

# Rotary



## Club of Fox Chapel Area

### Club Meeting

Fox Chapel Area  
Meets at Lauri Ann West  
Community Center  
1220 Powers Run Rd  
Pittsburgh, PA 15238  
Time: Wednesday at 11:45 AM

### Birthdays

Ron P. Frank  
March 11th  
Jack D. Adelson  
March 14th  
John M. McCaslin  
March 24th  
Carol A. Wood  
March 24th  
James E. Herald  
March 27th  
David A. Longhini  
March 30th

## CEO Who Grew Tollgrade Speaks Wednesday

**Chris Allison**, who led **Tollgrade Communications, Inc.** from a technology start-up to a company with more than \$660 million in yearly sales and \$135 million in operating profit, will be our speaker this Wednesday, March 6, at the Lauri Ann West Community Center.

During his 10-year tenure as CEO, Tollgrade also met or exceeded analysts' estimates 40 out of 41 quarters during that time.

Founded in Cheswick, PA, the company is devoted to line testing for the telecommunications and cable television industries. It has been recognized as one of the best "Small & Fastest Growing Companies in America" by Forbes, Fortune, Industry Week, Bloomberg Personal Finance and Business 2.0 magazines. Ernst and Young named Chris Entrepreneur of the Year, as did the Pittsburgh Venture Capital Association. The Public Relations Society of America recognized him as CEO Communicator of the Year.

Since 2006, Chris has been an adjunct professor of Business at Allegheny College and serves as co-director of the Allegheny College Center for Business & Economics. He also serves on Allegheny's board of trustees and is a member of its Executive Committee. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Clarion University Foundation.

Our meeting will begin at 11:45 a.m. at the Lauri Ann West Community Center located at 1220 Powers Run Road in O'Hara Township.

Zoom link if you are unable to attend in person.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82862414969?pwd=a4fa39amoELZwEScf54dGUfHah8Sim.1>

Website: <https://foxchapelrotary.com/>

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## 1945 - Allied Armies Advance in Europe and the Pacific

*This being the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the final months of World War II, with nearly all of our founding Fox Chapel Area Rotary Club members in 1970 involved in the conflict, we present this week-by-week history of that conflict. Some 405,000 Americans, nearly all servicemen, died in World War II in which 65 MILLION men, women and children were killed worldwide*

**March 6, 1945** -- Allied armies in the west are now on the move this week in 1945 after recovering from the Battle of the Bulge debacle that claimed more than 80,000 U.S. casualties. The U.S. Ninth Army captured the German city of [Neuss](#) while the [Third Army](#) took [Trier](#). Canadian forces took [Xanten](#), Germany.

Cologne is carpet-bombed by hundreds of U.S. and British planes and advance elements of the U.S. [First Army](#) today entered the demolished city.

The German Army continues to fight on, however, calling up 15 and 16-year-old boys and launching what would be its last offensive in the East against the Soviet Red Army.

The Soviets consolidate their conquest of Poland and begin arresting or killing anyone associated with the Polish [Home Army](#) or the [Polish government-in-exile](#) in London. The poorly-equipped civilian Home Army bravely rose up against its Nazi occupiers in 1944 in anticipation of the Soviet advance, but the Soviets never came to their aid, waiting until the Germans destroyed the Polish resistance before entering Warsaw. Now the Soviets are arresting Poles who fought against the Nazis.

In the Pacific, the battle for Iwo Jima rages on while U.S. forces take Manila.

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