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Jeanine Hummer introduced **Ruchelle Pride**, Director of the Office of Justice Policies & Programs -CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) Franklin County. Her office is a Criminal Justice Agency to the Franklin County Board of Commissioners. "We deal with Restorative Justice -how we deal with offenders," she explained. 95% of incarcerated people will be released. Our goal is to help them contribute without judgement and barriers.

Pride has been a featured speaker at conferences around the country. She has developed and modeled programs that address re-entry to society. A mother of two boys, she explained that their office strives to dismantle things that are harmful to people. We have pre-release training to assist planning and re-entry to the community.

Last year, the CASA office oversaw the cases of 766 children. They are in constant need of volunteers and support. "We try to get them to good environments," she explained. Her office has training for Opioid episodes. Our staff has administered Narcan, but also can direct access to treatment centers. Her office works to address public policies for drug related issues. Our goal is for people to thrive, not survive. This is accomplished by focusing on issues key to their wellbeing -housing, food, medical, etc.

Ruchelle's office developed a "Tap in Center" modeled after St. Louis County, MO. This is a resource center for those with a criminal issue to divert away from the court system and work through outstanding past issues with Prosecution and Law Enforcement.

Q&A:

- Opened a Safer Center at new Franklin County Jail of Jackson Pike. This "walk-in" center exists to begin the help process. They have helped over 4,000 people.
- Not originally part of the design, but added second Safer Center to the new Franklin County Jail on Fisher Rd.
- We want to help people. For example, there are no prompts on our phone system. You will talk to a person.
- We oversee Catch Court -Juvenile Court Process
- We also oversee Victim Services for Domestic Violence situations.

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GREETERS

April 23
Matt Rule
Lou Sauter

April 30
Eric Stoll
Tom Sugar

May 7
Cheryl Turnbull
Steve Turnbull

REGISTRATION DESK

April 23
Kevin Brown
Brian Hall

April 30
Ted Foster
Brendan King

May 7
Rick Barth
Tom Westfall

CALENDAR

April 23 - Scioto CC/Zoom
Emelia Sheeley,
Angelica Aguilar, Riverview
International Center
Host: Barri Jones

April 30 - Scioto CC/Zoom
Jeff Perrin, Kentucky Derby:
Jockeys, Horses,
and Qualifications
Host: Kip Greenhill

May 7 - Scioto CC/Zoom
Elena Wason, Executive
Director of Natun (formerly
known as Mayan Families)
Host: Steve Sandbo

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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SOCIAL EVENTS

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OUR NEXT MEETING

APRIL 23RD
Scioto Country Club/Zoom

Upper Arlington
Rotary
Club



THE MEETING



The April 16, 2024 Upper Arlington Rotary Meeting at Scioto Country Club with online access to members available via Zoom. President **Andy Livingston** rang the bell to officially start the meeting with Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance led by **Joe Valentino**.

Don Trotier was joined by his son, **Brian**, a former UA Rotary member visiting from California.

Also joining the meeting were visiting Rotarians **Bob Nolan** and **Rich Ireland**.

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:



President **Andy Livingston** gave a summary of the April 15th Board Meeting. \$1000 was approved for Best Buddies. He also recapped our \$365 contributions: Last year 80 members contributed for a total of around \$20,000. This year-to-date, 122 members have contributed \$44,530 (80% of our members).

Barri Jones announced that we will have two Senior Cleanup opportunities on April 27th and May 18th.

Bed Brigade deliveries are this weekend. **Tim Kellogg** is supplying a van. **Chip Knoop** could use one or two more volunteers.

Brent Jackson updated the Scholarship Committee. Letters are going this week and we have a great selection of candidates.

John Krauss reminded that the Club Fundraiser is May 14th and the committee will meet after lunch.

Dave Shelby introduced **Terri Starr**, lifetime UA resident and retired after 25 years at UAHS. Terri founded Devine Dignity after her working career and supplies hygiene products to those in need at 20 "Closets" located throughout Central Ohio.

FRIENDS OF UPPER ARLINGTON PARKS

The Friends of Upper Arlington Parks will be planting trees at Northwest Kiwanis and Thompson Parks on Saturday, April 20 starting at 9:00 AM. We will be planting approximately 200 native understory trees and bushes at each park, including dogwoods, plums, and hazelnuts.

When the tree planting at Northwest Kiwanis Parks is completed, we will move to Thompson Park to work on Habitat Restoration until 12:00 noon. Volunteers do not need to commit to the entire morning; they are welcome to participate for just a portion of the morning, as their schedule permits.

Some tools and gloves are provided, but feel free to bring your own. Volunteers should wear long pants and appropriate footwear. Volunteers planning to plant trees should bring a shovel.

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