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Our program today featured **Mandy Powell**, Executive Director of NC4K (Nellie's Champions for Kids). NC4K provides support and assistance to children with cancer and their families.

The organization grew out of an initiative by Nellie – a teenager who memorialized her grandmother with a fashion show to raise funds for cancer patients. It turned into an annual event and NC4K evolved from that program. Mandy was appointed Executive Director in 2017.

EDITOR'S NOTE: At the outset of Mandy's presentation, and in the great tradition of UA Rotary, we experienced A/V issues which were quickly resolved.

Mandy initially focused on the three key values which underly activities at NC4K – Family, Community and Small Moments Matter. Several pillars of support underly these values.

Financial support is provided for things such as housing, utilities, household bills and food. The provision of such support is a feature of NC4K's program which is almost unique among similar organizations. Housing assistance is the number one request for help.

Family support includes programming and gifts designed to address the fact that a childhood cancer diagnosis impacts every member of the family - not just the child experiencing cancer. Curated programming and gifts are designed to bring a smile to

the child and his/her family – a welcome respite.

Events for play are a third pillar of support and an important component of NC4K's programming. Various events for play including things like back-to-school programs and holiday programs are provided and are designed to engage the entire family as much as possible.

NC4K serves nearly 1,000 families now. In 2025 about 125 additional families received assistance. Most of the children and families are referred to NC4K by Nationwide Children's Hospital and Cincinnati Children's Hospital. Social workers at these hospitals are often the source of these referrals.

About 40% of the cancer patients referred to NC4K are teenagers. Incomes are below \$80,000 for about sixty percent of participating families.

Mandy shared pictures from various events and activities sponsored by NC4K. An eleven-member Board of Advisors provides guidance to the staff which includes three full time members and one part time. The annual budget is currently \$650,000 which is lower than the previous year due to changes in giving patterns. NC4K is funded entirely from community members and organizations and by proceeds from fundraisers. An annual gala, the traditional fashion show and a year-end celebration provide 50 to 52% of annual funding. Various grants and individual donations provide the balance.

Volunteers are a crucial component of NC4K operations. Over 350 volunteers per year are engaged to support the organization's programming.

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GREETERS

April 7

Bob LeBoeuf
Jay Babbitt

April 14

Terry Starr
Devon Henry

April 21

Jack Cotter
Eve Petricoff

REGISTRATION DESK

April 7

Jim Nicklaus
John Cleland

April 14

Don Leach
Brian Bainbridge

April 21

J.D. Dickerson
Mike Brady

CALENDAR

April 7 - Scioto CC/ZOOM

State Senator Bill DeMora – Ohio
Legislative Update
Host: Herb Gillen

April 14 - Scioto CC/ZOOM

Ben Kimball, USGA Senior
Director of Championships –
2026 U.S. Senior Open at
Scioto CC Preview
Host: John Adams

April 21 - Scioto CC/ZOOM

Dr. Andy Thomas, chief clinical
officer, and Elizabeth Seely,
chief administrative officer for
the hospital division, The Ohio
State University Wexner Medi-
cal Center – “Introduction to the
New University Hospital”
Host: Herb Gillen

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Submit your volunteer opportunity
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in the Rotaryview Newsletter.

SOCIAL EVENTS

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reminder to herb@herbgillen.com for
inclusion in the Rotaryview Newsletter.

OUR NEXT MEETING

APRIL 7TH
Scioto Country Club / ZOOM

Upper Arlington
Rotary
Club



THE MEETING



We met today at The Boathouse at Confluence Park. President **John Krauss** asked **Ralph Griffith** to offer the invocation and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no visiting Rotarians or guests today.

John reminded us of the Grow-To-Serve initiative in District 6690 and encouraged members to bring a guest/member prospect to upcoming meetings. Several nearby clubs have already found success with this initiative.



Thanks were extended to **Alan Thompson** and **Bob Hunt** for their recent hosting of Lunch and Learn programs at UAFD Station 72 and Upper Arlington High School. We also had a successful Dine Around on March 19.

We return to Scioto Country Club and our regular meeting schedule next week – April 7.

The District Conference will occur on April 24/25 at the Hilton Polaris.

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



A memorial service for **Don Troitier** will be held on Saturday, April 25 at 3:00 PM at Saint Mark's Episcopal Church, 2151 Dorset Road.

Milt Lustnauer distributed flyers encouraging participation in the District's Club 125 program. A \$125 contribution earns a membership in the club and sends \$100 to The Rotary Foundation and \$25 to the Polio Plus campaign.

A Rotary Roundtable is scheduled for April 14th at 11 A.M. Our Speaker will be **Sam Buck** - Director of Industrial Cybersecurity at the Center for Design & Manufacturing Excellence (CDME) at The Ohio State University. His presentation will include research done by the Industrial Cybersecurity Line at CDME.

SORTING OUT WHERE TO CONTRIBUTE

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Rotary International Foundation	\$125 Club, Paul Harris and Polio Plus	2902 Halstead Rd. Columbus, OH 43221	Milt Lustnauer	milt@miltshomes.com