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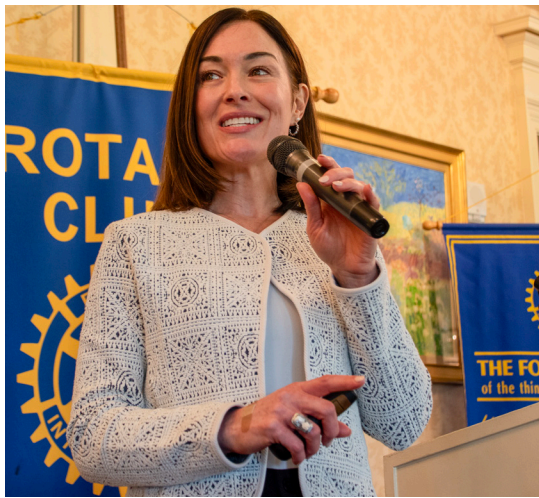
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Ann Bishoff shared the mission of Star House: to provide a HOME for young people 14 to 24 who are homeless. What is HOME? It is a safe place where people find love, security, safety, comfort and encouragement. Home is a place where you belong.

Annually there are over 4 million homeless teens nationwide. There are 10,000 annually in Ohio. The major reasons that young people leave their families are abuse, lack of safety, and drug abuse. The teens feel disconnected from their families and that leaving their homes will offer a better life than staying where they live. Teens who leave home face daily trials and challenges including feeling threatened and unsafe, hunger, staying warm and dry, and finding a place where they belong. Trusting people, especially adults, is a major issue they face.

Most teens live in a good home with love and security. They have time to practice being adults by watching and modeling their parents. Most know how to love and trust. Teens who leave home have not had the opportunity to practice being an adult or learning to trust others.

There is currently a housing crisis and there is not enough housing, especially low income housing for young people so they live on the streets.

Star House is a place where teens can go for safety, security, acceptance and help. Teens are allowed to choose when they stay and when they leave. They

are given choices which gives them the opportunity to build trust and relationships. The people at Star House love and accept the teens as they are. They are encouraged to be themselves and to build relationships with others to begin the process of healing. Star House works to help them with food, shelter, counseling and being themselves. As the teens begin to feel safe, secure, and loved, they usually open up and build relationships with others. They grow in confidence and self-worth.

The level of trauma that these teens are experiencing is extremely high. Ohio State University did a study on the level of trauma experienced by homeless teens for 20 years and found the trauma level similar to ones of someone living in a war zone. This level of brain trauma causes a person to have no trust and they live in survival mode. What they need is to rest, eat, feel safe and loved so they can heal.

Once a teen feels safe, secure and loved, the teen begins to build relationships and is open to counseling and help. The use of art is a major part of the healing process, allowing teens to express themselves. Often through art, the teens can open up, discuss their fears and traumas, and begin to heal. Counseling is one of the most important processes for healing and starting a new life. The counselors help the teens find their social security numbers and with other paperwork necessary to begin their new lives. No teen is turned away.

The outcomes for Star House are very positive. They have helped over 17,000 teens in 2025 and 79% of them have gotten jobs through the Star Works program.

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GREETERS

April 28

David Zadnick
Tim Irwin

May 5

Robert Hunt
Jim Henson

May 12

Alan Thompson
Steve Turnbull

REGISTRATION DESK

April 28

Kevin Brown
Janine Hummer

May 5

Ted Foster
Brendan King

May 12

Rick Barth
Tom Westfall

CALENDAR

April 28 - Scioto CC/ZOOM

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

May 5 - Boat House/ZOOM

Liz Brown, CEO and Makiva McIntosh, Chief Advancement & Engagement Officer of YWCA Columbus

May 12

Rotary Meeting – CANCELLED

Upper Arlington Rotary Club
Annual Fundraiser

Bob Crane Community Center - 6:00pm

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Submit your volunteer opportunity to herb@herbgillen.com for inclusion in the Rotaryview Newsletter.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Please submit your social event reminder to herb@herbgillen.com for inclusion in the Rotaryview Newsletter.

OUR NEXT MEETING

APRIL 28TH
Scioto Country Club / ZOOM

Upper Arlington
Rotary
Club



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CEO - STAR HOUSE

About 50% of the teens helped have found housing. The teens are given housing in several locations in Columbus until they can live on their own. The Carol Stewart Village in the south side has 62 studio apartments and offers on site education and job training. Each teen is independent and self-sufficient. Teens are encouraged to start their own businesses.

How can we help? Host a Star Talk, volunteer, help fund, and donate items.

THE MEETING



Meeting was opened by **John Krauss**.

Dave Hammond led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

Mike Brady invited members to introduce guests:

Andrew Schwartzel and **Andrew Diamond** with Young Life

Dr. Bob Hunt introduced the Student of the Month: **Isaac**

Andrew Theado spoke about the outstanding service and accomplishments of Isaac who was accompanied by his parents.

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



Golf outing will be June 8: more information coming soon

Chip Knoop: Senior Clean Up Day on May 2 - 9:30 to 11:30 AM
Need 5-6 Rotarians to help; have 25 Interact students volunteering

Peggy Conciila: Habitat for Humanity "Build a Playhouse" on June 12:
more information coming soon

Michael Zieg shared about the Rotary Fundraiser May 12;
emails have been sent and more information coming soon

Jack Cotter: Encouraged members to contact people to find potential sponsors and members; share about fundraiser and organization:
"Do something!"

Rich Simpson introduced Dr. Carl Backes as a board member of Star House and guest speaker **Ann Bishoff**, CEO of Star House

