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Jessica Grisez introduced the speaker, **Ryan Miller** of 2nd & 7 Foundation. Ryan founded The 2nd & 7 Foundation in 1999 and now serves as the chairman of the board of directors.

From the 2nd & 7 website, this story about Ryan and the organization's founding: When Ryan was a freshman in college at The Ohio State University, he started reading to children through a personal connection with the Boy Scouts of America and OSU athletics. He quickly realized the impact reading can have on young minds and began developing the blueprints for 2nd & 7. After hosting a summer football camp to generate funds to purchase books, Ryan and his former teammates Luke Fickell and Mike Vrabel traveled around Columbus, Ohio reading to seven different second grade classrooms. Soon after, 2nd & 7 was born. As time went on, Ryan became more committed to expanding 2nd & 7. He structured 2nd & 7 around teamwork and began compiling a group of hard working individuals to help promote the importance of reading and encourage student athletes to pay it forward.

Ryan came to Columbus from Allen Park, MI. He played football for The Ohio State University from 1993-1996, where he started at outside linebacker and helped the team capture a victory in the 1997 Rose Bowl. The two-time Iron-Man Award winner was also selected as the co-Defensive Player of the Year as a senior for the Buckeyes. After graduating with an Economics degree, Ryan began a career in sports journalism. In 2005, Ryan earned his Mas-

ters degree from the Fisher College of Business (OSU) and founded m2 marketing, LLC. M2 creates websites with a content management system and provides graphic design services.

Ryan described the mission of 2nd and 7: to promote reading by providing free books and positive role models to kids in need while encouraging young athletes of the community to pay it forward.

2nd and 7's reading program encourages student-athletes from universities and high schools across the nation to participate in weekly readings in second-grade classrooms. While in the classrooms, they are reading to the kids, passing out free books for the kids to take home and reminding the kids why it is so important to read. 2nd and 7 has given out nearly 1 million books since its founding.

2nd & 7 created its own book series featuring a group of friends called the Hog Mollies; each book teaches valuable life lessons. In the fall of 2023, 2nd and 7 will distribute its 16th book in that series - The Hog Mollies and the Winter Walk with Wally.

Joining Ryan for further discussion about 2nd & 7 were Executive Director **Amy Hoying** and Senior Program Manager **Janet Kassoff**.



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THE MEETING



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

Tim Kellogg provided the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

Jessica Grisez introduced her guest **Courtney Schenk**. **Kelly Marlow** introduced her guest **Lindsay O'Donnell**. **Tom Westfall** introduced his guest, and his wife, **Mindy Westfall**.

Don Trotier introduced visiting Rotarian **Bob Nolan**.

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Jessica Grisez noted that yesterday the final beam was placed on top of the new Bob Crane Community Center. She thanked the Club for its support of this project.

Jack Seibert noted that Saturday is the last day of operation for his business, Jack Seibert Goldsmith & Jewelers, after 44 years. He thanked Club members for their support over the years.

Brent Jackson noted that the Club offers scholarships to those who are in financial need and who are looking to obtain an education, for instance, a working single parent. This opportunity is not widely advertised, and he asked that members let him know if they encounter potential candidates.



John Kraus provided a reminder of the Club's annual fundraiser, to be held on the evening of May 14, at the Amelita Mirolo Barn. Please contact John if you would like to be on the committee for the fundraiser, or have any ideas relating to the fundraiser.

Dave Dewey conducted harassment, with a Valentine's Day theme.

Andy Livingston noted that a Bed Brigade delivery project will occur this coming Saturday, Feb. 17 at 9:30 am, meeting at the Upper Arlington Lutheran Church in Mill Run.



Andy also noted that the Rotary Roundtable program before next week's meeting on Feb. 20 will take place at 11 am and will feature the OSU Men's Lacrosse team coach.

Andy also provided a reminder that the March 5 and 12 meetings will occur at the Boathouse Restaurant at Confluence Park.

Andy announced the following grants that were approved by the Club's board: \$3,327.27 to West Broad Elementary School to support outings for students and the holiday store, and \$2,500 to the Columbus Female Benevolent Society for personal hygiene supplies.

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ROTARY ROUNDTABLE FEBRUARY 20TH FEATURES OSU MEN'S LACROSSE HEAD COACH NICK MYERS

Please join us Tuesday, February 20th from 11 AM - Noon at Scioto Country Club for Rotary Roundtable featuring Ohio State Men's Lacrosse Head Coach Nick Myers. Coach Myers will be covering the great successes of the program as well as highlighting the new lacrosse facility.

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.

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Rotary International Foundation	\$125 Club, Paul Harris and Polio Plus	244 Daniel Burnham Sq. Columbus, OH 43215	Debbie Johnson	debbiejohnson33@gmail.com

