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Alan Thompson introduced our speaker: Officer **EJ Windham**, Director of Safety Town

Officer Windham is one of Upper Arlington's school resource officers, the Director of the Safety Town program, and a DARE officer. He has been part of the UA Police Department since 2001.

Officer Windham presented an informative program on the history and current status of the Upper Arlington Safety Program run by the Upper Arlington Police Department in conjunction with the Upper Arlington Fire Department.

The program began in 1971 when Phil White introduced it to Upper Arlington. The program originated in Mansfield, Ohio in 1939. Officer Windham showed a video of an interview with Phil White explaining the program and how he brought it to UA. The program was taught by classroom teachers with high school girls volunteering to monitor the outdoor play area.

The goal of Safety Town is to teach young children, particularly Kindergarten and First Grade students, how to practice safety in riding bicycles, using sidewalks, and crossing streets. They also help the children become comfortable with police officers and firemen so that they are aware of what they do and how they may look in a stressful situation.

The Safety Town program continues to use classroom teachers to teach in the classroom and teen volunteers to help with playground activity. Over 575 children go through Safety Town each year. It is currently housed at Greensview Elementary School with the playground area dedicated to the program each summer. The facilities have been upgraded for the program including new paved sidewalk areas for teaching sidewalk safety. The old traditional traffic light is still being used. A new one is expensive so they have made do with the old one. Chip Knoop asked how much a new traffic light would cost. The cost is \$4000. Chip stated that the Community Service Committee would put together a proposal to buy a new traffic light for Safety Town.

The children love Safety Town. It is fun and gives a hands on learning experience to bicycle, sidewalk and home safety. A video shared the impact of Safety Town and how the teachers, police officers and firemen interact with the children to build lasting relationships which helps alleviate the fear and unknown for any future interactions.

There is an option for indoor Safety Town with mats and plans for inclement weather.

A video was shown at the end with all of the resource officers, firemen and teachers doing the Hokey Pokey. And that's what it's all about!

For more information go to the website: [Upper Arlington Safety Town](http://UpperArlingtonSafetyTown)

CLICK HERE to view this meeting and all previously recorded Rotary meetings



GREETERS

June 23

Barri Jones
Devon Henry

June 30

Brian Bainbridge
Andy Geistfeld

July 7

TBD

REGISTRATION DESK

June 23

Ted Foster
Brendan King

June 30

Rick Barth
Tom Westfall

July 7

Ted Foster
Brendan King

CALENDAR

June 23 - Scioto CC/ZOOM Changing of the Guard

Host: Mike Zieg

June 30 - Scioto CC/ZOOM Kristin Greenberg, Executive Director of the UA Historical Society – “The History of the 4th of July in Upper Arlington”

Host: Brendan King

July 7 - Scioto CC/ZOOM Kelly George – “On Safari in Africa”

Host: Bob Long

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OUR NEXT MEETING

JUNE 23RD
Scioto Country Club / ZOOM

Upper Arlington
Rotary
Club



THE MEETING



Meeting was opened by **John Krauss**.

Alan Thompson led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

John introduced the guest: **Kaitlyn Cummings** with the Girls Scout Council

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



Peggy Concilla shared about volunteering to build a playhouse with Habitat for Humanity: several volunteers had fun and enjoyed putting the playhouse together and doing artwork on the outside

Steve Sandbo shared about this year's trip to Guatemala; dates are November 1 to November 6. Cost is around \$1400. Encouraged members to sign up.

Milt awarded **Jim Winfree** with the Paul Harris +3 award.

John Krauss shared about the new incoming board who takes office on July 1.

Next week's meeting will be the installation of the new board and officers.



SORTING OUT WHERE TO CONTRIBUTE

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