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Our program today was presented by **Dr. Andy Thomas** and **Elizabeth Seely** with Ohio State's University Hospital. They discussed the new hospital which opened on February 22. At the outset, Elizabeth emphasized that the focus of the entire project was "World Class Care".

The new hospital has 830 beds including 234 intensive care beds and 51 neonatal i.c.u. beds. Every room is a single room with at least 350 square feet of space. Labor and delivery rooms are larger at 500 square feet. The configuration of the new building in relation to the James Cancer Hospital results in 150 new beds for the James.

The new hospital was needed primarily due to demand and capacity issues at the existing hospital in Doan and Rhodes Halls. This, coupled with anticipated population growth in the area, created the need for a new facility.

In the planning stage, consideration was given to perfecting the relationship between the patient and the care givers. Technological advances were fully a part of the planning process. Each room is equipped with technology which provides patients and care givers important information on a timely basis. A large information wall in each room updates with every patient/provider interaction.

The new hospital also provides room and facilities for research and training – important components of the University Hospital mission.

The design process for the hospital began in 2017. One of the first steps taken to provide space for the building was re-routing Cannon Drive. Once planning was complete a six-year construction timeline was underway. At year three of that process discussions began about activating the building. Workflow planning was an important part of that process. One example of such planning was a focus on paths-of-travel for staff, patients and the public.

In October 2025 dress rehearsals began in advance of the February 2026 opening. Rehearsals occurred in October, December and January. During that process there were 72,300 things identified that needed to be changed. More than 1,500 training sessions were held.

More than 12,000 people work at the new hospital (not all at once) over the normal course of time and events. To fill out the staff there have been 2,100 total hires. All positions were filled when the hospital opened.

Moving into the new hospital involved 6,000 pieces of equipment – including 1,000 operating room items. Despite the transition there was minimal disruption to surgery procedures. On opening day over 400 patients were moved over the course of 7.5 hours.

While de-commissioning of Doan and Rhodes Halls has begun, some services are still provided at those buildings, and long-term usage has yet to be determined.

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## GREETERS

May 5

Robert Hunt  
Jim Henson

May 12

Alan Thompson  
Steve Turnbull

May 19

Susan (Sue) Coady  
Bob LeBoeuf

## REGISTRATION DESK

May 5

Ted Foster  
Brendan King

May 12

Rick Barth  
Tom Westfall

May 19

Jim Winfree  
Dave Shelby

## CALENDAR

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

May 19 - Boat House/ZOOM

Ellie Wasson – Executive Director of Natun Guatemala – UA Rotary's Partnership in Guatemala Update

Host: Steve Sandbo

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Submit your volunteer opportunity to [herb@herbgillen.com](mailto:herb@herbgillen.com) for inclusion in the Rotaryview Newsletter.

## SOCIAL EVENTS

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## OUR NEXT MEETING

**MAY 5TH**  
Scioto Country Club / ZOOM

Upper Arlington  
**Rotary**  
Club



## THE MEETING



President **John Krauss** opened the meeting and asked **Herb Gillen** to offer the invocation and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Don Leach** asked **Dave Hammond** to introduce his wife of 60 years, **Sandra**.

We meet at the Boathouse at Confluence Park next week (May 5).

Our annual Fundraiser is coming on May 12. There is no lunch meeting that day. A wine and bourbon auction will take place again this year. Bring your contribution to the cause to next week's meeting.

The recent District Conference raised \$33,000 to support Rotary initiatives April invoices are out and are due now.

We recognized **Tim Kellogg** for attaining Paul Harris Fellowship +4.

**Angela Lanctot** conducted harassment and, in keeping with today's presentation about the new University Hospital, she focused on medical questions. It was a pretty big fundraising day for the club. In Jeopardy style, here are most of the answers - you guess the questions: skin; 5; over 100,000; 206; D; Iris. Nicely done, Angela



## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Chip Knoop** asked for four Rotarians to join multiple Interact Club members for Senior Citizen lawn clean-up on Saturday, May 2. The time commitment is from 9:30 to 11:30 AM.

**Dave Dewey** provided a District Conference update and highlighted the activities of the Burrow Foundation.

**Milt Lustnauer** promoted 125 Club membership. The modest contribution of \$125 supports the Rotary International Foundation and the Polio Plus initiative.



## UA ROTARY MEMBERS RECOGNIZED AT DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Upper Arlington Rotary members **Dave Hammond** and **Mike Brady** were recognized for their achievement of attaining Major Donor status at last weekend's Rotary District 6690 District Conference.



## JONES INTERACT CLUB COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Jones Interact Club planted, weeded, mulched and planted flowers at Home for Families this week at HFF's headquarters. Jones Interact, which is sponsored by our club, has 15 active members who have provided service throughout the community.