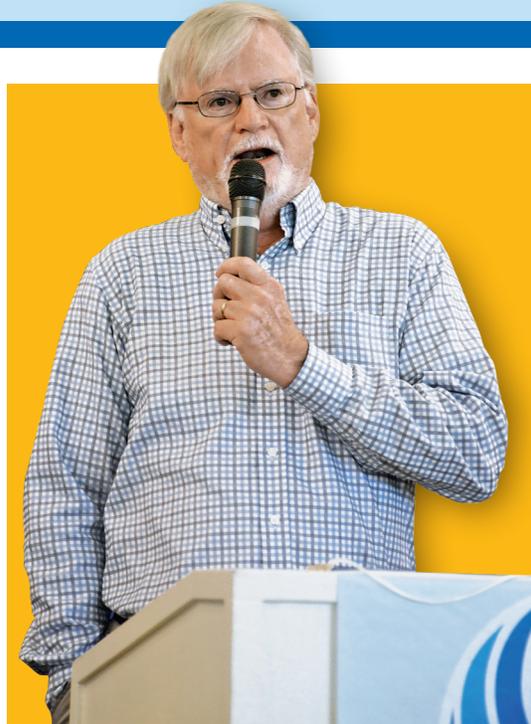




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been arrested and charged with domestic violence in October of 2015. In fact, he had not been arrested and he was not charged. Further, there were no charges pressed against Zach Smith in 2009 when similar allegations were made by his wife while he worked at the University of Florida. The decision to dismiss him from the OSU staff had reportedly been made the week before the story broke.

Zach Smith has also noted in various interviews that he had been called off the road in 2015 by Gene Smith to answer the allegations made against him. Urban Meyer has also stated that he followed proper protocol in this matter. If that is true, the question arises as to why he is currently on paid administrative leave. No one knows the real answer to that question at this time. The university's committee will investigate, hopefully find all the details and move forward from there.

Tim noted that Urban Meyer has always reacted swiftly in the past whenever similar charges or allegations were made involving players at OSU. Proper treatment of women is one of the core values that are a focus in the OSU football program. Tim cited several suspensions or dismissals that have occurred under coach Meyer's watch in the past. It is curious why he would not have reacted the same way in this case had he known the details.

There is a question as to whether Title IX would apply in this case since Courtney Smith was not associated with Ohio State in any way other than her husband's employment. That's another question yet to be answered.

Tim's bottom line is that he's not sure exactly what OSU's investigative committee is looking into. They are presumably waiting to see evidence come before them and then begin making decisions about what direction they want to go. He noted that Urban Meyer seems to be confident that he will be back in front of the team soon.

Wayne Harer introduced today's speaker, **Tim May** from the Columbus Dispatch. Tim has covered OSU athletics for 34 years. According to Wayne, he also covered the "great Clippers teams of the early 80's". Tim was with us to take a look at the 2018 Ohio State football team and the current events surrounding the program.

Tim began by noting that "they made me cover the Clippers at gunpoint". He made a Texas connection with visiting Rotarian David Jessich and referred to it several times during his remarks. He also apologized to Scioto Country Club members again for desecrating the hallowed ground when he played a round prior to the recent Senior Open.

He described the scene when he was in Chicago on July 23 for Big Ten media days when the story broke about the dismissal of wide receiver coach Zach Smith from the OSU coaching staff. A key point was that the reports indicated that Smith had

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He also noted that something always seems to happen in July when it comes to the Ohio State football program. Maybe July should be cancelled.

Meanwhile, Ryan Day is the acting coach. Tim noted the fine distinction between the term “interim coach” and “acting coach”. Day has substantial coaching experience both in the NFL (49ers and Eagles) as well as in the college ranks (Temple and Boston College) – but he has never been a head coach. He is considered a young talented coach.

The fact that OSU did not ask Defensive Coordinator/Associate Head Coach Greg Schiano to serve in this capacity is interesting. Given his previous head coaching experience at Rutgers and his near miss appointment as Tennessee head coach it would seem like he would be a good candidate for this temporary assignment at OSU. However, Tim pointed out that the “optics” (one of Tim’s favorite words today) might be bad since there were very obscure allegations made, via a Twitter campaign, that Schiano may have had some remote connection to the recent Penn State/Jerry Sandusky situation.

He turned to discussing the 2018 team. There was a very limited opportunity to see three periods of practice today (8/7) and Tim boldly declared that this team is one of the best at stretching that he has ever seen. He also said this is a very talented foot-

ball team with a brand new starting quarterback with talented backups waiting on the wings.

He did have an opportunity to talk to defensive end Nick Bosa who wants to be part of a national championship team and also strives to be the number one pick in the NFL draft. May mentioned several other players in various position groups – including what he referred to as a veteran wide receiver group – making up the most talented receiver corps since Urban Meyer has been head coach. Two 1,000 yard running backs return also (Mike Weber and J.K. Dobbins).

This year’s offensive has the potential to be the best one Meyer has had at OSU. There is some shuffling going on with the offensive line with the center position being one to keep an eye on. They are trying to replace Billy Price who is now with the Cincinnati Bengals.

All three linebacker spots also need to be filled this year. The roster features several highly ranked players whose opportunity is upon them. The secondary has slots to fill – but it seems that every year all they do is replace one first round draft pick with another future first round pick. There will be two new starters in the secondary this year.

A lengthy Q&A session followed Tim’s presentation.

Notes and Announcements



Herb Gillen highlighted a flyer on each table about the upcoming Rotary Youth Exchange weekend scheduled for August 25 at Jones Middle School. We need six Rotarians to provide a dessert that can feed a minimum of ten individuals each (adults and high school exchange students). We also need four Rotarians to provide fruit bowls for fifteen individuals each. Sign-up forms were available on each table. **Alan Yaretts** is coordinating and your help is needed and would be appreciated.

Chris Taylor announced the October 14 visit by renowned author **Amor Towles** – part of the UA Author series jointly sponsored by the UA Library and the UA community Foundation. Details and tickets are now available online at the UA Library or UA Foundation website or in the adult section of the Tremont Library.

Steve Sandbo brought bottles of “leftovers” from the recent Night of Zacapa. To dispose of them he conducted a live auction to benefit Polio Plus.

Steve DeWeese from the Worthington AM club announced availability of raffle tickets for his club that is giving away two season tickets to Ohio State Football – \$20 each/3 for \$50.

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The Meeting



Vice President **Herb Gillen** presided at today's meeting. He asked **Dave Hammond** to offer the invocation and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Anne Croskey** wasn't here today so there was no flag.

Jim Hamilton introduced visiting Rotarians **Steve DeWeese** from the Worthington AM club and **David Jessich** from the Austin, TX (Westlake) club. David presented his club banner. Both gentlemen are past presidents of their clubs.

We had multiple guests today. **Tom Westfall** introduced his son **Sam**. **Mike Brady** introduced **Mike Roth**. **Bill Loveland's** guest was **Joe Neff**. **Milt Lustnauer** introduced **Josh Valentino**. **Tom Davis'** guest was **Tim Duffey**. **Linda Cummins** introduced her son **Bob Cummins**. **Carl Aschinger** was accompanied by his wife **Belva** and guest **Binnie Donahue**.

Early August seems to be big time birthday season for UA Rotary. **Tim Hall** and **Chuck Manofsky** just celebrated birthdays on August 5; **John Krauss'** birthday was today (8/7); **Brad Borders'** birthday is on August 8; and **Don Leach** and **Steve Lichtblau** celebrate on August 9. Party on!

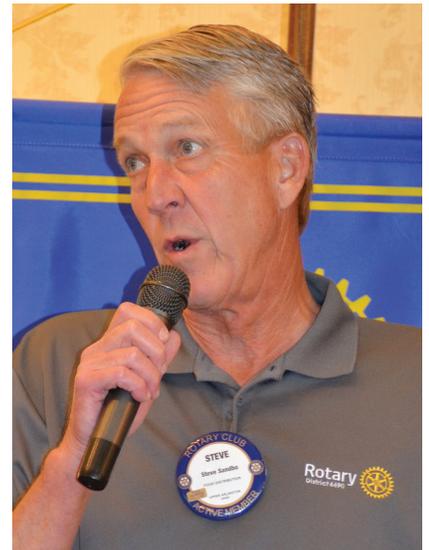
Dave Hammond told us that **Bill Mielke** has taken a turn for the worse and our thoughts and prayers are appreciated. He is back in the ICU.

Next week (8/14) will feature **Chris "Beanie" Wells** talking about life after college and NFL football stardom. **Brad DeHays** would like to have questions for this program emailed to him (Brad) in advance.

The August 21 meeting has been cancelled and a social event has been scheduled in its place. The event will take place on Wednesday, August 22 at the Amelita Mirolo Barn. We'll be hosting past Northwest Volunteers of the Year who will be in attendance to mix with club members and guests. No charge for Rotarians, \$15 for guests. You should RSVP to **Tracy Harbold** by August 17.

Herb announced that the Community Service Committee met Monday and approved \$450 for Ronald McDonald House dinner funding. The Board also heard an update on the Windermere/Livingston Elementary partnership from **Bill Cloyd**. An upcoming Barrington/West Broad elementary project is also being discussed.

Tanya Westerviller is still trying to get current pictures. She will be taking pictures after today's meeting.



UA Rotary Northwest Volunteers of the Year Reception August 22 @ 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

In lieu of our regular Tuesday noon meeting, we will be holding a reception to honor our Northwest Volunteers of the Year at the Amelito Mirolo Barn. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and beer and wine will be served. The event is free to members of the Upper Arlington Rotary Club. Guests are welcome and a charge of \$15 per guest will be charged.

Please RSVP to Tracy Harbold at tharbold@uacommunityfoundation.com by August 17th.