

# TOLEDO SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL

## NEWSLETTER SPECIAL EDITION

### **Genevieve Kirkbride's First Published Novel**

Congratulations to Genevieve Kirkbride , Toledo Sister Cities International Board of Trustees member on the quite successful Roll-Out/Book Signing of her first published novel, *Carmen*, the story of a young Lebanese girl's journey into adulthood through prearranged marriage, emigration to America and the challenges of raising a young family amidst the challenges of seeking the American Dream.

“Genevieve was in total control of the evening; she was charming, informative and confident in presenting the book and in answering questions. My wife Anna and I are both looking forward to immersing ourselves in it.” remarked James Hartung, TSCI Board President.

The Roll-Out/Book Signing event attracted a standing room only crowd on Saturday September 8<sup>th</sup> at the *Gathering Volumes Bookstore* in Perrysburg, Ohio where Genevieve discussed the book's historic context, her research, her motivation and then favored the audience by reading an excerpt from the book.

