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**Case of Interest:**

**November 2015**

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**Local attorney Patricia Hayden Kurt, right, with her husband, Terry, and sons, Whitney andJordan, celebrate her birthday, right, at his church, which she was proud to do for the past 25 years.**

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What do the paintings look like?

To view the gallery of past paintings and to see which ones will be offered at upcoming classes, visit www.PaintToledo.com.

How can I schedule a group outing or fundraiser? Contact Paint Toledo owner, Kylee Gregory, directly at 419-973-2985 or via email at kyleegregory@gmail.com.

**What kind of discount can I get with my Toledo VIP card?**

Toledo VIP cardholders receive 15% off of their total purchase when three or more people sign up together OR on their purchase of three or more classes.

Paint Toledo's class was a great way for me to spend time with my family and friends in a setting that was quiet and fun,” Boyk Law employee Anneke Goddowke said. “Even though I am not a great artist, the instructor walked us through replicating a painting of Toledo's High Level Bridge, which turned out surprisingly well!”

**Why Choose Paint Toledo?**

Classes are BYOB and they will even help you customize a group class or fundraiser at the location of your choice.

Where is it located?

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**Getting to Know Haley:**
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