room

4–7 PM | \$20.00 | Wine Tasting by Heidelberg Distributing
Do you need wine? Come to the Red Room and view the great selections. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served.

WEDNESDAY 11



Beer Dinner

\$45.00 per person | Beers by Earnest Brew Works—the same brewery that produces The Toledo Club's exclusive Draconian Ale and 1889 IPA! Chef Sean and team are putting together a five-course dinner including dessert. Reservations required.

THURSDAY 12

Ladies Lunch

FRIDAY

13 through SUNDAY 15 Squash Classic

Watch three days of exciting squash play.

FRIDAY

13 Family Night in the Tavern

SATURDAY 14

Kids St. Patrick's Day Party and Scavenger Hunt

Bring your kids to the Club to hunt for Lucky's "gold" and celebrate this Irish holiday.

Spring Fling (see page 32)

9 PM–1 AM | \$10 Dance to the music of Distant Cousinz. Bring all your friends and come in your best island clothes to banish the winter blues.



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."



SUNDAY 15 Casual Brunch Buffet (all members welcome)
 10 AM–2 PM | Adults: \$20 | Children under 12: \$13
 Make reservations for a very informal buffet in the FDR. Squash players will be in their athletic gear, so no need to dress up.

MONDAY 16 ZIPZ Dinner / Menu by Chef Sean (see page 20)
 6 PM | Chef Sean will be setting out a traditional St. Patrick's Day Eve dinner, ZIPZ-style!

TUESDAY 17



St. Patrick's Day Jiggs Dinner Specials in the Tavern

Another opportunity to celebrate the Wearing of the Green at the Club's traditional Jiggs Dinner of corned beef, cabbage and all the trimmings.

THURSDAY 19 Third Thursday in the Tavern / New Member Meet & Greet

6 PM | Come prepared for another great night of casual eats and stellar beverages in the Tavern. Babysitting available.

Kids Movie Night

Get your kids settled in with their popcorn for *Zootopia*.

Members' Jam (see page 29)

6–9 PM | Always a crowd pleaser, our members show off their musical skills in the Red Room. The price is right—free!

FRIDAY 20 Steak Dinner for Two in the FDR
Family Night in the Tavern

THURSDAY 26 Jazz in the Red Room: Lori Lefevre (see page 30)

6–8:30 PM | The Club's Red Room is the perfect venue for jazz, and Lori Lefevre will be singing all the classics. It's another "price is right" event—there's no cover charge. Open to the public.



Wine & Dine Special in the FDR

FRIDAY 27 Wine Sale Table in the FDR (see page 21)

Acoustic Night / Burger Buffet in the Tavern (see page 24)

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

EVENT Reservations

You can make your dining and event reservations several ways. The easiest way is to use the Club's mobile app — just bring up the Events calendar and find your desired event to register. You can also access the Events calendar from the Club's website (tolodoclub.org). Or you can call the Club's reservation line, 419-243-2200.

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MARCH Anniversaries

Edward S. Kraemer	1970 / 50 years	Douglas E. Kearns	1987 / 33 years
Patrick R. Hylant, Sr.	1971 / 49 years	Harley J. Kripke	1988 / 32 years
William F. Buckley	1975 / 45 years	Douglas J. Andrews	1990 / 30 years
John N. MacKay	1977 / 43 years	Gary J. Blair	1991 / 29 years
Peter P. Poll	1977 / 43 years	Josephine A. Minogue	1993 / 27 years
Joyce P. Shawaker	1977 / 43 years	Timothy F. Smith	1993 / 27 years
Dale J. Seymour	1981 / 39 years	Timothy Mathews	1994 / 26 years
Cormac B. DeLaney	1982 / 38 years	John W. Longthorne	1995 / 25 years
James E. Walter	1985 / 35 years	Julia A. Mahoney	1995 / 25 years

IN Memoriam

Our heartfelt condolences to the families of the following Toledo Club members that we lost in January:

Mary Bevington	January 1, 2020
Margaret "Peggy" Werner	January 3, 2020
Shirley Levy	January 23, 2020
Fred Okun	January 28, 2020

MEMBERS' Comments

52

MEMBER COMMENT
CARDS RECEIVED /
JANUARY 1-31

87%

"EXCELLENT"
COMMENTS
RECEIVED

*Great service!
Great food!
The Toledo
Club at its
best! Brittany
was very
professional.*

Joe

One of our best dinners at the Club.

Richard

Thank you!
Amazing
service!
Great food!

Joshua

*Shirley greeted
us warmly as usual,
Sondria was
most attentive,
very knowledgeable.
Enjoyed the evening.
The entire staff was
great. Sky was lovely.*

Juanita

*Very helpful and
understanding staff.*

Jim

Danyelle was
superb—loved
having her!

Geneva

*Very efficient on a
tight schedule.*

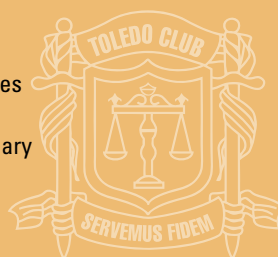
Jim

Excellent
service with
a smile.

S. Dean

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.



THE 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.

Manager's MESSAGE

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What a Proud Moment!

A few weeks ago, I had a proud moment for the staff, committee members, Board of Directors and numerous Toledo Club members that are committed and passionate about the Club. A guest of a member approached me unsolicited at the Ramona Collins Jazz Night to tell me how impressed she was with The Toledo Club. She mentioned how vibrant the Club appeared to her and how many cool events were on the calendar. She also continued to tell me the Club is becoming the talk of the town with all the new members that have joined and how our dining, squash, fitness, and yoga programs are so successful. I can tell you I was flying high that night after hearing that, and because we also had nearly 100 people jammed into the Red Room for Jazz Night. What a proud moment!

It's been over a year now that I have had the privilege of being the General Manager of this historic Club and I can tell you my energy and excitement for the future remains high. I do realize it will continue to take a "village" approach to keep the Club moving in the right direction, and that communication will also play a vital role. The staff and I remain committed to focusing on providing effective communications to the membership on all activities at the Club, and to encourage participation. To be effective we need your help. Please make sure you are signed up for or visit the following:

- **Toledo Club mobile app**—Sign up for The Toledo Club's mobile app at your Apple or Android app store. It's a great way to access the mobile version of the Club's website and sign up quickly for upcoming events.
- **Text updates**—If you want a quick save-the-date or last-minute reminder of the events going on at the Club, make sure you are signed up for texting. Just email Dawn Miller, Executive Assistant, or myself, and we will make that happen.
- **Social media**—With the help of Danny Woodcock and staff, we post upcoming and recent events at The Toledo Club on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. To help spread the word on how great it is to be a part of The Toledo Club, please like and share whenever possible.
- **Email updates**—On Fridays we highlight five of our upcoming events. On Mondays we send out a more detailed list of upcoming events.
- **Visit the Club's website**—www.toledoclub.org.

Please help us keep moving the Club in the right direction by sharing it with your friends and inviting them to become a member. Also encourage your family, friends or organization to host a meeting, special event or celebration at the Club. It takes a village and we appreciate all your support.

Lastly, a big thank you to Devon Layman, former banquet and catering manager here at The Toledo Club. Devon accepted and started her new position as director of catering and events at Orchard Lake Country Club in Orchard Lake, Michigan. She has been a great teammate and worked hard here at The Toledo Club to plan, coordinate and execute many successful events. Thank you, Devon, for all your countless hours and dedication to the Club.

As always, I encourage and welcome any comments or suggestions you may have, and I look forward to seeing you around the Club.

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

President's MESSAGE

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Fellow Members,

February was another busy month at the Club. Chef Sean prepared a fantastic meal for the Wild Game dinner and attendance was up significantly. As always, Dave Quinn and the rest of the committee did a great job making it a special evening.

Boxing Night was also a smash hit. The event was sold out and it was great to have so much positive energy in the building. Nick Stack and the rest of the committee did a wonderful job building on last year's success.

I really want to thank Cindy Niggemyer and the entire Social Committee for their hard work. The Club's social calendar is as busy as it has been in years, and that is a real testament to their tireless efforts.

Overall, the Club has added almost 120 members in the last few months, and membership inquiries remain robust. We fully expect these trends to continue. Please make sure to spread the word to your friends, families and colleagues about all the positive momentum at the Club. The positive membership trends have also resulted in increased utilization of the food and beverage areas. I strongly encourage all of you to take advantage of the food offerings at the Club. Chef Sean and his staff have developed the best and most diverse culinary offerings in the city.

Our Athletic Department is also thriving. Eddie Charlton has the squash program enjoying record participation and the yoga program is becoming a real fixture at the Club.

March will be just as exciting, with Eddie Charlton's first Squash Classic. Don't forget to make your reservation for the Spring Fling—it should be one of the best events of the year. Also in March is First Tuesday and a ZIPZ Dinner (Chef Sean plans the menu for that one), so make your reservation to assure space is available. The Tavern will also be jammed on St. Patrick's Day, so make sure to put your green on and get down to the Club.

Overall, the Board remains very encouraged with the Club's positive trajectory, but for the growth to be sustainable, we need to continue to grow the membership and increase utilization. I really think we have the correct recipe for success and strongly encourage you to take advantage of all the Club's offerings.

See you at the Club,

Greg Wagoner, President



Joining Together

Two Toledo Club members and reknowned area music directors sit down at the Club to plan a noteworthy collaboration.

By John Fedderke | Photos by Shena Kaye (except where indicated)

On a snowy Saturday night in January, both the Toledo Symphony and the Toledo Jazz Orchestra were in performance. That afternoon, I waited in the Red Room to meet up with two men whose credentials are almost identical. They would each be conducting their orchestras that evening. They are among the best trombone players in the world. They are both Toledo Club members. They were coming to plan a unique concert in March where they would combine all their talents and similarities into one night of jazz.

Yes, Alain Trudel and Ron Kischuk will be on stage together, melding their trombones for your enjoyment.

You can experience their collaboration with the powerful Toledo Jazz Orchestra in a concert called "Jazz Meets the Symphony." The concert will be at 8 PM on March 6 at the Franciscan Center at Lourdes University.

Alain Trudel is a world-renowned trombone soloist who performs equally well in classical and jazz settings. Likewise, Ron Kischuk is expert in both genres.

"There is a misconception that the worlds of jazz and classical don't overlap," Kischuk remarked. "This concert is a chance for the community to see how the two worlds don't just coexist but can thrive together. I've been a fan of Alain's for years, so it's a thrill for me to play with him, and I believe it will be a thrill for the orchestra and audience as well."

The trombonists will be alternating feature numbers with the big band along with a smaller group performing arrangements of the famous J & K Quintet (trombonists J.J. Johnson and Kai Winding) of the 1950s, one of which has been arranged for full big band.

Also featured that evening will be "Flight of the Bumblebee," "Shining Hour," "Emily," "Too Little Time," and the Kai Winding original composition and arrangement, "Danish Blue."

In the Red Room, we listened to an astonishing big band recording of "Flight of the Bumblebee" and towards the end, Trudel picked up his trombone and spontaneously played along. Both trombonists loved the jazz version, with Trudel remarking that he plays the classical version all the time, but in a different key. The notes move so fast that it is hard to imagine such virtuosity on a slide instrument in *any* key.



Toledo Jazz Orchestra saxophonist and arranger, Russ Miller, is writing a new big band arrangement of Leroy Anderson's "Bugler's Holiday" to feature Alain and Ron along with TJO lead trombonist Scott Rogers.

Also programmed are several six-trombone ensemble pieces including "Round Midnight" from Slide Hampton's "World of Trombones," plus the John Clayton arrangement of "Sunny Side of the Street."

"Everybody gets a bit of love here and there, and then we'll play together," Trudel remarked as the discussion went on about the program.

But the talking had to end because both musicians were eager to pick up their 'bones and play the blues. What followed was the best of jazz as two talents merged in the moment, trading choruses, playing harmony and backing each other up in a sparkling spontaneous musical conversation. Two of a mind in action.

"I consider myself one of Alain Trudel's biggest fans," says Toledo Symphony President and CEO Zak Vassar. "I first came to know Alain as a truly superb conductor. Since then, I've also come to admire his solid footing in jazz. The Symphony did an all-jazz concert last March, which featured Alain as a jazz soloist. As the concert began, I recognized a wholly separate part of Alain's musicianship. His performance was incredible by all measures, and he truly has the chops of a respected and vital jazz man. I really hope that Alain's appearance with Ron Kischuk and the TJO will give more people a chance to hear Alain in a new light. The concert also underscores his commitment to his inherited city of Toledo and its musical community, for Alain is a man who wants all of the performing arts to shine!"

Having enjoyed the privilege of hearing these two masters together, I personally can't wait for the moment they step out of the Red Room and onto the stage at the Franciscan Center backed by the Toledo Jazz Orchestra. Ron and Alain will make beautiful music together and I am sure that Toledo Club members will be proud of the bond we all share, as well as the depth of talent and leadership to be found in our roster.

for JAZZ



Meet Alain Trudel



Alain Trudel is effervescent. His energy and enthusiasm fill any space he is in. Once, as I waited at lunchtime to meet with him in The Toledo Club's Founders Dining Room, he stopped at each table and spoke to everyone as if they were long-lost friends.

Speaking with him, I tried to pare down his love of music to five minutes, which was quite a task. This was not made easier by the fact that he loves jazz as much as classical, so he has one foot rooted in each genre.

Oh yes, one of the world's pre-eminent trombone players started out wanting to play the drums. Quite by accident, he was handed a valve trombone at age 12 when he joined a neighborhood band. He landed at 16th out of 16 trombone players. Good thing they didn't have 76 trombone players in that band!

Just two years later, Alain auditioned for the Conservatory of Montreal and took 4th place. Happily, numbers one and two decided not to attend, so he made the cut.

By age 16, Alain played with the Montreal Symphony Orchestra for the first time and leapt onto the international stage as the principal trombone with the Barcelona Symphony Orchestra at 18.

According to the Canadian Encyclopedia, Trudel is "widely considered the best trombonist in the world." Yamaha has designed a trombone mouthpiece to his specifications. As a soloist, he has performed with more than 20 orchestras in America and Europe. Happily, classical music wasn't quite enough for such a prodigy.

At age 20 he turned to jazz and played with a quartet named Bellows and Brass. He also played with a group dedicated to 19th century band music. Those who heard Alain perform jazz classics with the Toledo Symphony Orchestra last March experienced a masterful and moving evening.

Which brings us to the music that lured Alain back to the classics. It has it all—excitement, sorrow, aspiration and depression, all wrapped up in one piece.

The album is the Philadelphia Orchestra's performance of Shostakovich's "1st Cello Concerto" featuring Mstislav Rostropovich.

In the playing of the cello, with all its emotion, Alain said he instantly reconciled the freedom and emotion of jazz with the possibilities of classical music. He said that he would never see performing classical music as business as usual.

“ I don't care if you miss a note once in a while as long as you feel the emotion. If musicians don't take a chance, if they just play not to make mistakes, the music will not be interesting. ”

—Alain Trudel



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as two talents
merged in the moment,
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other up in a
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musical conversation.*

Rather, he sees each performance as an opportunity to be excellent by feeling the emotion in the music while being free from fears of making a mistake or miscue.

This liberating attitude extends to every member of the orchestra he now conducts.

He says emphatically, "I don't care if you miss a note once in a while as long as you feel the emotion." He firmly believes that if musicians don't take a chance, if they just play not to make mistakes, the music will not be interesting.

You may be wondering what Alain's favorite jazz might be. As a virtuoso jazz trombonist, I expected him to have a favorite moment featuring that instrument, maybe even a recording by Ron Kischuk. But no.

His favorite jazz moment is by tenor saxophonist John Coltrane. Such a lovely piece, "Naima," on Coltrane's 1959 album *Giant Steps*, again spotlights Alain's love of emotion in music. You should listen to it to feel for yourself the liberating freedom and beauty in this iconic performance on one of the greatest jazz albums of all time.

I hope everyone who reads this will have the opportunity, as I did, to sit down with Alain Trudel. You will see opportunities expand in your own life with his optimism and openness to free expression. I can only envy the musicians who work and perform with him.



Photo courtesy of the Toledo Jazz Orchestra

Ron Kischuk is shown conducting the Toledo Jazz Orchestra, for which he has served as artistic director for the past 10 years.

Meet Ron Kischuk

Ron Kischuk is completing his tenth season as artistic director of the Toledo Jazz Orchestra. He is a popular emcee for TJO concerts. He also is the leader of The Masters of Music Big Band, The Tartarsauce Traditional Jazz Band, and is the owner of Brassworks Entertainment in Detroit and The Masters Of Music Conservatory in Royal Oak. In 2016 he was selected for the second time as artistic director of the Birmingham Community House Jazz Series.

A member of the adjunct faculty of Wayne State University, Ron enjoys teaching classical and jazz trombone and trumpet, as well as the history of rock and roll. No stranger to classical music, he has been a featured soloist with The Detroit Symphony Orchestra and has performed with the orchestra as principal or assistant principal trombonist.

Ron is presently the principal trombonist of the Rochester Symphony Orchestra. He is lead trombonist for the Fox Theater in Detroit and Andiamo's Celebrity Showroom in Warren. His Masters of Music Big Band has backed up Johnny Mathis, Hal Linden, The Temptations, Natalie Cole, Gladys Knight, Rosemary Clooney, Wayne Newton, The Rat Pack and Regis Philbin among others.

Since 1980, the Toledo Jazz Orchestra has worked with dozens of industry legends, including Dizzy Gillespie, Joe Williams, Clark Terry, and Zoot Sims. The group also performs the works of the major big bands from the past eight decades, along with arrangements commissioned specifically for the orchestra. The Toledo Jazz Orchestra has two albums to its credit, *Groovin'* and *Out of Nowhere*. 



Tickets for the March 6 concert can be ordered online at toledojazz.org or by calling 419-242-2787. With a Friday 8 PM curtain time, the timing is perfect to get some friends together for an early dinner in the FDR or Tavern, and then head to Sylvania for the concert at the Franciscan Center at Lourdes University.

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—Ron Kischuk



World O' Whiskey

JANUARY 22, 2020 / PHOTOS BY SHENA KAYE





Charissa Marconi

Pool Reminder: We ask that there are no glass containers in the pool or on the pool deck. We appreciate your cooperation as we want our members to stay safe and there is a cost and time associated with shutting the pool down to clean up any broken glass.

We also ask for cooperation when the pool is closed for a private party or Masters Swim class. Masters Swim is every Thursday, 5:15–6 PM.

Lady's Locker Room Laundry Service

Laundry service has begun; let me know if you would like this service. Please sign up for it by signing a form that I have up in the locker room. You will put your dirty athletic clothing in the towel bin. The clothes will be washed and dried with the white towels and hung in the locker room on the coat rack.

The Club is not responsible for shrinkage, discoloration or damage to your clothing.

Athletic Department Hours Change April 1

MONDAY–THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY–SUNDAY
5 AM–8 PM	5 AM–7 PM	8 AM–7 PM

Maintain Don't Gain Holiday Motivator

We had a total of 18 people participating in the Maintain Don't Gain Challenge. These people were Karen Weidner, Mary Jo Clark, Christian Piazza, Jeff Levesque, Dave Karmol, John Gallagher, Matt Marshal, Patti Gallagher, Jim Burnor, Jude Aubry, Bob Finkel, Pam Davis, Tim Martindale, David Bingham, Greg Emmert, Daniel Woodcock, Connie Barron-Smith, and Bill Davis. Everyone that participated decided to take a step to better their health and that is an accomplishment in itself! It was a close competition, but **Tim Martindale** was the winner of the challenge with a total of 265 points! Thank you to everyone who participated. Mr. Martindale received a gift card to Dave's Running Shop.

March Madness is BACK! March 16–27; Final Four March 30–April 3

Join in the camaraderie of this team competition as you challenge your skills in a game of hoops!

Sign up in teams of four or we can assign you a team. For every 10 minutes of working out (fitness center, squash, swim, track, running from the Club), you will receive one shot at the basketball hoop. Maximum of two hours a day of workout counts. The four teams with the most points at the end of March 30 compete in the Final Four. The team with the most points at the end of Friday, April 3, wins!

INDOOR TRIATHLON

The athletic committee put on another great triathlon. The athletes ran, biked and swam all right here at the Club and then gathered for awards and lunch in the Tavern. Thank you to **Melissa Shaner** who put in a lot of time to make this unique event happen. Melissa is also our Masters Coach and has a keen attention to detail. Thank you to our sponsors **Cyclewerks, Dave's Running, Valle Homes, Pita Pit, The Berman Building Company, The Winovich Family, and Kathy Mikolajczak**. Thank you to all our athletes who had a lot of fun while getting in a great workout. Thank you to our volunteers: **Jeff Levesque, Kathy Mikolajczak, Kristi Shaner, and Libby McClelland**. Thank you to **Ruben Kappler** from *Toledo.com* who photographed the event.

The Results:

Individual Male: Jonathan Hoag, owner of Cyclewerks and Tri Sponsor, won and forfeited his win to **Nick Huckaby**. **Rich Effler** came in second followed by **Nick Stack** in third place. **Individual Female:** **Alicia Huckaby** came in first, followed by **Leslie Kruzel** in second and then **Ally Effler** in third. **Teams:** **Team Berman**—Todd Berman, Todd Hoyt, and Steve Bogart tied with **Team Levesque**—Jeff Levesque, Sydney Schmitt, and Sara Haynes.

Thank you to all who "tri"ed! See you in 2021!



Indoor Triathlon participants included: (left) Ben Olin and eventual winner Nick Huckaby; (below left) Rich Effler; (below right) Jennifer Beale and Cyclewerks sponsor Jonathan Hoag





by Rich Effler

2020 is off to a great start!

The league continues to be a hive of energy with players starting to think about their season record. We have a good number of players who haven't lost a match yet and a handful of juniors who have been impressing in a variety

of tiers. Ethan and Gavin Mack have made tremendous improvements and Christian Berling and Max Kouba are mounting a campaign to be contenders for a tier 2 place. The standout adults thus far are Drew Snell, Nick Huckaby, Andrew Schaeztko, Tyler Carmony and Laurie Leslie, who are all unbeaten as I write this.

The box league was launched to encourage more match play for newcomers as well as for people not participating in the winter league. It is aimed at providing more match play and integration among the squash section. To sign up, please speak to Eddie.

Junior Squash Update

Junior Squash at the Club has continued to grow. In the first half we had over 40 kids attend our classes, which take place on a Thursday evening and Saturday morning for children between 3 and 18 years old. The sessions have been a lot of fun and some real improvement has been made.

Due to the success of the junior squash program and with the regular season almost over we will also be offering summer squash camps for children of all ages and abilities. The exact dates will be confirmed shortly, so keep a lookout for flyers around the Club. Please see Eddie for more information on junior squash.

Events Calendar

Please keep the following key dates for 2020 on your calendar. We will continue to update you as the season continues.

- **TOLEDO SQUASH CLASSIC 2020**
Friday, March 13–Sunday, March 15
- **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS AND AWARDS NIGHT**
Thursday, April 30
- **JUNIOR SUMMER SQUASH CAMPS**
Dates TBD

Cheers, and see you on the court!

Toledo Club Squash Committee

Rich Effler, Chairman

Eddie Charlton, Squash Director

THE GLASS CITY TEAM CHARITY CHALLENGE



A new event to the squash calendar this year was the Glass City Team Charity Challenge, a three-person team event with a twist. The combined total of each player in the team's tier must equal 20 or more. The event took place on Friday, January 3 and Saturday, February 1, and featured 12 teams of three. The final came down to the number one seeds— team 'Eff It' up against 'First Registrants.' Sarah Berling and Matt Karaffa were first up, a daunting task for Matt against this fast improving 11-year-old. This match went the distance with Karaffa coming through a tight third game to put the First Registrants ahead. Rich Effler steadied the ship for his team with a solid victory against Chad Bolles in two straight games, which left the match tied. Dave Shock and Ally Effler were left to decide which team would come out victorious. Both players showed great speed to cover all areas of the court. Ally had already had two epic three-game battles and was sure to be feeling the effects of those a little. Dave is in his first year of playing and with the pressure on him to close it out for the team, he remained calm and found all four corners time and time again. The First Registrants came out victorious and chose to donate this year's proceeds to Family House Charity. A fun weekend was had by all, and this event has whet the appetite of our squash section for what will be another epic Toledo Squash Classic coming up March 13–15, with the infamous Spring Fling on the Saturday night. If you are interested in participating in this year's Classic, or would like to be a sponsor of the event, please get in touch with Eddie.

(Left) The victorious team First Registrants: Matt Karaffa, Chad Bolles and Dave Shock. (Below left) The Team Charity Challenge participants.



(Above) Team Over-Served: Amy Shock, Mike Noble and Danny Woodcock

Squash Epic 2020

A four-day, four-city, 1,300-mile whirlwind squash road trip.

BY NICK STACK | PHOTOS PROVIDED BY THE AUTHOR

Like so many brilliant moments, the idea for a 1,300-mile squash road trip was born late on Third Thursday after one (or more) Toledo Club pours. Fortunately, this idea stuck, and on a Wednesday afternoon in January, John Skeldon, Eric Croak, and I began our squash journey.

First stop | The Athletic Club of Columbus - 142 miles (after rescuing Skeldon from a sketchy Hertz shack in downtown Columbus): Our host had a familiar face—an Effler face (Andy, to be specific). The myths are true. The ACC's courts are as long, narrow, and yellow as they say (trust me, we should all feel lucky on our courts). The post-squash bourbon and beer, though, were second the none.

Second stop | The Commonwealth Club of Richmond - 478 miles: We met T.J. Simyak—another familiar face and annual Toledo Squash Classic participant—in Richmond, Virginia. After a few rounds on the CC's international courts, we enjoyed a few more rounds in the CC's tavern (where the cigar policy was “Do what Goetzky would do.” (So, of course, we did). Before departing Richmond, we managed to sneak into the state legislature for a self-guided tour and to critique the newly seated House of Delegates.

Third stop | Squash on Fire, Washington, D.C. - 107 miles: On Friday, we cruised up to D.C. to play the fabled Squash on Fire—a squash mecca built on top of one of the District's active fire stations. The place had everything: glass courts, live streams, fully stocked bar, and even an Egyptian squash pro (who regaled us with several tournament stories featuring our own Emma). Thanks to those of you who followed (or heckled) on the livestream!

Fourth stop | Franklin & Marshall College, Lancaster, PA - 121 miles: Somehow, we managed to shake off the night's festivities and headed north to catch our own Audrey Berling and her F&M Diplomats crush the visiting squashers from St. Lawrence. After her match, Audrey was kind enough to put us through our paces on the courts and, following a nice dinner, our tour wound down. Our arrival at F&M was a pure surprise for Aud and the highlight of our F&M experience was, by far, seeing her reaction.

Finally... after a leisurely Sunday drive (462 miles), we found ourselves safely back on 14th Street. We certainly have a new appreciation for squash travel—an important part of the larger squash community. So, keep an eye out for your opportunity to participate in Squash Epic 2021! 🍷

Be sure to catch all the action at the Toledo Squash Classic March 13–15 | Toledo Club Squash Courts

The Athletic Club of Columbus



▲ Squash Epic 2020 road trip participants (from left): Eric Croak, Nick Stack and John Skeldon

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 Wednesdays Noon Saturdays 10 AM

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Yoga isn't just about touching your toes.

The second Sutra in "The Yoga Sutras of Patanjali" (which is the guide to the practice of Yoga) states: The restraint of the modifications of the mind-stuff is Yoga.

What does this mean? It means, we are trying to control the fluctuations of our consciousness. There are many types of content that fill our consciousness—our direct perception of an object or person, a thought or a memory, a feeling, even a dream.

As we challenge ourselves with the physical poses, we will work the negative fluctuations we have about ourselves and our Yoga practice: I'm not good enough. I'm not flexible. I'm too tall. I'm too big. I'm doing this wrong.

As we continue our practice, we start to shine light on these fluctuations and realize much of what we think is simply not true.

The good news? We will spend our entire lives working to restrain the monkey mind as it swings from branch to branch, from thought to thought.

The most important part, is showing up. Being a part of a bigger community, where you know everyone is dealing with something and we're all just trying to calm the monkey mind, is incredibly calming and comforting.

Maybe right now you're thinking, "I'd really like to learn more about this mind-stuff and the philosophy of Yoga?"

I am excited to share that I will be adding a limited number of one-on-one private lessons throughout March exclusively to members. Email me at malena@toledoasanaroom.com to discuss scheduling and pricing.

In the meantime, I'll see you on the mat!

Namaste,

Malena



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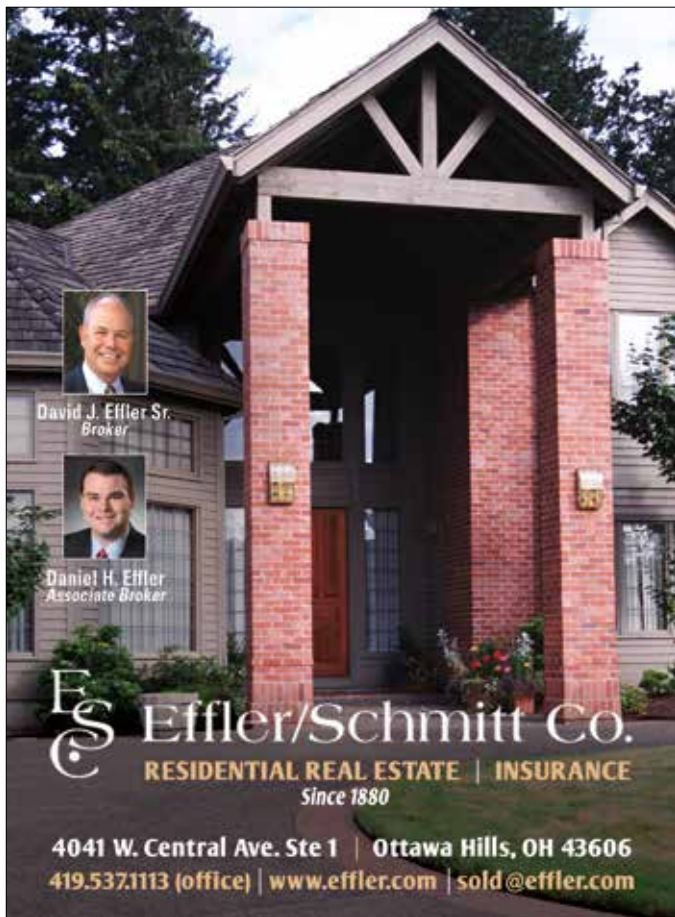
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Third Floor

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LUNCH

Monday–Friday*
11:30 AM – 2 PM

DINNER

Thursday and Friday*
5:30 – 8:30 PM

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

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(Casual attire)

DINNER

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

Thursday, Friday and Saturday
5:30–10 PM

Beverage Service until 11 PM

LUNCH

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

Saturday
11 AM–5:30 PM

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First Floor
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 SUNDAY FUNDAY: Pool Party / Buffet in the Tavern	2 DINNER IN THE TAVERN	3 DINNER IN THE TAVERN First Tuesday in the FDR	4 DINNER IN THE TAVERN	5 DINNER IN THE TAVERN Ben DeLong at the Piano	6 DINNER IN THE TAVERN Prime Rib Dinner in the FDR Family Night in the Tavern – Taco Buffet	7 DINNER IN THE TAVERN Babysitting 9 AM–2 PM Stock Your Wine Cellar–Red Room
8	9 DINNER IN THE TAVERN	10 DINNER IN THE TAVERN	11 DINNER IN THE TAVERN Beer Dinner	12 DINNER IN THE TAVERN Ladies Lunch Ben DeLong at the Piano	13 DINNER IN THE TAVERN Family Night in the Tavern – Burger Buffet SQUASH CLASSIC	14 DINNER IN THE TAVERN Babysitting 9 AM–2 PM Kids’ St. Patrick’s Day Party SQUASH CLASSIC / SPRING FLING
15 Casual Sunday Buffet SQUASH CLASSIC	16 DINNER IN THE TAVERN ZIPZ in the FDR: Chef Sean’s St. Patrick’s Day Dinner	17 DINNER IN THE TAVERN St. Patrick’s Day Jiggs Dinner	18 DINNER IN THE TAVERN	19 DINNER IN THE TAVERN Third Thursday / New Member Meet & Greet Kids Movie: Zootopia Members’ Jam	20 DINNER IN THE TAVERN Steak Dinner for Two in the FDR Family Night in the Tavern – Taco Buffet	21 DINNER IN THE TAVERN Babysitting 9 AM–2 PM
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29	30 DINNER IN THE TAVERN	31 DINNER IN THE TAVERN	1	2	3	4

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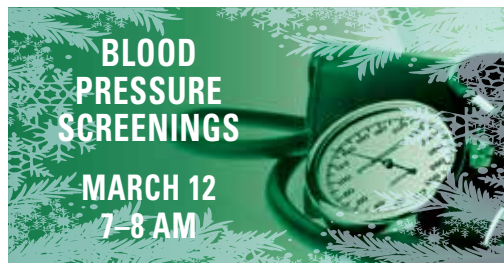


MARCH 2020 | Athletics & Events



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Aqua Aerobics 8:30 AM Spin Class 5:30 PM	3 Body Sculpt 9 AM Yoga with Malena 5:30 PM	4 Spin Class 6 AM / 5:30 PM Aqua Aerobics 8:30 AM Yoga with Malena Noon	5 Yoga with Malena 6 AM Body Sculpt 9 AM Masters Swim 5:15 PM	6 Spin Class 6 AM First Friday Breakfast 7:15 AM Aqua Aerobics 8:30 AM	7 Yoga with Malena 10 AM
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8 AM–7 PM

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Everyone's Talking

About March Dining!



"What? Did you say Aunt Viv fell on the ski hill? It's SOOOOO loud in here."

"No, no. I said I got a big dentist bill."

"Gee, the music is at rock-concert level: is that supposed to make us feel like we're having an exuberant experience?"

"Well, the acoustics are such that I hear everyone else, EXCEPT the people at OUR table."

This incident would NEVER, ever happen in our own FDR! One can actually converse at the table. Hmm, what a throwback that is! For dining time, the music level is pleasant, and **Thursday features LIVE music on the piano.** My, my...how relaxing and pleasant is that!

Chef Sean has made great effort to bring innovative, well-conceived, not contrived, plates to the fore. No reviews in *The Blade* as this is a PRIVATE club, not for the general populace. But now IF there were a review, it would undoubtedly be headlined "Superb, Sensuous and Satisfying!" or "Tempting, Tantalizing, and Tasty," bringing to mind a Valentine message (and certainly apt in describing the fare in the FDR). The portions are not skimpy, nor are the sides wimpy. "Gorgeous Setting, Beautiful Table Settings" could be a sub-heading. Indeed, where is another comparable space? "Gracious Service, Too" would merit a mention. Shirley is a very fine overseer!

Lamb chops are in high demand, and why not? It's so beautifully plated with dollops of pureed peas and the sweet potato hash is probably not found often in the home kitchen. The scallops are absolutely the best in town and the salmon deserves accolades. Feeling a light meal would suit? Salmon, chicken or shrimp can be added to any salad—perhaps the Greek or the roasted beet salad—for a satisfying treat. Sweet potato quinoa is great for the "veggie" folks. Heartier fare is the wonderful Gorgonzola filet, done to YOUR taste.

The **Steak for Two** is Chef's baby. This special cut and the prep, read my print, makes for a superb entrée.

Friday, March 20, is the date. HOWEVER, the order must be in by Tuesday noon. Enjoy, then write a review on the card.

The Ides of March may not have predicted well for poor Caesar, but do portend good happenings that week for the FDR. As always, It's a chock-full calendar ahead, including ZIPZ and Jazz Night (with its fabulous "Small

Bites" menu in the Red Room; try the octopus carpaccio or the St. Louis ribs—mmm, good!)

First Tuesday lives on with a large group attending in February: the hors d'oeuvres (gratis) were delish for cocktail (not gratis) time. One entrée was ahi tuna with sesame seeds, and IF this ever appears again, GO FOR IT. Do come on Tuesday,

March 3 (reservation, please), meet some fellow members and delight in one of Chef's three special entrees. The salad will be different and a dessert is included.

The **First Friday of the month (March 6) is once again Prime Rib night** and devotees dote on it. There is room for more attendees in the Most Beautiful Dining Room in Toledo. Try it, you'll like—no, you'll love, it!! A bonus can be table-hopping with a bit of meet and greet.

On Jazz Night, the 26th, Wine and Dine in the FDR is offered which, of course, can be a treat either before or after stopping in the Red Room. There is a set menu of three different entrees plus a delightful wine. Fantastic way to wave goodbye to the month of March!

Perch sandwich for lunch? Join the crowd! However, the ham and grilled Brie is sooo tasty, as is the turkey-bacon wrap—and easy to eat. BLT is popular also. The fries are REALLY good; just balance with a fruit cup or cole slaw to feel in tune with that healthful lifestyle.

SMILE—you are a member of The Toledo Club, heading for culinary treats that EVERYONE is talking about. 🍷



Wine and Dine



Steak for Two



Jiggs Dinner

..... ZIP! MONDAY, MARCH 16

Here's a great chance to get ahead on a St. Patrick's Day Celebration, that day when all suddenly show a bit of Irish DNA.

A buffet JIGGS dinner will be featured! Corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots; one's mouth waters at the thought! Irish beers, too. Circle that DATE!

..... Tavern Tastings

Yo, ho, ho and a bottle of rum! The Tavern offers some very **fine liquors and very tasty foodstuffs!** French onion soup, ribs, pizza, bang bang shrimp, burgers built YOUR way, mussels, downtowner salad, three tacos; great choices await. Plus just a bit of socializing occasionally happens also.

And have you tried the **Thursday and Friday Express Lunch Buffet?** Why not? This array is a varied and healthy Fast Lunch—and includes a soft drink.

The **Squash Classic Weekend (March 13–15)** will be sure to dominate those environs—and they will most certainly have a grand repeat!

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Good Old *Burgundy*

France makes the greatest red wines in the world. Most of these come from Bordeaux, where the estates are quite large and

ownership of the estates only occasionally changes. Some estates make 10,000, 20,000, or more bottles of wine per vintage. You pretty much know what you are buying when you purchase a bottle from one of the great chateaux. Conversely, the estates of Burgundy are quite small, and wine bottled under a vineyard name such as Pommard can be made by more than a dozen different growers in more than a dozen different small plots. To buy Bordeaux you buy the chateaux; to buy Burgundy you buy the grower.



Recently, while visiting the middle-aged wine guy, he showed me an old Burgundy from the mid 1970s from his cellar. I immediately thought of a dusty bin in my cellar that I have not looked at for perhaps twenty years. The label on the bin simply said "good old Burgundy." The grape of red Burgundy is Pinot Noir. This is not the easiest grape to work with, but when nature gives us the right amount of sunshine and rain and when the proprietor (wine maker) is a master, the wine can be as great as any red wine produced in Bordeaux or anyplace else.

After thinking about old Burgundy, I went down to the cellar, got rid of the dust and cobwebs, and brought up six bottles of old Burgundy, totally forgotten for the last decade and had the beautiful and talented wife photograph these bottles. The 1995 Vosne-Romanée is from an area that produces many of the glories of Burgundy. The shipper, when the wine was made, was

one of the young and best Burgundy wine makers. The 1969 Chambolle-Musigny once again comes from one of the great owners of Burgundy. Nineteen sixty-nine was a terrible year in Bordeaux but a great year in Burgundy. Over the years there has been some evaporation but with a little luck this wine will be great.

The 1961 Pommard comes from a vineyard in southern Burgundy. The vineyard is one of the two best in Pommard, and 1961, like 1969, was a knockout year in Burgundy. Note the Marine Corps Mess sticker on the label. The old wine guy was once a young wine guy and was the only doctor ever to become wine purchasing officer at the Marine Corps Base at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He has always felt that he has done his best for his country.

The Volnay Premier Cru (first growth) again was chosen both because of the excellent wine maker and the good year (1996). Echezeaux is a northern Burgundy wine noted more for its subtlety than for its power. The 1971 Mazys Chambertin is interesting because it was shipped and bottled by Alexis Lichane. In the 1970s he was America's greatest champion of French wine. He owned two vineyards in Bordeaux, both of which he modernized and produced excellent wine.

It's time to open all of these bottles. I would be happy with four great bottles and two disasters. But that's the beauty of drinking old Burgundy. It's either wine for the gods or good only for vinegar.

Old Burgundy is a gamble.

The Old Wine Guy



Wine Sale Table in the FDR | March 27

Hear Ye, Hear Ye! March 27 is THE day.

It's clean up and clear out the cellar day at the Club, and the results will be arrayed on the Bargain Table in the FDR. These specially discounted bottles may be stored in your bin, taken home or opened for dining that evening in the FDR.

—Karen Klein



Devon Layman

Thank you to everyone!

It has been wild ride here at The Toledo Club, and I want to thank every single one of you for making me feel welcome. I have worked here for over two-and-a-half years, and no day has ever been the same. I am excited but sad to inform you that I have accepted the director of catering position at Orchard Lake Country Club and will miss all of you. I truly would not have been able to accept the new position without all the great experiences that I have had here at the Club.

I will always love this Club and I hope to always see it flourish. Please remember that business referrals are important for the Club. Let friends and family know of all the great amenities that The Toledo Club offers. If they would be interested in hosting a party, let them know that you can sponsor their event at The Toledo Club. Putting on your events helps the catering office get to know you and what you like best.

Forever in my heart,

Devon

A Wedding Venue Like No Other!

By now, many people thinking about planning a wedding have most likely heard about Noah's Wedding Venue filing for bankruptcy and closing 10 of their 30 venues. I cannot even begin to imagine what the engaged couples are going through. Finding the right venue sets the tone for your entire event. Your venue will help you decide your theme, your guest list, your food, your beverage, your music, your DAY!

The Toledo Club is an established, premier wedding venue with over 100 years of experience. The ambience and beauty of the Club and the experience of the staff will give the bride-to-be a welcome breath of fresh air, letting her concentrate on everything else.



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We have contacts with many local florists, photographers, disc jockeys, bands, etc. and are always ready to make a recommendation. Need a place to stay the night after your exhilarating (and exhausting) wedding day? There's no better way to end your perfect day than simply going upstairs to your overnight accommodation, so your wedding at The Toledo Club includes an overnight stay in our bridal suite, located on the 5th floor. It offers a living area, two bathrooms, and a bedroom with a king-sized bed.

So, if you have family, friends or co-workers looking for a wedding venue, please mention The Toledo Club. We have a few Saturdays in 2020 available, and 2021 is already starting to book up. Member referrals like those below are the best compliments The Toledo Club can receive!

Your Catering Team

June 2019:

We had our son's wedding here over the weekend. I can't say enough on how absolutely beautiful the venue is. The employees and Devon, the wedding coordinator, were fabulous to work with. The food?!? Everyone raved. The Toledo Club is a gorgeous place and everyone there was exceptional to work with. Thank you so much again. — Sincerely, Dolly Taylor

October 2018:

We had our wedding at The Toledo Club in September 2018. It was an excellent experience, the coordinators were great as was the food, and everything went perfectly according to plan. Devon (the Club's coordinator), along with our hired wedding planner, made the experience as stress-free as possible. Absolutely beautiful building, and we would absolutely recommend booking your events here. — Ben Donovan



Is the brain feeling a bit stagnant, comparable to a piece of stale bread? Too immersed in work, workout and recuperation? A stretch and a bit of STIMULATION for that cerebral organ is the founder's premise for the International Torch Club. Topics for talks can be wide ranging, as are the members' interests and occupations. Thoughtful analysis mixed with curiosity keeps attendees' interest. The local chapter has been meeting monthly (September thru May) here at The Toledo Club since 1965!

A torch signifies light and, in consequence, truth. The inauguration of International Torch Clubs began in 1924 by a William Bullock in Minneapolis as he stated, "The objective is to be cultural and educational, to bring light and understanding on all vital subjects." Ever in the forefront of the advance of knowledge and widening their horizons, Toledoans chartered their club in 1927. There are now over 70 clubs in the USA and Canada, with about 2000 members. Two Toledoans, Dr. Glen Reams and R. Nelson Torbet served as International Torch Club presidents. A quarterly magazine is published, consisting of papers submitted after careful "expert" review.

The ambiance of the Corinthian Room encourages mingling at cocktail time and during a served dinner. Usually the speaker is a fellow

THE TOLEDO CLUB HOSTS the Torch Club's Illuminating Presentations

By Karen Klein



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- International Torch Club founder William Bullock



member who has worked up a talk on his/her specialty of expertise (42 occupations represented). However, many have strong outside interests and enjoy sharing insights gained from a hobby, from the study of a particular cause or a re-examination of a historical event, while exhibiting a viewpoint and fodder for later discussion.

The 2019 agenda included talks on Sister Cities International (Jim Hartung), Ups and Downs at the U.S. Patent Office (Tim Pryor), *The Blade* as a Business (Kurt Franck), The She-Wolves, Part Two, Eleanor of Aquitaine (Bob Finkel), and A Republic, If You Can Keep It (Art Smith). Travelogues, fashion or cuisine are not on their agenda.

Occasionally a speaker uses the format of presenting two sides of an argument with a lively discussion to follow. On the one hand... on the other hand, perhaps? Questions and a bit of debate are strongly encouraged.

Toledo has hosted the International Convention in 1938, '62, '84 and lastly, 1999. 2020 will see Blowing Rock, N.C. be the host city and President Keith Burwell will be sure to attend. Tours of local interest, symposiums and dinners will be attended by like-minded people.

Interested? Call Keith Burwell or Bob Finkel for membership application. And the dinner is always excellent! 🍷

VIEW FROM THE Tavern



Nick Huckaby



Kay Bolles

brain space taken up by useless information, all the while enjoying the **drink specials and complimentary snacks**, and meeting some of the Club's new members.



Friday, March 27 is Acoustic Night in the Tavern! Local band "Dirty Lies" (featuring Club photographer John Kuser) will be playing acoustic sets on **March 27, 7-10 PM**. Along with the guitars, we'll have **drink specials and the Family Burger Buffet** as well. Come up to the Tavern, settle in and enjoy the music!

March Madness in the Tavern - Take in all the NCAA basketball tournament action in March on one of the **9 HDTVs** in the Tavern! Our March Madness fans can take advantage of **food and drink specials** while cheering on their favorite teams.

THIS MONTH AT THE



Express Lunch Buffet

Thursdays and Fridays: 11:30 AM - 2 PM

Family Nights in the Tavern

Friday, March 6: Taco Buffet
Friday, March 13: Burger Buffet
Friday, March 20: Taco Buffet

Third Thursday/ New Member Meet & Greet

Thursday, March 19: 6 PM

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Friday, March 27

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Wild Game Dinner

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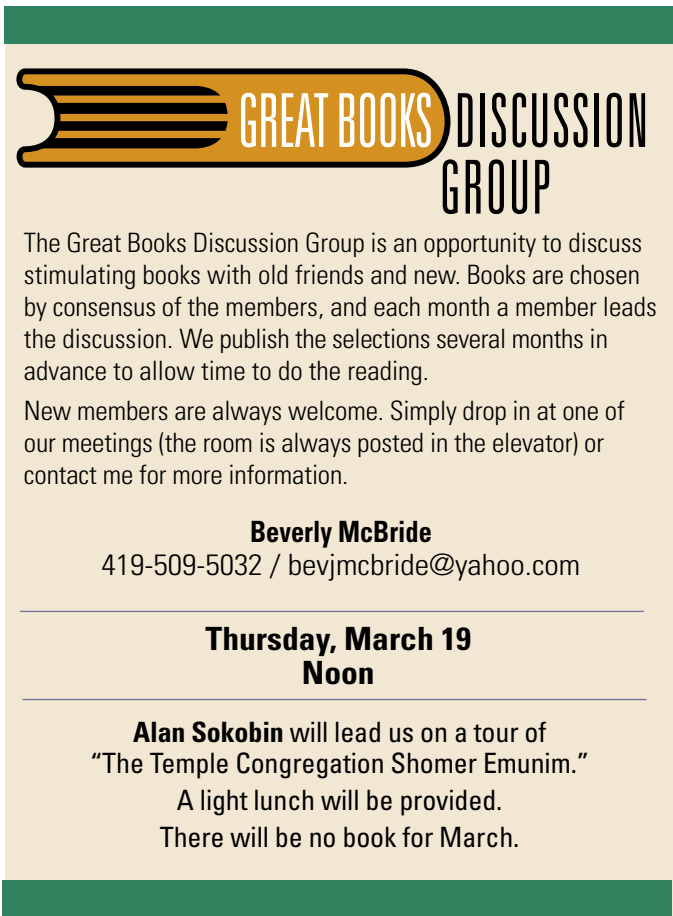
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New members are always welcome. Simply drop in at one of our meetings (the room is always posted in the elevator) or contact me for more information.

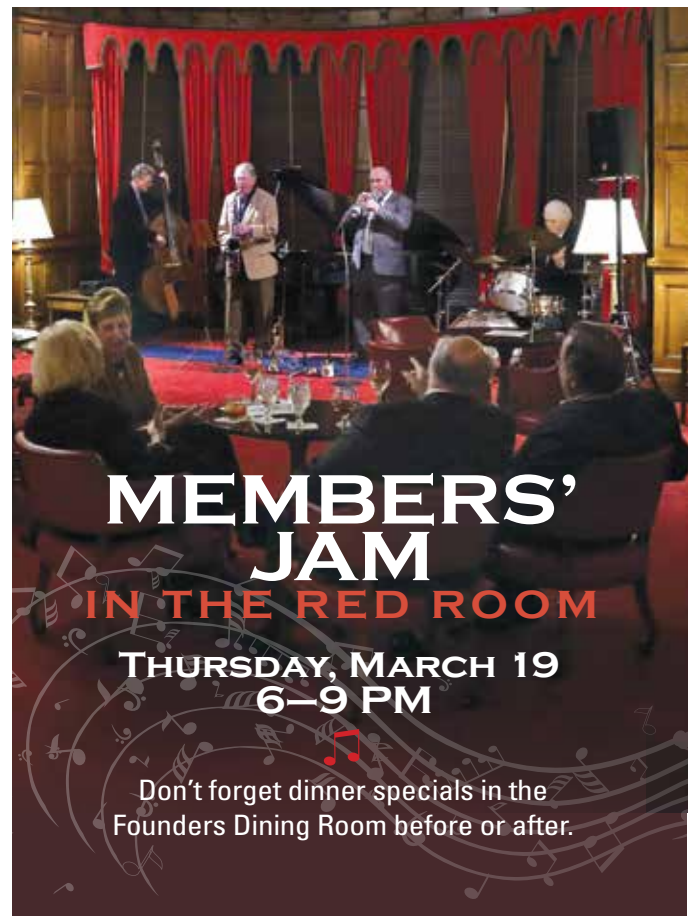
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**Thursday, March 19
Noon**

Alan Sokobin will lead us on a tour of
"The Temple Congregation Shomer Emunim."

A light lunch will be provided.
There will be no book for March.



**MEMBERS' JAM
IN THE RED ROOM**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 19
6-9 PM**

Don't forget dinner specials in the
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JAZZ IN THE RED ROOM | MARCH 26 | 6-8:30 PM

Lori Lefevre

A familiar face on the Toledo music scene, Lori Lefevre began her career touring as a musical theatre performer and pop singer. Through her work in theatre and music Lori has had the opportunity to travel the United States and Europe. Lori settled in her home town of Toledo and has been singing jazz in the midwest for the last three decades, with some of the finest musicians anywhere, at places like Rusty's Jazz Cafe, Murphy's Place and Degage Jazz Cafe in Toledo, and The Bird of Paradise in Ann Arbor. Lori is a frequent performer in jazz clubs throughout Michigan, in the Detroit area and at the Michigan Jazz Festival. She has been the featured vocalist with the Toledo Jazz Orchestra, The Paul Keller Orchestra and The Masters of Jazz.

Sharing the bandstand with Lori at The Toledo Club will be Eric Dickey on piano, Kevin Eikum on bass and Scott Kretzer on drums. It doesn't get any better than that!

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President's Dinner

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Membership UPDATE

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The Toledo Club App Helps You Get More from Your Membership!

With all the new members over the past few months, we will be focusing on getting the most usage out of your membership and trying to make it as easy as possible for members to know what is happening at their Club.

In case you missed it, The Toledo Club has a mobile app! You can do everything right from your phone—make those reservations, review your statements and charges, look up members in the roster, review the latest issue or past issues of *Topics* magazine, and more.

If you don't already have the app, please go to the App Store and search for The Toledo Club (the app will have our crest logo), and download. Once the app is downloaded, you'll have The Toledo Club at your fingertips!

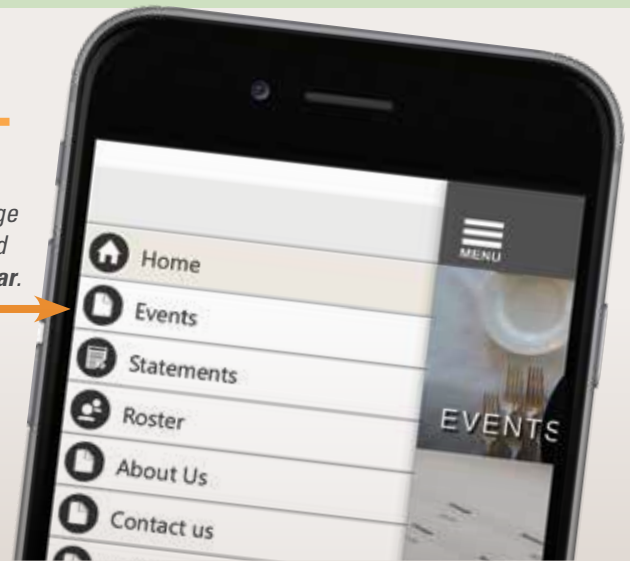


To make dining or event reservations, just tap **Events** from the home page or the menu, and then find your event on the **Calendar**.

Welcome, New Members!

Paula Baldoni & Bill Jordan
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Tim & Annette Bockbrader
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*Hello, hello, and hee-hee-hee,
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Once again Mr. Jared LeFevre will be leading the kids on a magical **St. Patrick's Day Party and Scavenger Hunt** throughout the Club! Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 14th, and join your Toledo Club family for a fun-filled scavenger hunt that may have clues that stump you. Help the children with Lucky's clues in finding his "gold." Reservations are required.

Kids Movie Night will be *Zootopia*, and popcorn and lemonade will be provided. Just bring the kids and let them enjoy Movie Night with their Toledo Club friends.

Babysitting continues on Saturdays from 9 AM until 2 PM—always helpful if you're at the Club for a workout or visiting with fellow members in the Tavern.

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

Social/Entertainment Committee

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

Food and Beverage Committee

(First Thursday) March 5 • Noon
Chelsea Room

House Committee

(Second Tuesday) March 10 • Noon
Chelsea Room

Membership Committee

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

Athletic Committee

(Second Wednesday) March 11 • Noon
Conservatory Room

Sports Grill & Tavern Committee

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

Family Committee

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

Finance Committee

(Fourth Monday) March 24 • 4 PM
Board Room

Board Meeting

(Fourth Monday) March 24 • 5 PM
Board Room

Marketing Committee

(Last Tuesday) March 31 • 11:30 AM
Georgian Room

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(Last Tuesday) March 31 • 12:30 PM
Chelsea Room

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