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Opinion * Perspective

Standing the Test of Time

By Rev. Donald L. Perryman, D.Min.

The Truth Contributor

One responsibility [we] considered paramount is seeing to the continuity of capable senior leadership.

- Robert W. Galvin



If the continuity of effective homegrown leadership matters most, as best-selling author Jim Collins asserts in *Built To Last*, then Rob Ludeman is a shoo in for re-election to Toledo City Council on November 7.

Ludeman, one of 12 candidates for just six seats, was the District 2 representative for 14 years beginning in 1994 and was term limited. After sitting out for two years, Ludeman returned to run again in 2010, was elected to an at large seat and is now running for reelection to a "final four year term," he says.

We caught up with the homegrown Toledo public servant to discuss his life and long career of quality leadership.

Perryman: You have been on city council for a very long time, which to me suggests stability.

Ludeman: Yes, if I am blessed to have another four years I'll end up in 2022 with a total of 26 years on council.

Perryman: What contributes to your stability?

Ludeman: My parents were great parents. They were always involved in my life, whether it was sports or school. I think a lot of people might remember my dad's been gone for 30 years, but he was the Lucas County probate judge for 22 years and he made a lot of friends and he introduced me to trying to be a responsible individual and I probably never thought until I was about 40 that I would run for public office, although I was a political science major in college. But, I enjoyed the public service and as a real estate agent the council position blends in very nicely with scheduling and everything else. But yes, I was raised well and raised in the Lutheran church and taught to be as responsible and hardworking as possible.

Perryman: Tell us about high school. You and I were talking during an intermission at a recent council meeting and you provided me with a little of your background in sports at Bowsher.

Ludeman: Yes. I played football at Bowsher and when I was a junior we beat St. Francis to win the city championship, which was one of the big thrills of my life and then I excelled probably more at track. I held all the sprint records at Bowsher and my teammates and I from 1971 still hold the 4 x 400 relay record at Bowsher, which I don't know that any record in the city has stood up that long. And I was inducted into the Bowsher Athletic Hall of Fame, I think, around 2004 and that was the real thrill of my life to be inducted into that.

Perryman: And you also competed against some other Toledo legends in

athletics.

Ludeman: Yeah, there were two guys I couldn't beat, one was Greg McClelland from Scott and the other was Bobby Lawson at Libbey. By the time I met my wife in college, she asked about sports and stuff, and I told her that I was fairly fast in high school and she goes, "I haven't seen you move fast since I met you." I have a son and a daughter, my son's 39, my daughter's 36. They both are Bowsher grads. My son played football and actually his senior year they won the city championship and then our daughter was a very good track and cross country runner and she did very well. But now with five grandchildren, all the grandkids are involved in some sport, whether its baseball or football or soccer or cross country and that kind of makes me feel good. It's a good training for the future because you learn some discipline and you learn how to get along as a team and I think that that's very important.

Perryman: Great. Let's talk about your political philosophy. You are one of two Republicans on council?

Ludeman: Tom Waniewski and I. And, you know...I registered to vote and registered also for the draft the day I turned 18 because that's what you were supposed to do and back then you were supposed to declare your party the day that you registered. My mom and dad were Republicans, so I put down Republican because I feel I'm conservative, especially fiscally, and I'm probably a little more middle of the road on social issues. But other than that there's not a whole lot of issues at the city council level that come down

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Community Calendar

October 20

United MBC Fish Fry: 10:30 am to 3 pm: 419-705-8913

October 21

Grace Community Center invites the entire community to come celebrate the harvest of our 10,000 square feet vegetable garden. Our goal is to help children & their families increase their access to and knowledge of fresh vegetables and the art of gardening. Good food, great family fun for all generations as well as live music, pumpkin patch, games, and food and prizes give-a ways. You won't want to miss the celebration 1 - 5 p.m. at 406 West Delaware. COME BE A PART OF OUR STRONG COMMUNITY SPIRIT!

October 22

Calvary MBC 88th Church Pre-Anniversary: 4 pm; Guest speaker Pastor Perry Harris of United Vision MBC
Crusaders for Christ Church Youth and Young Adult Sunday: 11 am

October 23

Blemished Butterfly Lupus Foundation Peer Support Meeting: To discuss Systemic Lupus Erythematosus: Recognizing Potential Long-term Complications; Kent Branch Library; 6 to 8pm.
Free and open to the public; Refreshments served.
Domestic Violence on Lockdown Panel Discussion: YWCA on Jefferson Avenue at 6:00. FREE and open to the public.

October 28

Triple Negative Breast Cancer Workshop: Kent Branch Library at 11:00. FREE and open to the public.

October 29

Calvary MBC 88th Church Anniversary: 4 pm; Guest speaker Brian Lamont Monford, Northwest Ohio Missionary Baptist Association Moderator

November 17

SeaGate Food Bank 20th Annual Stuff the Truck Event: At Walt Churchill's Markets in Maumee and Perrysburg; 6 am to 6 pm: 419-244-6996 or cheri@seagatefoodbank.org

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*Opinion * Perspective*

Trump...And The Fruit Test!

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq

Guest Column

I know....I know...I promised last year that I would not spring a pop quiz on my dear readers due to your desire to be properly prepared and readied for such a demanding task.

Well, I gotta change up on that promise to you due to circumstances beyond my control; and what got me out of control was Donald Trump's latest series of lies, lies and more lies about his culture wars agenda.

Recently, The Trump, seizing up his sycophantic audience at The Value Voters Summit, stated that he was stopping the cold war on Judeo-Christian values! How's that for a mouthful of gibberish from Trump!

If you were to ask him to even define "Judeo-Christian" values, he would probably say in all seriousness that they are an amazing rock group out of Seattle. That is how obtuse this man is about anything involving Biblical ethics and values.

To me, it is clearly obvious that some White House staff writer cobbled together his speaking lines because Trump is woefully clueless about anything "Judeo" and certainly tone deaf on anything about, "Christian!"

He was speaking before the arch conservative group known as Family Research Council which sponsors the annual Value Voters Summit and as he is wont to do, he sizes up his audience as a pickpocket does an approaching naive "mark" and Trump made his move.

Regrettably, with some Christian groups who are skinny thin on orthodox Christian

dogma, as long as you mouth certain words or phrases, you can literally stand on Fifth Ave., in NYC and shoot someone and nothing will happen to you!

For Trump, he bought out his garbage can of spoiled red meat for this Christian gathering and as he so shamelessly did in Puerto Rico when he was flipping out rolls of paper towels to the people (as if he was tossing peanuts to monkeys in a zoo), Trump gave the crowd what they had itching ears to hear.

He babbled and groped certain words as if he was a teenager on his first date in a car with a knockout babe wearing a low-cut dress. He was shameless in trying to be the champion of Judeo-Christian rights and virtues and all of which he is so desperately lacking in!

He is akin to a door-to-door salesman trying to sell you a vacuum cleaner that you really do not want but, nonetheless, the salesman rants and raves about it and when pressed by the beleaguered homeowner as to how the salesman likes his vacuum, the

guy crumples and says, he does not own one!

Well, Trump is no different from the wily sales guy who is making a pitch on a product or service that he is clueless about but doesn't want to let on about it lest he lose a fat commission.

Trump's knowledge of "Judeo Christian" values would rate an appalling minus 44 on a scale of one to 10! It is like Trump is visiting the State of Georgia while believing that Georgia is located next to Lake Erie!

That is how clueless he is on Judeo Christian values! Remember his monumental gaffe when at Liberty University, he quoted Two Corinthians as opposed to correctly saying, Second Corinthians?

That is just a mere smidgen of how out of touch he is with anything remotely impacting upon Judeo Christian values but yet many white Christian evangelicals (many of whom voted for this Christian imposter) simply held their noses and closed their eyes and voted for him anyway. Go figure!



Lafe Tolliver

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Open Letter from Earl Murry

Toledo Mayoral Race on November 7, 2017: Black v. White

Enough is enough, every African-American registered voter in the city of Toledo should vote and vote early for Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson. If voting early can't be done then every African American must turn out to vote on November 7 for Hicks-Hudson.

This mayoral race is between a Lucas County Democratic Party endorsed black female and the unendorsed white male spoiler candidate, Democrat Wade Kapszukiewicz, Lucas County Treasurer. It appears that in Toledo (unlike other major urban cities in Ohio) every time incumbent blacks, or other minorities, seek the office of mayor a WHITE Candidate pops up and is propped up by mainstream local media and other white spoilers. Enough of politically ambitious whites thinking that African Americans can't hold the office of mayor.

This pattern of behavior is shown over and over again in the biased manner in which African-American leaders are portrayed . . . their accomplishments diminished or marginalized or outright distorted when information is reported. Enough of the white media biased reporting.

The current Toledo mayor is a black female, a Democrat, who has successfully served in office as our mayor for almost three years. In just three short years the mayor has accomplished many critically important projects and objectives. Mayor Paula Hicks Hudson has improved employment levels and retained employers, paved roads and kept the water safe in Toledo. The mayor has provided steady economic growth in the Toledo community. This outstanding progress has been demonstrated locally and nationally not only by our mayor but by competent performing African Americans who serve in the office of mayor in Ohio cities and nationwide.

Enough in the thinking by whites that African Americans can't figure out what is said and done against them. African Americans can and should reject the media mistreatments. Such mistreatments that are said or done in a disgruntled and disparaging manner towards African Americans are totally unacceptable.

The white print and electronic media have not given the current mayor fairness by telling or reporting the facts of what was done under austere conditions. It's more than ironic that the electronic and print media have ignored these facts. This further raises questions about who's supporting the opposition against the mayor. Again, is this a special interest afoot?

The mayoral office challenger, Wade, a white male and an unendorsed Democrat broke ranks from the Democratic Party to exploit the unpublished accomplishments of Mayor Hudson. Perhaps the "WHITE" challenger, Wade, believes and thinks he's smarter and better than the African-American female? Perhaps it's just a normal proclivity that Wade and some whites want to control every major Toledo public office.

Whose interest does Wade represent? Let's examine the facts as publicly known. Both the current mayor and Wade were members of the same Democratic Party. The mayor was endorsed by the Democratic Party to run for reelection. She earned it. Wade didn't earn the endorsement. The challenger, Wade, it's believed, withdrew from the Democratic Party but not until he was endorsed and reelected in 2016 as County Treasurer. Did the African Americans who voted for Wade realize what they were getting into? Based on my conversation with people I do not think so.

The Democratic Party Committee Members decide who earned the endorsement. This was decided by the Democratic Party because Paula Hicks-Hudson has a clear understanding about the Toledo community. Let's look at the challenges against minority mayoral candidates:

In 2001 a **black candidate** (Jack Ford) sought the office of mayor and he was challenged by a **white unendorsed candidate**. Both candidates were Democratic.

In 2014 a **Latino candidate** (Anita Lopez) sought the office of mayor and she was challenged by a **white unendorsed candidate**. Both candidates were Democratic.

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Ashford Leads Efforts to Post-pone Highly Contentious Utility Bill

House Bill 239

The Democratic Public Utilities Committee members, led by Ranking Member Ashford (D-Toledo), were able to postpone a possible vote in a committee meeting Tuesday, on HB 239. House Bill 239 is a unilateral bill that charges all of Ohio's electric customers up to \$.25 a month and \$2,500 a month for non-residential customers.

"The Democratic Members stood as a team to collectively make their voices heard and to stop an unfair bill that is being pushed on the backs of seniors, the working class and poorer Ohioans," Ashford said. "There are many outstanding questions we have about this bill and more time is needed before we consider such costly legislation through a committee vote."

The Ohio Valley Electric Corporation (OVEC) and its subsidiary, Indiana-Kentucky Electric Corporation, were formed in 1952 by investor-owned utilities for the purpose of providing the large electric power requirements to the Ohio River Valley area. The bill would allow Ohio's utilities to recover costs of their share of OVEC and its two coal plants, Kyger Creek in Ohio and the Clifty Creek plant in Indiana.

"The members of the Public Utilities committee have heard hours of testimony from those who have concerns with the bill as well as with those who are proponents of this legislation," said Ashford. "With the bill (HB 239) now in its 10th version, we need adequate time to review the changes thoroughly as well as to hear exactly how this affects all customers in Ohio."

House Bill 239 would call on Ohio citizens to subsidize electric generation cost associated with the output from the Ohio Valley Electric Corporation for the Ohio utility companies that are pushing the bill (Duke Energy Ohio, AEP Ohio and Dayton Power and Light).

The legislation enables all of Ohio's three utilities to recover a net impact up to \$483,034 through fiscal year 2030. Customers in Ohio will see an increase in their utility bills, capped at \$2.50 per month for residential customers and up to \$2,500 for non-residential customers through December 31, 2030.



Rep. Michael Ashford

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In 2017 a black candidate (Paula Hicks Hudson) is seeking the office of mayor and she is challenged by a **white unendorsed candidate**.

These three factual occurrences represent a tormenting and mean-spirited history in which many white candidates spoil and backstab qualified and capable African Americans and an outstanding Latino candidate and try to deny them the opportunity to hold the mayor's office. Never in history did any African American or Latino American challenge a white Democratic-endorsed candidate for the mayor's office.

The undisputable facts are too many whites think and believe, wrongly, I think, that African Americans are not entitled to hold top offices or to receive respect and cooperation in the arena of politics. When will whites change their mindset about assigning and pigeonholing African Americans to non-essential public offices. African Americans deserve and demand to be treated with fairness. The current mayor, Paula Hicks-Hudson, has professional credentials that are impeccable. What's more, Paula Hicks-Hudson's positive accomplishment in just three years are so far reaching beyond Wade, the white challenger's, credentials and accomplishments that I will not waste words detailing such by explanation. What I will offer and repeat as a matter of record is that never before in Toledo and within the Democratic Party has an African American challenged a "white candidate" for the mayor's office when the candidate was endorsed.

We must show the total Toledo community we will support our African-American mayor for reelection so that she can have continuity to finish a job well done. The current mayor, given the opportunity of another term in office consisting of four years instead of two years, will complete the projects she started in the best interest of the city of Toledo. The African American, Latino American, and white American communities must show their strong support for Paula Hicks Hudson on November 7.

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Wade Kapszukiewicz: Mayoral Candidate Seeking to Reform, to Change, to Adapt

By Fletcher Word

Sojourner's Truth Editor

"Yeah, I could have waited," says Lucas County Treasurer Wade Kapszukiewicz, candidate for mayor of the City of Toledo. Kapszukiewicz, an unendorsed Democrat, vying to unseat the Democratic Party-endorsed incumbent mayor, Paula Hicks-Hudson, readily acknowledges some of the negative feedback he has received due to his decision to take on this challenge now, rather than "wait his turn" in another four years.

"But this isn't about me," he adds. "Toledo can't afford to wait another four years. This is crucially important to the city I want my children to grow up in."

Kapszukiewicz's impatience springs from what he sees as a lack of progress in the city. On the other hand he sees, both regionally and nationally, indications that urban cores are generally on the rebound – increasing population and job growth at a faster rate over the last decade than their suburban counterparts. Unfortunately, Toledo has not been part of this trend, he says.

What the Treasurer sees in Toledo are a number of indicators that have pushed him to the point of stepping into the race: a declining population; a loss of "four percent of our jobs over the past five years;" "ranked one of the sixth worst for children living in poverty" and a city that was recently named "one of the most distressed" in the nation. Moreover, he fears the chance to catch up with other urban areas – Milwaukee; Grand Rapids, MI; Dayton; Indianapolis, to cite a few examples – may be lost if city leaders wait too long to act.

Even as he acknowledges the progress being made in downtown Toledo, he believes that there is not sufficient progress being made for the city as a whole. "While there are good things happening, it has not translated into good things happening in the neighborhoods," he says.

His pessimism about the current state of affairs is more than matched by his optimism for the future of the city he has always called home.

"I think cities can re-invent themselves on the fly and I think Toledo can do that," he says, noting that the city is "blessed." One of its blessings is its location on the Great Lakes and on Lake Erie's largest tributary, he adds. "We haven't yet found a way to re-invent what is almost a 19th century model but there is tremendous opportunity. We are not going to be a New York City and I wouldn't want to be but we can fix pot holes, roads and prevent the water from turning green ... the basic services."

Kapszukiewicz, the son of a former Toledo police officer and a school teacher, graduated from St. Francis de Sales and entered Marquette University in Milwaukee with the intention of majoring in journalism. While there he fell under the influence of Father Timothy O'Brien, a political science teacher in a course the future politician was taking simply to complete basic requirements. Fr. O'Brien's world view would have an out-sized impact on the young student.



He believed in the potential to change the world through public service," recalls Kapszukiewicz. "'Get elected,' he would say. 'That's how we can change the world.'" After earning his master's at the University of Michigan, Kapszukiewicz returned home and in short order did indeed "get elected." First to the Toledo Board of Elections, then to City Council representing District 6 for about six and a half years before running for and getting elected to the Treasurer's office 12 years ago.

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"Most of my career has been in public life," he says. "During my time in public life I have always tried to be an innovator and a reformer. I am always looking for a way to reform things, change things, adapt things." As examples, Kapszukiewicz points to the pharmacy card network he introduced during his time on City Council and, later, when he became Lucas County Treasurer, the funding of the Huntington Center, the Small Business Loan Program (which has retained about 400 jobs, he says, by lowering interest rates) and, above all, the Land Bank – "fighting blight and increasing property values."

It is precisely that drive to reform and change things that has led Kapszukiewicz to eschew the notion that he should wait his turn ... wait another four years. Should he be elected mayor this year, the very first thing on his to-do list will be a change, of course. "A change in attitude," he says. "A change in attitude among City employees and among citizens themselves; we want to change the default response from a 'no' to a 'how?'" The role of mayor is to provide leadership."

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to party like it is in Columbus and like it is in Washington. I think it's more that we're trying to run a city and do it as fiscally responsible as possible and so I don't know that it's a whole lot of times that it comes down to a political party and if you remember back, I was actually council president for almost two years at the end of my term as district councilperson and people would say, "Geez, you're Republican, how did you do it?" And I said, "Well, apparently the folks have trusted me."

Not everybody voted for me, but I do remember that as soon as I was given that position I went to every member of council and said I'd like to sit down with each one of you individually and see what your goals are for the next couple years and how I can help you attain those goals. And so it's just a matter of trying to work together because we have to keep our eyes focused on our constituents and not on what a political party is trying to tell you to do. And I've never had any direction suggested to me from the Republican Party. They've been supportive as far as elections are concerned, but not interfering during the term.

Perryman: So what do you think are the core issues that the city faces for this next term?

Ludeman: Well, the three things I highlighted is that I'm going to dedicate the next four years to public safety, meaning we've got to have a strong police and fire service. As a political science major, the primary reason for government is to protect people and create a sense of security. So I certainly want to make sure that we have a strong police and fire department.

The number two issue is roads. I hear that every time I go somewhere: 'you guys are doing a better job this year getting some roads paved.' But we've got to get to your residential streets and I think in the next four years we're going to see an opportunity because the tax revenues will continue to improve, so we'll be able to dedicate more of our dollars to capital improvement issues like roads and sidewalks and that type of thing. So that's number two.

And then the third, which actually creates the opportunity and funding for the other two is concentrating on the jobs and the economic development and that's been my forte. I've chaired the Regional Growth and Develop-

ment Committee for our council for the last four years and I've tried to work closely with the development. Let's take ProMedica. There was a little bit of controversy about Promenade Park and that type of thing, but as soon as I met with them early on and saw their vision and their plans, you talk about bringing that many jobs into downtown Toledo, well the end result of that is it's a lot more tax revenue coming into the city that, again, could be dedicated toward keeping a strong police and fire force and to paving more streets. So those are my three core issues I think for the next four years.

Perryman: Well how do you carry out your plan? What will you do specifically to improve the safety and to bring more economic development into the area?

Ludeman: Larry Sykes chairs the finance committee and I've been on that for many years and I think the main thing is we've been through some pretty rough years trying to scramble to pay bills and I think now that the economy's come around the last couple years I think we keep a fine eye on making sure that the general fund budget is properly funded and then the capital improvement budget is fully funded as far as roads and streets and that type of thing. But a lot of the direction obviously comes from whoever will be mayor. They set the budget. Council can amend the budget if we wish to, but typically there are not a lot of major changes to the budget as presented by whoever the mayor is. And I think then we have to keep a finger on the pulse of our administration and the mayor to make sure that we fund classes for our new recruits to come in to keep the levels of officers up.

Perryman: Lastly, from the perspective of the central city, although we are seeing increased economic activity as a result of ProMedica relocating people downtown, that activity appears to be more or less a consolidation or moving people from one place to another. We also continue to see an exodus from the area like Hickory Farms' relocation to Chicago.

So how do we overcome that and also spread the wealth? How do we attract businesses to the inner city? How do we include other neighborhoods besides downtown in revitalization efforts and what do we have that will attract other businesses from outside the area?

Ludeman: Well, I think one thing is we don't really have control over this in city council, but I do think education is paramount. Somehow or another between Toledo Public and the Toledo Catholic Schools and others, the charter schools, along with partnership I think with parents and grandparents or whoever, is a great thing. Instilling the pride of knowledge and of looking toward a goal of at some point whether its college or junior college or going into a trade, that we work together.

Then, jobs... I do think that one opportunity that has occurred is the Overland Industrial Park and the fact that that is right in the middle of the central

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The NAACP Toledo Branch Continues Its Efforts to End Bigotry, Prejudice and Hatred

The Toledo NAACP is the third oldest Branch in the country and has been a part of Toledo's history since 1915. Toledo was quick to organize a branch after the 1909 national charter was signed by Brand Whitlock who was mayor of Toledo from 1906 -1913. He was one of the original signers of the National NAACP charter. Toledo Branch was chartered February 2, 1915. The first president was Albertus Brown who was a Toledo attorney at the time.

We are excited to have a vehicle to communicate to you through The Sojourner's Truth to bring you, our community, dialog in an effort to keep you aware of concerns and issues as they occur. We will partner with other organizations and leaders in efforts to make a positive change. Look for our articles every third week of each month to keep you informed.

As the world witnessed in Charlottesville, VA, earlier this summer hatred, intolerance and bias continue to fester in our nation. We need to stop the bigotry, prejudice and hatred. Charlottesville was only the most recent and perhaps the most publicized examples of how hatred and intolerance can easily lead to destruction, injury and death in our nation. The most recent FBI report compiled under the auspices of the Hate Crimes Statistics Act documented that hate crimes against African Americans, LGBT community members, Native Americans, Jews and Muslims all increased in 2015 and continue to be on the rise.

African Americans continue to have the highest incidence and mortality rates from chronic diseases like cardiovascular disease, diabetes and obesity, and issues such as HIV/AIDS continue to

overwhelm the black community more so than any other racial or ethnic group.

We advocate for better criminal justice policies to keep our communities safe. And we currently partner with our Toledo Correctional Brothers to help bring about change.

At our recent National NAACP Convention held in July, we were challenged to "Connect the Dots" by engaging Toledo groups in the fight for civil rights, to ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality for all citizens; to achieve equality of rights and eliminate racial prejudice. During the convention we reviewed issues provided by various NAACP Branches throughout the country to be resolved either at the local, state, or federal levels. Once voted upon resolutions for actions were sent to the proper channels for resolve. Toledo Branch NAACP is being proactive in helping to dissolve issues as we work within our community.

Our local board members have become mentors/tutors within our schools; challenged health and safety concerns on lead paint; partnered with companies and leaders in efforts to get our community training and jobs; worked with our youth in the ACT-SO program to compete at our National NAACP competitions that also involve students receiving scholarships; increased the power of the vote by helping with voter's registration campaigns; rallied to stop the violence and will continue with meetings for our community. This is just to name a few actions.

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"Peaces" of Art Celebration Honors Local Volunteers

Suzette Cowell was honored with the Padua Promoter Award at The Padua Center's annual "Peaces" of Art celebration on Sunday, Oct. 8, 2017 at the Sullivan Center at Gesu. Along with Cowell, the Knights of Columbus Council #386 were honored with special recognition of Eric Lyons, Grand Knight and Martin Porter. The "Peaces" of Art celebration recognizes persons in the community whose work and volunteerism have made a difference to the lives of people in the Central City.

Cowell is CEO of the Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union. She was one of the original founders of the Credit Union and has recently celebrated the opening of a new building on the corner of Detroit and Dorr. The TUFUCU also sponsors the African American Parade and Festival.

The Knights of Columbus, Council #386, specifically Lyons and Porter received the Volunteer Award. They have given many hours of service to the work of the Padua Center, especially preparing the dinner for the Urban Chicken Fest, held at the Padua Center each summer.

The keynote speaker for the evening was Rev. F. Anthony Gallagher, retired priest of the Diocese of Toledo. He retired from assigned diocesan ministry in June 2009 and, subsequently, has tried to be an active supporter of women religious, Africa-American, Muslim, Latino and inter-faith efforts locally. Father Gallagher is active in marches, presentations, rallies and civic actions to support the rights of minorities. He has been a consistent supporter of The Padua Center and last summer his donation provided a Bounce House for the children at the Urban Chicken Fest.

Nearly 125 people attended the celebration which featured a silent auction of items including visual arts, produce grown and processed at The Padua



Suzette Cowell

Center, baskets of various interests and tickets to various restaurants and venues throughout the city.

The main feature of the evening was the live auction of artwork created by the Padua Center children. The artwork showcased the artistic talents of the children and the results

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of an Art Camp, one of eight free summer camps at the Padua Center, which involves children from grades K-8.

The band, "Straight Up" entertained while the guests enjoy a dinner.

Padua Center volunteer Katera Harris was the mistress of ceremonies sharing her responsibilities with Serenity Henry, Frankie Burnside and Grace Bell, young ladies who have been involved in the Padua Center for a number of years, volunteering and attending camps.

The fundraiser supports the work of the Padua Center, specifically the Padua Possibilities Program (an alternative to suspension for children from grades K-6), the Restoring Possibilities Program (a program for grade school children who are expelled), the Padua Potters Garden Club, the Kwanzaa Park Neighbors, and the Ujima Urban Agriculture Program.



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Social Security Column

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By Erin Thompson, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist in Toledo, OH

Guest Column

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Toledo Library Hosts *Thinking Money* Exhibit and Programs

Kickoff party on Monday, October 23 at 10:00 a.m.

The Toledo Lucas County Public Library will host *Thinking Money*, a new traveling exhibition designed to teach tweens, teens, and the adults in their lives about money, from October 23 to November 27. The Library invites you to join us for the **Exhibit Kickoff Party on Monday, October 23 at 10:00 a.m.**

make smart decisions about our financial futures," said Linda Koss, Program Coordinator. "*Thinking Money* is designed to teach us about financial literacy in a way that is not only understandable, but fun, and we're proud to bring it to our library."

Through an adventure-themed storyline, interactive iPad content, and other fun activities, *Thinking Money* explores themes like wants vs. needs, preparing for a rainy/sunny day, imagining your future self and avoiding financial fraud.

"Money affects all of us, but many of us lack the information we need to

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Programs will include Cash Flow for Families, Pizza Plus: Smart Money Teens, Avoiding the Dreaded Student Debt Monster, and tons more. For a full calendar of library events, visit ToledoLibrary.org or call 419.259.5200 for more information. Admission to the exhibition and all programs are free of charge.

Thinking Money was created by the American Library Association (ALA) in partnership with the FINRA Investor Education Foundation.

In April 2016, ALA and the FINRA Foundation announced 50 libraries nationwide to host the 1,000-square-foot exhibition. In addition to the exhibition loan, the Toledo Lucas County Public Library also received a \$1,000 programming allowance, expenses paid for a training session at the 2016 ALA Annual Conference in June 2016, and promotional and support materials.

Exhibit Kickoff Party**October 23****Huntington Room****Main Library****10:00 - 11:30 a.m.***Perryman... continued from page 6*

city. I plan to go to Dana's ribbon cutting because I've got to believe that there are opportunities there and I think that was one of the reasons that the different entities that are in Overland decided to construct there was to try to help some of the people that are in the surrounding neighborhood.

But I think if we enhance some of those possibilities and work with the private sector, whether it's financial incentives or zoning or whatever, and to try to use our abilities through the mayor and council to look to kind of enhance opportunities for folks that are located in the central city.

The other thing is that 55 percent of our housing stock in Toledo is rental and I know it's been a tough road with those foreclosures and everything else, but if we can get folks some jobs and work with the lenders and the land bank to start doing more homeownership, that I think will help to revitalize some of the neighborhoods. Pride in home ownership is one of the great tenets of our country and hopefully we can increase home ownership in the central city and other parts of the city.

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About Thinking Money:

Thinking Money was developed by the American Library Association Public Programs Office in collaboration with the FINRA Investor Education Foundation, whose support made this exhibition possible.

The Library is proud to work with our local partners, Toledo LISC, United Way, Financial Opportunity Centers, ProMedica, NeighborWorks Toledo, Partners in Education, Jobs and Family Services, and sponsorship from EatAtOasis Pizza & Grill Restaurants.

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Trump is devoid of any shame or personal conscience when it comes to lying, repeatedly and often; and without regret or remorse even when presented with objective truth that what he just said is wrong, Trump will double down on it!

One truth that the Judeo Christian religion speaks about is, "By their fruits, ye shall know them." It is referring to the fruit of the Spirit and which manifestations are to be presented in some degree form or fashion for anyone who professes a personal relationship with Christ Jesus.

This the fruit. Circle which ones Trump displays or showed during his campaign and his current time in the White House: (1) love (2) joy (3) peace (4) patience (5) kindness (6) goodness (7) faithfulness (8) gentleness and (9) self-control.

What! You could not circle even one! So, if you could not circle even one, do you think he has the moral shoulders to carry or champion any cause that seeks to uphold Judeo Christian values?

So, here is your quiz! For each question, circle the fruit or character trait that reveals the true Trump as he attempts to hype his credentials as being a defender of the faith:

(1) **Trump's dealings with the recent disaster in Puerto Rico:**

(a) kindness (b) gentleness (c) goodness (d) dire threats to withdraw further governmental aid to an island composed of American citizens.

(2) **Trump's calling out NFL ballers and their mothers as SOB's!!**

(a) self-control (b) gentleness (c) peace (d) cursing men who are making a protest about police misconduct and police brutality against black and brown Americans.

(3) **Trump's recent efforts to rid poor people of needed health insurance coverages:**

(a) love (b) goodness (c) kindness (d) to gut social programs so the rich can get a tax break.

(4) **Trump's failure to apologize to President Obama regarding the lie of the Birther issue:**

(a) love (b) kindness (c) gentleness (d) try to smear and discredit someone who was and is totally a US citizen.

(5) **Trump issuing executive orders and allowing the EPA to re-**

scind regulations protecting the environment including clean air and water:

(a) goodness (b) faithfulness (c) kindness (d) harming God's creation by intentional acts that befoul the Earth.

Well, with the above questions, you get the drift! Donald Trump is no where near even trying to imitate the values of which he is allegedly trying to defend before this "religious" body; and apparently that does not bother them in the least bit because they greedily applauded him instead of taking a "knee" against his religious theatrics and antics.

Based upon the scriptures, Trump is no more a Christian than Putin is the mayor of Dallas or there are icebergs floating in the Maumee River!

Susan G. Komen Northwest Ohio, YWCA

*Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Awareness
Project and Center of Hope Community Baptist
Church to Host Women's Empowerment Day in
honor of Breast Cancer Survivors and Caregivers*

Susan G. Komen Northwest Ohio is pairing up with Center of Hope Community Baptist Church for their Worship in Pink Sunday – "Screening Saves Lives", a tribute to Breast Cancer Survivors, Caregivers, and Loved Ones.


The Worship in Pink Sunday is scheduled for Sunday, October 22, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. at Center of Hope Community Baptist Church. This program is expected to catalyze a stronger and broader collaboration between local health systems, churches and the larger African-American community, with the hopes of developing and sustaining a collective faith-based response to breast cancer, and ultimately other public health concerns.

This year, Center of Hope, in partnership with Susan G. Komen Northwest Ohio and the YWCA Northwest Ohio, aims to bring awareness to breast cancer disparities in the African American community by connecting women of faith, breast cancer survivors, caregivers, and an extended network of community resources. Rev. Dr. Susan K. Smith, formerly the senior pastor of Advent United Church of Christ in Columbus, Ohio and a graduate of Yale Divinity School, will be the guest speaker. Please find her biography enclosed.

According to Rev. Donald L. Perryman, pastor, "Center of Hope, believing that there is no true separation between body and spirit, strives to reconnect holistic Christ-centered ministry (social, political, economic,


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Same Family, Different Colors by Lori L. Tharps

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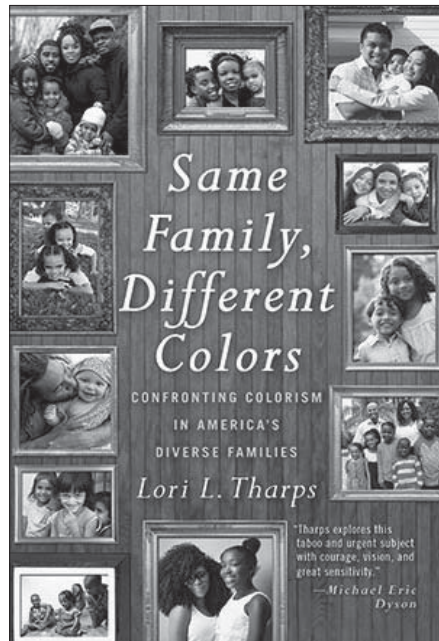
You debated awhile before you checked the box.

The choices were few: black, white, Latino, Asian, pick one, tick the box, but that's not the end of the story. Within that little square lies a lot more about who you are and who you feel you are, and in *Same Family, Different Colors* by Lori L. Tharps, you'll see that perceptions – yours and that of others – matter plenty.

Lori Tharps' youngest daughter is very light-skinned.

That fact begins her story because it was recently pointed out by another child in an innocent game – much to that child's father's embarrassment. He needn't have been abashed, though: Tharps is African American, her husband's family is from Spain, and their children's skin tone varies. No big deal.

The outside world seems concerned about things like that, however.



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Tharps (and other parents whose kids don't "match") are often asked about racial and cultural identities of their children, and that can be tiring. The bottom line is that there are over "one hundred different genes that influence skin pigmentation" and history is rife with tales of mixed-race relationships (coerced and otherwise), all of which explain variations in skin tone and hair between siblings.

Modern parents generally work to make sure that

doesn't matter within the family, but Tharps interviewed many black and Latino adults who grew up with what Alice Walker called "colorism," defined as "prejudicial or preferential treatment of same-race people based solely on their color." It affects how children are parented and how they're taught in schools; for many adults who grew up with colorism, it can be devastating.

The good news on the horizon is that "this generation of millennials" doesn't seem to like "rules" about skin tones. Says Tharps, they enjoy a "level of choice" when claiming an identity – still, there are "limits to the 'choose your own identity' game and not everyone gets to play."

Cocoa, "paper-bag," latte, coffee-colored, they're all brown – except when they're not. Parents say it doesn't matter – except when it does. In *Same Family, Different Colors*, the issue is simple – except when it isn't.

Author Lori L. Tharps does an admirable job dissecting issues of prejudice within Asian, Latino and black communities, but take this as a warning: there's a lot of throat-clearing here and it takes awhile to get to the meat of this book. Once there, you'll be rewarded by stories of pain, careful parenting, history and science, and of everyday people who seem determined to change prejudicial perceptions but it may already be common-sense to you, especially if you've lived it. Still, though there's a sunshine-and-flowers ending here, the overall tone of the book offers a good bit of hope.

Readers who sigh over incessant racial questions about themselves or their children may find much food for thought here. Anyone else wanting to know what to do (or not to do) in issues of race, color, and appearance will see that *Same Family, Different Colors*, now out in paperback, will check a lot of boxes.

Wade Kapszukiewicz... continued from page 5

Kapszukiewicz uses, as an example of the leadership the chief executive of a city should demonstrate, his suggestion to reach out to Amazon and apply to the company to locate a site in the Glass City. He notes that Dayton's mayor stood up and took on the challenge, and that Detroit is a finalist for the site. "We can bring about changing the way we think of ourselves, and if we change, the rest of the world will change the way they think about us."

Second on his to-do list is to take on the issue of regional water – working with Toledo's neighbors to fashion agreements that will keep all the communities in the fold – deals that will be economically beneficial to all parties.

He sees this looming crisis as an issue that needs to be addressed immediately.

The third item on his list is making city government more efficient, most particularly by working with the County to consolidate offices with overlapping functions – economic development, building inspection, payroll and other financial offices, human resources and IT. The savings from such consolidation, he suggests, can be used to deliver more effective services for the City – such paving roads, eradicating blight and adding police and fire employees.

It might take a number of years to get to the point where Toledo has strong neighborhoods, safe, clean streets and a growing population with secure economic opportunity, says Kapszukiewicz. "It's not going to turn on a dime, but we need to take real tangible steps now"

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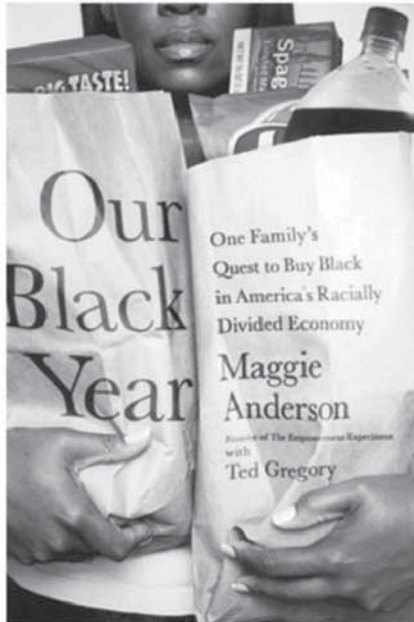
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TEACHING POSITION

The Padua Center is seeking a teacher, to work with challenging students in a rewarding environment. The candidate will have a Bachelor degree in Education or related field, at least three years teaching experience in an urban setting, excellent communication skills, administrative experience, and a passion for helping children. Preferred: Special Education certification. Primary responsibilities include teaching and tutoring in an alternative to suspension program (K-6). A job description is available upon request. This is a part-time position, 9:00-2:00 Monday-Friday. EOE Send resumes by October 20, 2017 to: Search Committee, 1416 Nebraska Ave. Toledo, Ohio 43609, 419-241-6465, or email to thepaduacenter@gmail.com

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA), located in Toledo, OH is seeking experienced applicants for the following position(s): **Maintenance Mechanic III**. For complete details, visit www.lucasmha.org/Careers. **Deadline: 10/22/17**. This is a Section 3 covered position(s). HUD recipients are encouraged to apply and are to indicate on the application if you are a LMHA Public Housing client or Housing Choice Voucher Program participant. Persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply. **NO PHONE CALLS**. Equal employment opportunity shall be afforded to all qualified persons without regard to age, race, color, religion, religious creed, gender, military status, ancestry, disability, handicap, sexual orientation, genetic information or national origin.



BUS TRIP

Your voices were heard so come along for a ride to Mall Of America Bloomington MN Memorial Weekend Trip. Bus Departs on 5-25-2018 10pm Returns on 5-28-2018 Call or email Chris for pricing and further details. Safe Travels Toledo 419-322-1194 or Email:safetravelstoledo@gmail.com Licensed and Insured with Pro Travel Network & Surge365

Notice to Bidders: Inquiry # FY18-16, (Project # 1020-17-964) for Campus Infrastructure Improvements - Phase 3 for the University of Toledo. Sealed bids for this project must be clearly marked with the project number on all inner and outer envelopes and/or shipping containers. Bids must be addressed and delivered to the University of Toledo, Facilities and Construction, Plant Operations, Room 1100, 2925 E. Rocket Drive, MS 216, Toledo, Ohio 43606 before 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 7, 2017. Bids will be publicly opened that same day at 2:05 p.m. in the Plant Operations Building, Room 1000. Copies of Plans, Specifications, and Bid Forms may be obtained from Becker Impressions, 4646 Angola Road, Toledo, Ohio 43615. Call 419-385-5303 for an appointment to pick up bid package. A cost of \$85.00 will be charged per set. Any further information may be obtained from David Desjardins of JDRM Engineering at 419-824-2400. One Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Tuesday, October 31, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the Plant Operations Building, Room 1000, at the University of Toledo, 2925 E. Rocket Drive, Toledo, OH 43606. Total Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond are required per section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. EDGE Participation Goal: 15%. Project Estimate: \$2,000,000.00; Breakdown: HVAC: \$2,000,000.00.

21ST CENTURY ACADEMIC TUTOR

Start Date: October, 2017

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

Tutors a small group of students in the content area of English, Reading, or Math; utilize scientifically research-based materials and lessons.

Requirements:

1. Post-Secondary Degree in Education
 2. Experience providing tutoring/academic assistance to children in grades K-4.
 3. Teaching Certification/License Preferred
- If interested in this position, please mail a resume to:

Center of Hope Family Services
P. O. Box 5308
Toledo, Ohio. 43611
Re: 21st Century Academic Tutor

CLASSROOM/RECREATION AIDE I

Start date: October, 2017

Assists with the daily activities of the summer and after school program including: providing daily supervision of youths, planning academic activities in core areas, providing recreational activities and assisting with field trips.

If interested in this position, please mail a resume to:

Center of Hope Family Services
P. O. Box 5308
Toledo, Ohio. 43611
Re: Classroom Rec Aide Position

LEGAL NOTICE - INVITATION TO BID

The Toledo Zoo is soliciting sealed proposals for the **Museum of Science Redevelopment Project Bid Package #5**. The bid package includes all supervision, materials, labor, and equipment for the **Museum of Science Redevelopment Project Bid Package #5**. Work shall consist of general trades, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, fire protection, acrylic, and life support systems plumbing.

Copies of bidding documents may be obtained on and after 12:00 PM on 25SEP17 upon coordination with The Toledo Zoo. Bidders will be allotted one set of bid documents, and are responsible for any additional sets. Bid documents may be reviewed at The Toledo Zoo.

Sealed bids will be received at the Toledo Zoo's Administration Building at 2605 Broadway St., Toledo, Ohio 43609 until 2:00 PM on 03NOV17 and opened immediately following in the Administration Building. Bids will be accepted only on the bid package forms provided and only if the bids are received on or before the bid time stated. **The official bid clock will be the clock located within the Toledo Zoo's Administration Building.** A certified check, cashier's check, or a letter of credit, in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the bid amount, or a bid bond in accordance with all applicable sections of the Ohio Revised Code is required. Particular attention should be given to Ohio Revised Code Section 307.88, 153.54, 153.57, and 153.571. If your proposal is accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or a letter of credit, a performance and payment bond for 100% of your bid proposal will be required.

Minimum Wage Rates, Prevailing Wage Rates, and Equal Employment Opportunity laws of the United States and the State of Ohio are applicable to all bids received for this project.

A pre-bid meeting and joint MBE Reception will be conducted commencing at 10:00 AM on 10OCT17. The MBE reception will walk all bidder through the project, highlight the different bidding opportunities with this project and future projects at the Toledo Zoo, and explain the goals for MBE participation for the Museum of Science Redevelopment Project Bid Package #5. The MBE reception will be followed by the pre-bid meeting and site visit. Bidders will meet at the Toledo Zoo's Administration Building at 2605 Broadway St., Toledo, Ohio 43609. A site tour will follow and be part of the pre-bid meeting. No proposal will be accepted by The Toledo Zoo from a contractor that had not visited the jobsite prior to bidding. Confirmed attendance is required for the site visit, by signature from a representative of the bidding contractor on the official pre-bid walk-thru and/or the official site visit "sign-in sheet". No separate site visits will be scheduled the same day as the bid date.

Bids are subject to the terms and conditions of the Bidding Documents and the terms and conditions are hereby incorporated into the Invitation to Bid the same as if written in full herein. The owner may reject any and all bids on any basis and without disclosure of a reason. The Owner may waive any informality in the bidding to the extent permitted by law, or accept the bid which is the "lowest and best" and which embraces such combination of alternates as may promote the best interests of the Owner. Such actions taken by the Owner shall not result in accrual of any right, claim, or cause of action by any unsuccessful bidder against The Toledo Zoo, the Board of Lucas County Commissioners, or Consultants under contract to The Toledo Zoo who prepared the specification and drawings.

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Til Death Do Us Part ...

Tia Nicole Freeman wed Reverend Brandon Roderick Tucker on Friday, July 7, 2017 at the Toledo Club in the historic Centennial Room. Bishop Brehon Hall officiated the ceremony in the presence of family and close friends.

Tia is the daughter of Denese and Efferson Ellis, Jr. of Gadsden, AL and Anthony and Rhonda Freeman of Mobile, AL. She is the director of Academic Support Services at The University of Toledo.

Brandon is the son of Paula Tucker of Toledo, OH and Gino and Deirdre McGowens of Cincinnati, OH. He is the grandson of Deacon and Mrs. Robert Tucker of Toledo, OH. Brandon is the academic dean of Advanced Technology & Public Service Careers at Washtenaw Community College in Ann Arbor, MI.

Guests were treated by musical soloist Amy Meredith accompanied by Brian Thomas, followed by cocktail hour, dinner and reception with dancing and celebration with the Alpha Phi Alpha sweetheart serenade.

Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Tucker traveled to Rome, Italy for their honeymoon. The couple will reside in Toledo.



Tia Nicole Freeman and Rev. Brandon Roderick Tucker

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health & wellness, and all facets of contemporary life) to our spiritual and cultural foundations.”

The event will honor breast cancer survivors and caregivers, raise awareness about screening, prevention, and early identification, as well as promote a culture of wellness and self-care among African American women. This program will be in conjunction with Center of Hope's Annual Women's Empowerment Day, which highlights and celebrates the contributions of women in religious settings, focuses on social issues impacting women, and highlights how women of faith can become active in promoting awareness and social change.

Center of Hope also aims to alleviate misconceptions and fear within the African American faith community regarding disease prevention and health promotion.

Perryman states, “There are several ways churches can become involved. We can pray for, support, and encourage breast cancer survivors, their caregivers, and loved ones. We can also promote awareness and education through church ministries and help others to become empowered to participate in their own wellness by encouraging them to obtain regular mammograms. Finally, churches can partner with public policy advocates and professional social organizations such as Susan G. Komen of Northwest Ohio to address and support the African American church in our mission of holistic healing and hope.”

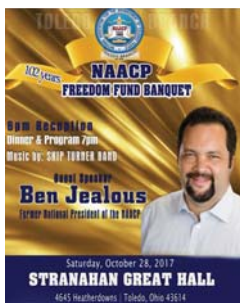
About Susan G. Komen® and the Komen Northwest Ohio Susan G. Komen Northwest Ohio has invested more than \$12 million dollars in local breast health and breast cancer awareness projects in 24 counties in Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan, including a joint partnership with the YWCA Northwest Ohio. This initiative provides a breast cancer detection program offering uninsured and underinsured women with life-saving information and no- or low-cost mammography screening, specifically targeting populations with a higher risk of developing breast cancer. For more information, call 419-724 CURE or 1-877-604-CURE, or visit www.komennwOhio.org.

Center of Hope Community Baptist Church Center of Hope Community Baptist Church's vision is to restore hope to the community by becoming a center for change that reconnects holistic Christ-centered ministry in social, economic, and all facets of contemporary life to our spiritual and cultural foundations. For more information see: www.centerofhopebaptist.org



NAACP Toledo Branch to Host 102nd Freedom Fund Banquet

Toledo Branch NAACP is celebrating 102 years in existence and will host its Annual Freedom Fund Banquet to be held Saturday, October 28 at 7:00 p.m. (6pm Reception) in the Stranahan Great Hall. 13 ABC Anchor Kristian Brown is the Mistress of Ceremonies.



This year's speaker is Mr. Ben Jealous, the former president of the National NAACP. The NAACP Toledo Branch remains steadfast in their commitment to ensure the educational, political, social, and economic equality of rights for all people and the elimination of racial hatred and discrimination! “We invite the community to join us for our celebration of 102 years of service to the cause of Human and Civil rights in our great community”! Also, three individuals will be honored who have made a significant impact on various segments of the community. The evening will be a great night of good food by “We Be Ribs” Catering, great entertainment with music by the Skip Turner Band.

Please join us for this great evening!!
For more information, please call our Branch office at 419-214-1551 or email Micheal Alexander Sr. - Freedom Fund Chairman at info@naacptoledo.org

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