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KENTUCKY DERBY

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Our featured speaker today was **Jeff Perrin** who discussed the Kentucky Derby. Jeff is a jockey's agent who works to arrange riding opportunities for the jockey he represents. He was born in Australia where horse racing is wildly popular and a staple of weekend activity – where having a beer with your mates is a regular Saturday event.

Jeff is the agent for jockey Sonny Leon who rode Rich Strike to the 148th Kentucky Derby victory in 2022. We saw a video highlighting the shocking win by Rich Strike – at race time an 80-1 long shot in the 20 horse field.

Rich Strike was purchased in a claiming race at Churchill Downs for \$30,000. The horse's mother was a Canadian turf champion and Rich Strike was originally raced on turf – with poor results. A move to Churchill downs and entry into the claiming race changed everything.

Rich Strike was not even entered in the Derby until the day before the race – having been on the alternate list until that time. Rich Strike's accumulated points left the horse just short of the qualification threshold.

Jeff, whose career as a jockey's agent began at Beulah Park in Grove City, pointed out that there are over 60,000 horses foaled every year – but only around 20 ultimately qualify for the Kentucky Derby. The field is winnowed via a series of prep races for three year olds which, through a points system, determine qualifiers for the Derby. The Kentucky Derby is the only race of the Triple Crown series that requires the accumulation of points in order to qualify. Neither the Belmont nor the Preakness have such restrictions.

The Kentucky Derby is 1.25 miles – a distance that none of the entrants have run before. The importance of the pole position depends to an extent on the nature of the horse and its running style. Most trainers do not want the one or two position unless they have a speed horse. Rich Strike had some advantage in the Derby because the horse regularly trained and raced at Churchill Downs while the others had not. In addition, Rich Strike is a “deep closer” which is advantageous over the additional length of the Derby.

In a 1.25 mile race the distance difference between the pole position and the outside slot is about 40 yards.

Jockey compensation is ten percent of the owner's share. The Derby has the largest purse of the Triple Crown races while the Belmont Stakes has the smallest.

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OUR NEXT MEETING

MAY 7TH
Scioto Country Club/Zoom

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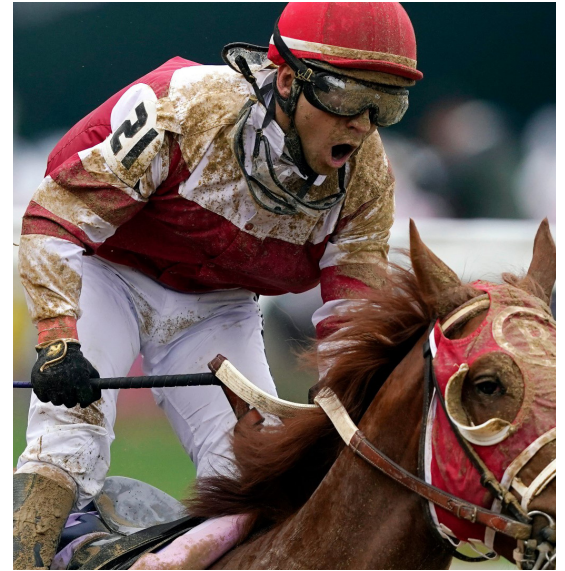
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KENTUCKY DERBY

In some cases jockeys will ride multiple races and horses in the same day – sometimes at different race track depending on the schedule at each track. In the case of the Kentucky Derby, riders often have ridden several other races earlier in the day.

Jeff feels that horses today are not as durable as those in the past. The specific reason cannot be determined but diet and breeding may well be factors. While today's horses may be thinner boned they still must hold up to 1,200 pounds of pressure with each stride – when all of the horse's weight is on only one leg and ankle at a time.

Jeff currently represents three jockeys in two states. Sonny Leon, winning jockey in the 2022 Kentucky Derby, is currently racing in Florida.



Editor's note:

We apologize that due to technical issues we do not have photos of notes and announcements from today's meeting.

THE MEETING

President **Andy Livingston** asked **Dave Hammond** to offer the invocation and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Brendan King asked **Eric Stoll** to introduce his guest **Scott Stender**.

Andy reminded us of his 23-'24 Rotary challenge that each member of the club engage in at least three service opportunities. We are now in the final two months of the Rotary year. Consider meeting the challenge if you have not already done so.

The Fundraiser is coming soon. Reply to the email invitation ASAP. There is a May 7 deadline for the catering order.

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chip Knoop noted the upcoming May 18 Senior Cleanup date. He also commended **Kelly Marlow** and her family for turning out for the most recent Senior Cleanup event.

Mike Kull asked for volunteers to assist with the May 8 Homes for Families Mother's Day basket giveaway.

Peggy Concilla, resplendent in her "multi-colored playhouse painting coat", needs a couple more Rotarians to help with the May 23 Habitat for Humanity playhouse build.

Anne Croskey asked folks to reply to the Fundraiser invitation. Replies have been slow coming in.

Milt Lustnauer promoted the May 7 Pickle and Chill event where there are still openings. He also gave us a heads-up about a June 10 Dine Around at SOW Plated, Rusty Bucket and Hudson 29. Details to follow.

Sandra Cotter announced next Tuesday's (May 7) Rotary Roundtable featuring **Natalia Lebedin**, Studio Leader of the Ukrainian Culture Association of Ohio.

John Krauss reminded us of the May 14 Fundraiser at Amelita Morolo Barn.

Eric Stoll followed up by noting that the online silent auction is now live. Additional items are being added as they come in. He also pointed out that during the Fundraiser itself we will have written bid sheets available to conclude the silent auction. The online auction is available at www.32auctions.com/UARotary2024.

Barri Jones, on behalf of **Jeanine Hummer**, reminded us to purchase Fundraiser raffle tickets. To place your order send a text to Jeanine at 614-595-0099. How easy can that be?!

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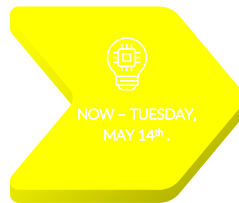


SENIOR SERVICE SATURDAY

Upper Arlington Rotarians and UAHS Interact members helped with yard clean up for Upper Arlington senior citizens this past Saturday. Our club will be holding another Senior Service Saturday on Saturday, May 18th. We will meet at 9 AM at the UA Senior Center 1945 Ridgeview Rd. and will go out in groups to clean yards. Remember that President Andy has asked that each Rotarian engage in a minimum of three service activities over the course of the Rotary year, which ends at the end of June. Please contact Barri Jones at twinsmom911@yahoo.com for more information or to RSVP.



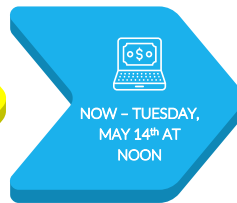
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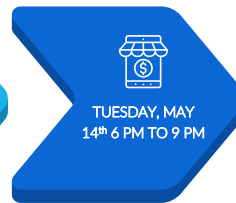
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- Contact John Krauss, Chris Reinhardt, Kelly Marlow, Rick Barth, or Eric Stoll



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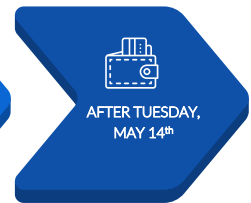
- Go to: <https://www.32auctions.com/UARotary2024>
- Register and bid on items
- New items will be added over the next two weeks
- BUY IT NOW** option will immediately win the item



TUESDAY, MAY
14th 6 PM TO 9 PM

IN-PERSON

- Paper bid sheets will be available to continue bidding on silent auction items at Amelita Mirolo Barn
- Live auction items will be sold during the event
- All auction bidding activity will end at 8:15 PM to finalize sales**



AFTER TUESDAY,
MAY 14th

THANK YOU

- Pay for winning items at event checkout, online, or request they be added to your Club invoice



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 |
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| 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 | 244 Daniel Burnham Sq. Columbus, OH 43215 | Debbie Johnson | debbiejohnson33@gmail.com |