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Today's scheduled speaker **Elena ("Ellie") Wason**, Executive Director of Natun Guatemala was not able to attend our meeting due to flight issues. **Steve Sanbo** and **Dave McCurdy** did an excellent job filling in, and recapped the progress that has been made over the last 12 years when Steve and Dave came up with the idea of starting a UA Rotary international project in Guatemala. Through our time and financial contributions, UA Rotarians have saved numerous lives, changed lives, and made ourselves better people, and has shown concretely we can do to help others not just locally, but globally. Steve shared a two-minute video on Natun and our project.

Natun Guatemala helps rural communities in the Western Highlands of Guatemala. The program focuses on Education, Nutrition, and Economic Development. Guatemala has the 2nd highest child malnutrition rates in western hemisphere. The Nutrition Program has expanded into three pre-schools, where 100% of the children receive medical checkups, blood tests and nutrition assistance. The results have been remarkable.

Our club has contributed thousands of hours to the cause. Through the program, and thanks to the addition of individual donations from Club members, we have built 2 pre-schools, built a trade school with computer lab and sophisticated sewing facility, completed seven water projects, created two elder care facilities, donated and delivered three fire trucks (including a jaws-of-life that has directly saved several people), and opened a middle school

the first and only middle school in the town of Tierra Linda, resulting in over 80% of students now go on to high school instead of into the family farming fields.

The Preschool Nutrition Centers include care for pregnant women who are at risk to ensure they are properly nourished.

Ellie has significantly elevated the professionalism of Natun, which is now a completely different organization than when Steve and Dave first forged the alliance. The Natun office that was initially located in a 1,300 square foot home is now in a 35,000 square foot facility, has five departments with native Guatemalans running each, professional staff with high level degrees. There has been a big transition over the last year. UA Rotary has had a huge and strategic impact in the growth and effectiveness of Natun.



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OUR NEXT MEETING

MAY 21ST

Scioto Country Club/Zoom

Upper Arlington
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Special thanks to Steve and Dave who conceived of this idea about 12 years ago, and more importantly, figured out a way to implement and grow it. The impact has been incredibly meaningful, and the program continues to gain momentum.

Andy Livingston shared the details on how our club funds our Guatemala program. Over \$40,000 of annual contributions come directly from individual

UA Rotary members, then the club matches up to \$30,000. Approximately \$70,000.00 goes from the Club to the UA Community Foundation, so the Club contribution to Guatemala makes up about 30% of the Club's overall charitable giving. If you have not been down to Guatemala to see the impact first hand, you are highly encouraged to participate in the next trip in late Fall. If you are interested in individually contributing towards the cause, please see Steve Sanbo or Dave McCurdy.

THE MEETING



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

Tom Davis provided the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

Visiting Rotarians: **Doug Trottier** (Tri Village), **Tiffany McGinnis** (Westerville Sunrise)

Guests: **Chris Copeland, Natalia Lebekin, Bob Nolan** (Guests of **Phil Glandon**), **Suzanne Kull** (Guest of **Mike Kull**), **Lauren** and **Julia Irwin** (Guests of **Tim Irwin**)

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Terry Starr: Announced that Divine Dignity needs volunteers on Thursdays to deliver hygiene bags, takes about one hour, please see signup sheets or contact Terry for more information about this great volunteer opportunity.

Chip Knoop: Announced that the second home cleanup for seniors will be Saturday May 18, 9am-11:30am, please contact Chip to sign up and plan to bring kids to participate in this great service to our community. Also, Chip just became a grandfather, 8lb 10oz baby boy, Big Congrats Grandpa Chip!!!

Jenine Hummer: Reminded the club to buy raffle tickets for the upcoming fundraiser, please see signup sheets on tables and help support our club for this very important event.

Jessica Grisez: Announced that the UA Community Foundation will be honoring Kip Greenhill at this year's Heart of UA dinner on May 19, tickets are still available.

Eric Stoll: Announced that the UA Rotary Fundraiser Auction is up and active online, everyone was sent an email with the link, please visit the site to view and bid on items. The auction will transition to paper for in-person bidding during the fundraiser event. There are still openings for more items, please contact **Eric** or **John Krauss** to donate an item.

Ralph Griffith: Announced he needs 12 volunteers June 8, 9am-11:30am to help build furniture at the Furniture Bank.

Milt Lustnauer: Shared that the Pickle and Chill social event went great. Announced that this year's Dine Around will be 6pm-8pm, June 10, please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Ann Croskey: Reminded members the annual fundraiser is coming up next Tuesday, well over 100 members have signed up, if you have not already, please sign up using the link provided in the email sent to you. Also as a reminder no lunch meeting next week.



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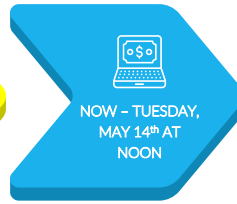
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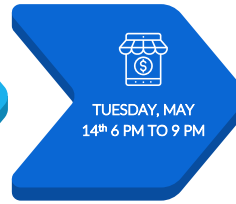
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- Contact John Krauss, Chris Reinhardt, Kelly Marlow, Rick Barth, or Eric Stoll



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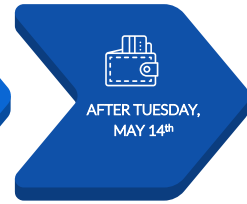
- Go to: <https://www.32auctions.com/UARotary2024>
- Register and bid on items
- New items will be added over the next two weeks
- BUY IT NOW** option will immediately win the item



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