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Erik Yassenoff and Debbie McLaughlin

presented today's program about the Upper Arlington Mallway Veterans Memorial Project. Erik is a former member of the UA City Council and Chairman of the Veterans Centennial Committee. Debbie is Parks and Recreation Director since 2015.

The presentation was based on a slide show. Erik noted that the Veterans Memorial project has been worked on for the past two year. A working group has been working with the City during that time. A fundraising stage will be forthcoming soon. The exact fundraising requirements have yet to be determined since the final details of the plan are still being fleshed out.

We saw current pictures of the mallway in old Arlington which showed the existing Veterans Memorial which currently serves as the entrance to the mallway. The current memorial was

constructed for the 50th anniversary of the city of Upper Arlington. It honors the veterans of World War II and the Korean and Viet Nam wars. There is also a plaque commemorating Camp Willis which was a World War I camp in south Arlington. There is also a large rock placed by the National Garden Club which serves as a Blue Star Memorial.

The Veterans Centennial Committee was formed in 2016. Half of the group is veterans and half are not. In addition to working toward an expanded veterans memorial the group's agenda includes discussion about creating an annual community-wide program to honor veterans.

The committee and the city are working cooperatively on this project. The city has been helpful in the design and budgeting process. We are currently in the public input phase. The initial design was displayed and changes are ongoing based on what is being heard from residents. The public input phase has been extended from the end of March until the end of May, 2018.

We saw a graphic showing the current proposal. The existing wall will be retained and will serve as an entryway into a tree-lined corridor leading to a central focal point on the mall which will serve as the heart of the veterans memorial. Based on public input already received the original concept has been modified to include a gathering space for public/com-



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munity gatherings. Picnic tables are also suggested amenities to the area.

The centerpiece of the memorial will feature a large five pointed star. Each point will display the flag of a branch of the U.S. armed forces. There is still input needed to determine whether the central point should display all of the names of residents who have served in military conflicts over time or whether the display should be a more fluid, changing display. Here again, public input is being sought.

The budget is currently estimated at \$750,000. This number could change as plans are finalized. At a high level, fundraising is currently estimated to include \$200,000 from the State of Ohio. That amount is currently included in the state's pro-

posed capital improvements budget. Outreach to other groups will follow. Veteran-friendly businesses and veterans organizations will be asked for assistance. Erik emphasized that the goal is not to ask veterans or veterans' families to fund this memorial. It is a gift from the Upper Arlington community. There are a number of businesses and organizations who traditionally have an interest in these types of projects and they will be a focus of fundraising efforts.

Erik and Debbie engaged in a Q&A session following the presentation. Debbie noted that the slide presentation is available on the city's website. She also pointed out that City Council will be reviewing the concept at a conference session on April 2 and again on April 9.

Notes and Announcements

REMINDER: Please reply (one way or another) to the email invitation to the May 19 Fundraiser! **Anne Croskey** noted that 110 members have yet to reply.

Chip Knoop visited the Lake Buena Vista Rotary Club recently. He brought back one of their banners which featured Mickey Mouse ears on the Rotary International logo. It is the only known authorized modification of that logo. He met a 94 year old member who was born in Alliance, Ohio. The man was apparently so impressed with Chip's visit that he gave him a buckeye that he had been carrying with him for the past 35 years.

Debbie Johnson reminded us of the visioning project which will feature a planning/strategy meeting for club leadership on April 10. She urged everyone to reply to the online survey which was distributed to all club members on March 11.



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The Meeting



Dave Dewey asked **Glen Dugger** to offer the invocation and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Debbie McLaughlin, a Tri Village Rotarian, was visiting and speaking with us today. **Jacob Coffman** joined us as a guest today.

Next week (3/20) we return to Scioto Country Club and we'll hear from **Tracy Hahn**, UA Police Chief, about "Bigs in Blue".

A memorial service for **Patty Vesper** will be held on Thursday, March 22.

President Dave reminded us about the UA centennial tree planting project which will occur in the last week of April.



An Upper Arlington Birthday Celebration will be held at the Tremont Road Library on Tuesday, March 20 from 3:30 to 6:30 PM.

The May 19 District Assembly is in Zanesville. Members were encouraged to attend. There is time to participate and still be back home in time for UA Rotary's Fundraiser – "Rotary at the 'Shoe'" that evening.

T. A. Ward, **Bill Hosket**, and **Chris Widing** were recognized for their 125 Club Contributions.

Remember to complete the recently distributed survey being conducted in conjunction with the club's upcoming visioning project. The survey was sent via email to all club members.

We heard a "Get to Know Me" segment with **Chris Aschinger**. Chris and his wife Connie have four children. His bucket list includes a trip to the Mayan Families project in Guatemala. The most influential person in his life is his dad Carl.



Mary Ann Krauss shared details about the Guatemala playground project which has been undertaken by women of Upper Arlington Rotary. "Kids Around the World", an organization that works to provide playgrounds in underdeveloped countries, worked with Mary Ann and **Ginny Barney** to undertake the Guatemala project. No Rotary funds were used to finance the construction of two playgrounds. The project was coordinated with the Mayan Families Foundation. She talked about the excitement of the children and the pride and gratitude exhibited by their parents when the playgrounds were dedicated. The parents were fully engaged in the project and local labor was involved in the construction

of the playgrounds. Mary Ann displayed a hand-woven blanket/wall hanging which was adorned with embroidery expressing their gratitude. While the fabric was woven by hand using an old fashioned manual loom, the embroidery was applied to the blanket using the automated equipment provided to the sewing school by Rotary. The project has generated support from a number of donors. Recently, a \$1,000 contribution was made which will be used to fund ongoing maintenance of the playgrounds.

