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Our program today featured **Sarah Barr**, Executive Director of Wild Goose Creative. Sarah is also the entire staff of WGC and is tackling the many tasks alone - with the help of a volunteer Board.

Sarah Barr is a sculptor and photographer and is an advocate for the arts, known for her work in building communities and raising funds in the nonprofit sector. With a BA in Studio Art and a Masters in Art Education, Sarah combines her passion for the arts with her extensive leadership experience. Before joining Wild Goose Creative, Sarah spearheaded multiple successful capital campaigns, breathing new life into abandoned historic buildings and turning them into vibrant cultural arts centers in rural communities across Ohio.

Since its founding in 2006, WGC moved quickly from a series of “works in progress” events that featured food, art, and Q&A sessions to a multipurpose creative space at 2491 Summit Street that was sometimes a gallery, sometimes a school, a kitchen table, a living room, a concert hall, or a dance floor. In 2019, a capital campaign began to expand to a 2nd location in Franklinton since artists were being turned away due to the demand. Ultimately, due to the effects of COVID-19, two spaces did not financially or strategically make sense. The difficult decision was made to close the Clintonville location and permanently move to the Franklinton location at 188 McDowell. Franklinton has taken a mindful way of helping to transform the Franklinton area.

Wild Goose Creative cultivates the creation of excellent and surprising art and hosts over 320 events a year. Wild Goose Creative is about a lot of things – including sustainable partnerships and artistic collaborations. WGC provides artists resources to help facilitate their work. Creating a space for people to experience art and engage each other is an important component of the organization’s work. Participating in the growing arts culture of Columbus is a focus. Mostly, Wild Goose Creative is about helping to build a vibrant community of people who care about creativity. Sarah highlighted the organization’s Arts Incubator as one WGC’s most interesting programs.

Wild Goose Creative offers a dynamic 3,000 square feet of event space, perfect for private events and gallery shows. The venue features an ADA accessible stage equipped with sound and lighting, ensuring a professional setting for performances, and two gender-neutral restrooms to accommodate all guests. The kitchen is well-equipped and ample table and chair space, making meal preparation and serving convenient. High-speed internet and a dry bar add to the functionality of the space. The venue is suitable for a variety of events, including birthday parties, work holiday gatherings, and half or full-day workshops, making it an ideal choice for any occasion.

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GREETERS

January 28

Bob Nolan
Rick Barth

February 4

Eve Petricoff
Rod Essig

February 11

Mike Turnbull
Jim Henson

REGISTRATION DESK

January 28

Kevin Brown
Janine Hummer

February 4

Ted Foster
Brendan King

February 11

Rick Barth
Tom Westfall

CALENDAR

January 28 - Scioto CC/Zoom

Dr. John Horack, Professor
and Neil Armstrong Chair of
Aerospace Policy at The Ohio
State University

Host: Michael Turnbull

February 4 - Scioto CC/Zoom

Patty Churan, Make-A-Wish
Central Ohio

Host: Herb Gillen

February 11 - Scioto CC/Zoom

Lt. Jason Messer & Sgt. Bryan
McKean – Upper Arlington
Police Division, “Crime Trends
in UA and What You Can Do To
Protect Yourself”

Host: Alan Thompson

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SOCIAL EVENTS

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reminder to herb@herbgillen.com for
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OUR NEXT MEETING

JANUARY 28TH

Scioto Country Club / Zoom

Upper Arlington
Rotary
Club



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WGC's Community Arts Incubator is supported by the Ohio Arts Council. This is a mentorship program run by WGC - open to artists (18+) from all disciplines (performing, literary, and visual). It is provided free of charge to accepted participants. Artists of all disciplines are paired with one-on-one support, stipends and professional development workshops.

Goals of this program are:

- Providing opportunities for professional artists to share their skills and knowledge with the next generation of creatives in Columbus
- Connecting creatives with space, resources and one-on-one support to encourage career growth and development in the creative field

Studios for artists to rent are available at nearby Strongwater. Funding for Wild Goose Creative is provided primarily through grants and individual sponsorships. Communication to the public is primarily through social media and a vibrant website. More work is being done on an overall marketing plan.

WGC is launching a new initiative in high schools which brings high school juniors and seniors together with local artists to give them a snapshot of where the arts are and what career opportunities there might be in the arts industry. The organization also works with CCAD, OSU, Dennison and Miami universities.

The arts industry generates about \$30 above the admission price for the many events which happen in the Columbus area. This is an indication of the economic impact and importance of the industry to Central Ohio.



THE MEETING



President **Angela Lanctot** opened the meeting and asked **Joe Valentino** to offer the invocation and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no visiting Rotarians or guests today.

Angela reminded us of the campaign for annual \$365 contributions to the UA Rotary Foundation.

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Joe Valentino announced that the club is donating to the Night to Shine program. Night to shine is a prom experience for special needs kids. A total of 600+ kids will enjoy the event at three locations on February 7 from 5:30 until 9:00 PM. Volunteers are still needed to help with the event. See Joe or contact him via text.

Chip Knoop gave a Bed Brigade update. Seven Interact members and six Rotarians built 18 beds last Saturday (1/18). The new bed inventory allows for a bed delivery on Saturday, January 25 from 9:30 until 11:00 AM. We need a truck/SUV to help and several Rotarians to help.

In a related matter, the evacuation of Lawrence Tower at OSU has made 500 mattresses available. Monday 1/27 and Tuesday 1/28 there will be an opportunity to pick up the mattresses – which is an important opportunity for the Bed Brigade program. We need able-bodied folks to help with the truck loading process.

Andy Livingston asked club members who are not SCC members to stop at the entry gate upon entering. There is heightened concern about security following the recent rash of car break-ins in the area.

