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**Allison Russo** introduced today's program featuring the E3 Initiative from the Women's Leadership Council (WLC). E3 stands for Educate, Empower and Elevate. Brochures describing the Council and the E3 Initiative were distributed.

The WLC is a program of United Way of Central Ohio. Allison relayed her personal commitment to the WLC and the E3 program before introducing **Celeste Gamble**, Executive Director of the WLC.

The Women's Leadership Council was started in 2009. There were 150 women originally on the Council. Today there are nearly 500 women involved. The Council launched the E3 initiative in 2010.

The Council focuses on bringing together low income and moderate income women with a goal of lifting them up to improve their income and lot in life.

Celeste noted that the E3 program was developed on the basis of research conducted at Ohio State to determine what resources were missing in the

community. Godman Guild is one of the agency partners in this collaborative program. The collaborative nature of the program makes it unique in the United Way of Central Ohio.

Celeste introduced **Shadena Carter**, a graduate of the E3 program, to share her story and experiences with us. Shadena is a single parent of two children. Her mother was an addict and she did not have the best environment while growing up. She did manage to graduate from high school with good grades (3.75 GPA) – and then she “threw it all away”.

One day she got tired of her situation, joined a twelve step program to avoid drug use and began to learn how to take advantage of the resources available to her. She found herself unable to reenroll in school (Columbus State) because of past due fees – and her transcript would not be released to apply to other schools.



Shadena learned about the E3 program at the Godman Guild where she was housed and where she noticed other women taking classes. She learned that help was available to get her into school and to develop life skills and contacts. She excelled in the E3 classes with the help of her mentor – someone she would never have met on the street. She became close to her E3 mentor despite the fact that they came from completely different backgrounds.

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Other women graduating were enrolling in schools while Shadena was struggling to find an opportunity. She learned never to give up in her ongoing E3 classes. When she did nearly give up in frustration she was challenged by her instructors and her mentor to continue. Ultimately, through a process she admitted she didn't understand, a door opened.

Ohio Dominican University offered her admission. While thrilled with her acceptance, she would not be able to afford the \$15,250 per semester cost. Using information she learned in the E3 program Shadena applied for scholarship funds at ODU. She emotionally reported that shortly thereafter she received an \$84,000 scholarship from the university – followed by a scholarship from the Women's Leadership Council.

Shadena expressed her thanks to the women of the WLC and the E3 program for helping her live her dream. When she did not believe in herself they helped her maintain faith and helped her keep moving forward.

She is on the Dean's List at ODU and is a full participant at the school. She is majoring in Insurance and Risk Management with the dream

of working for a great insurance company. She also stressed that she want to give back, eventually join the WLC and become a mentor to other women. She has recently been elected to the Board of the YWCA and will be attending her first Board meeting soon.

She expressed her gratitude to the E3 program and the WLC and gave credit to those organizations and the people in them for helping her change her life for the better.

Celeste returned to the podium and discussed the E3 program – with its focus on school and establishing goals and good habits. Ninety percent of women improve their math and writing two grade levels in the first 16 weeks of the program. The program extends over 48 months. It initially was a 24 month program but it was determined that additional time would be needed since the clients are living their everyday lives outside of the program. Two cohorts (classes) of women are admitted to the program each year.

Investors in the WLC program are always needed. An annual investment of \$500 to \$1,000 is required for membership. Membership information was available for those interested.

## Notes and Announcements



**Herb Gillen** announced plans for the 2018 UA Rotary Fundraiser – “Rotary in the Shoe” – which will be held on Saturday, May 19 at the Ohio Stadium Huntington Club. Flyers with details were on each table. The flyers also had information about the campaign for sponsorships and auction items. There is a hard limit of 225 people for this event so everyone is encouraged to register themselves and guests as soon as possible. **Anne Croskey** recently distributed the electronic invitation with registration information. If you didn't receive your email be sure to let Anne know.



**UA ROTARY SPRING FUNDRAISER • ROTARY IN THE 'SHOE**  
SATURDAY, MAY 19TH • 6-10 PM AT THE OHIO STADIUM HUNTINGTON CLUB

Please join us for our club's annual fundraiser back at the Horseshoe for the first time in a decade. The evening will include Stadium guided tours including the exclusive recruiting room, press box, band room, and the field; entertainment; a special guest speaker; and a catered meal. Please consider sponsoring the event, donating an auction item, and inviting guests. Registration is required, and space is limited to 225 attendees so please RSVP early to confirm your attendance. Online registration will open February 6th at 8 AM and members will receive an email invite to register. For additional information, please contact Herb Gillen at [herb@herbgillen.com](mailto:herb@herbgillen.com) or **614.562.0203**.

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# The Meeting

**President Dewey** called the meeting to order and asked **Bill Greenlee** to offer the invocation and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**John Hansel** noted that there were no visiting Rotarians and asked **Mike O'Sullivan** to introduce his guest **Kyle Knapp**. Kyle was the discussion leader at today's Rotary Roundtable about U.S. Immigration policy and procedures. **Dave Dewey** introduced prospective member **Susan Moffatt-Bruce**.

The Community Service Committee will be announcing three new programs pending Board approval later this month.

Information was on each table about the upcoming Rotary International Foundation campaign. Dave pointed out the step-by-step guide to make contributions through Rotary Direct – the online contribution system.



**Debbie Johnson** will be coordinating the club's upcoming visioning project with the first meeting of the group scheduled for April.

**Connie Aschinger** participated in a "Get to Know You" segment. She had a unique experience by climbing Mount Rainier with her 15 year old son. She also went sky diving with him. Her grandmother was the most influential person in her life. She attributes her strong work ethic to the example set by her grandmother. Her best family experiences come from the times when they are able to get all four of the children together in the same place at the same time. She also enjoys the trips she takes with each child individually as they grow up.

**Bill Hosket** conducted harassment and the cash was flowing. **Wayne Harer** was singled out for teeing off once in sight of the Rotarians meeting inside. That cost him \$5.00. Wayne immediately pointed the finger at **Whitney Logan** who was on the tee at the same time. **Connie Aschinger** was fined for "place dropping" during her "Get to Know You" segment. (She had mentioned several international locations she has traveled to for her profession.) **Bob Edler** was spotted entering today's meeting without going by the Greeters and paid the price. Everyone who asked Bill about OSU basketball's Kam Williams suspension was fined a dollar. Anyone who greeted him today as "Mr. Hosket" was also fined.



## UA ROTARY HAPPY HOUR

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