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Angela welcomed Club member **Joe Valentino**, to provide a pre-Thanksgiving message. Joe did not get any formal introduction, but your editor thought it might be interesting to share some biographical details, as follows: Joe is currently a pastor at Upper Arlington Lutheran Church, having been involved in some pastoral role there since 1985. Joe also worked at the City of Upper Arlington for nearly 20 years, including as Parks and Rec Director and ultimately as Assistant City Manager. Joe is a graduate of Upper Arlington High School, and has an undergraduate degree from Ohio Dominican University and an MA in Public Administration from Ohio State.

Joe shared a message about the importance of living in the moment and giving forward. He related the life story of his grandfather, Theodore, who was an immigrant from a poor village in Calabria in Italy, and who came to the US, initially to work as a blacksmith in a coal mine in Kentucky. He earned enough ultimately to go back to Italy and marry his betrothed, Anna, and then to bring her back over to the US. Theodore also proved to have excellent drafting skills, which came to the attention of Rockwell International, which brought him and his family to Columbus, where they lived in the Hilltop neighborhood.

Joe talked about how Theodore's example of hard work and love of family, friends and country, and his faith, set an example for his children and other offspring, which now number 116, living around the US. This includes Joe and his wife Peggy's own son Joshua, without regard to the fact that Joshua is adopted and never knew Theodore. Joe encouraged all of us to consider how our own examples will affect our loved ones for many years to come, hopefully in a positive way that will make the world a better place.

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GREETERS

December 3

Robert (Bob) Nolan
Beau Taggart

December 10

Robert Hunt
Bill Hosket

December 17

Sue Coady
John Wiseman

REGISTRATION DESK

December 3

Rick Barth
Tom Westfall

December 10

Jim Winfree
Dave Shelby

December 17

Mike Brady
John Cleland

CALENDAR

December 3 - Scioto CC/Zoom

Jesse Jones, National Alliance on Mental Illness
Host: Debbie Johnson

December 10 - Scioto CC/Zoom

No Lunch Meeting

UA Rotary Holiday Party

5:30pm - 7:30pm

December 17 - Scioto CC/Zoom

Ryan Adkins, Owner-Operator Adkins Farms
Host: John Krauss

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Submit your volunteer opportunity to herb@herbgillen.com for inclusion in the Rotaryview Newsletter.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Please submit your social event reminder to herb@herbgillen.com for inclusion in the Rotaryview Newsletter.

OUR NEXT MEETING

DECEMBER 3RD

Scioto Country Club / Zoom

THE MEETING



Angela Lanctot opened the meeting, which was held in person at Scioto Country Club and also via Zoom.

Dave Hammond provided the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

Bob Argo was a visiting Rotarian, from the Tri-Village Club, and he brought a guest, **Ahcene Zerrouk**, from Algeria.

Mike Dickey was a visiting Rotarian from the Delaware Club.

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Tom Davis encouraged sign-ups for the last few time slots, to ring the bell for Salvation Army, at the Kroger store on Chambers Road. Please contact him if you can help.

Anne Crosskey noted that she has sent out 157 e-vites for the Dec. 10 holiday party, but has only received 30 responses to date. Please do respond, so that an appropriate amount of food and drink can be ordered.

Milt Lustnauer presented pins for the following members who have made gifts to be in the 125 Club, with the gifts going to the Rotary Foundation, and \$100 allocated to the Annual Fund and \$25 to the Polio Plus Fund:

Norm Essey, Bob Ness, Steve Lichtblau, and Bill Kraft.

Angela Lanctot added recognition of **Chris Copeland** as a Paul Harris Fellow, and **Dave Zadnik** as a new "Blue Badge" member, having completed the process to get out of "Red Badge" territory.

Angela also noted that new Club directories are still available. She also promoted the next Rotary Roundtable program, before the regular Dec. 3 meeting, featuring **Bill Hosket**.



SORTING OUT WHERE TO CONTRIBUTE

Where do your contributions go? There are three main organizations where we as Upper Arlington Rotarians direct our Rotary giving. Sometimes it can be confusing, so here is something to hopefully help keep things straight.

ORGANIZATION	DONATION DESIGNATIONS	ADDRESS	MEMBER CONTACT	EMAIL
Upper Arlington Rotary Club	Club dues	P.O. Box 12013 Columbus, OH 43212	Peggy Concilla	concillapl@gmail.com
Upper Arlington Rotary Foundation	Annual \$365 and some other club funding requests	1704 Sundridge Dr. Columbus, OH 43221	Andy Livingston	andy.w.livingston@gmail.com
Rotary International Foundation	\$125 Club, Paul Harris and Polio Plus	2902 Halstead Rd. Columbus, OH 43221	Milt Lustnauer	milt@miltshellshomes.com

