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Our speaker today was **Joe Hayek**, CEO at Worthington Enterprises. Joe was appointed CEO in November, 2024.

The company's roots go back 71 years to its founding as Worthington Industries. At the outset the company did not make steel but rather processed rolls of steel in preparation for other manufacturing processes carried out by others. In 1971 Worthington Industries pivoted to begin "making stuff". This new path began with the purchase of the Lennox facility on Kinnear Road which manufactured air conditioners and coolant cylinders.

Throughout the history of the company, based on the cultural foundation established by founder John McConnell, the philosophy of the company has focused on return for shareholders and an intense focus on the proper way to treat people. Since the company's founding this people-focus has remained virtually unchanged. To this day, every employee has a financial interest in the company's performance.

In the Fall of 1972 the decision was made to create two entities – one to process steel and another to manufacture products for commercial and individual use. Each of these specialties had become large enough and their separate need for strategic development justified the separation.

The product manufacturing entity (Worthington Enterprises) produces a wide array of products including steel wall studs, HVAC systems and refrigerant refill bottles, building sprinkler pressure tanks, propane tanks, ceiling tile grids, and metal roofing clips.

The entire enterprise has twelve facilities in the United States and 85% of product output is done in the country. The balance of activity is a combination of European facilities and imported materials.

There is an enterprise-wide focus on innovation which is important due to the need to overcome cost disadvantages inherent in the cost of labor and ever-changing trade policies.

Acquisition, innovation and transformation are three areas of focus – all are approached with the continuing emphasis on the underlying philosophy of the companies.

Workforce development is a current priority in order to encourage entrants into the workforce to consider a career in the trades - an area where there is a growing shortage of skilled help available to businesses.

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GREETERS

July 21

Robert Hunt
Scott Emch

July 28

Jim Manning
Kelly Marlow

August 4

Steve Turnbull
David Zadnick

REGISTRATION DESK

July 21

Jim Winfree
Dave Shelby

July 28

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August 4

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CALENDAR

July 21 - Scioto CC/ZOOM

Doug Godard, Founder & President of Bonzy – Raising Financially Confident Kids in a Digital “Just Tap It” World
Host: Herb Gillen

July 28 - Scioto CC/ZOOM

Dr. Byron Henry, “Healing Kids Worldwide of Cleft Palates”
Host: John Krauss

August 4 - Scioto CC/ZOOM

Steve and Melissa Edell, “Student Mental Health and Forward for Hope 5K in honor of Carter Edell”
Host: Angela Lancot

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OUR NEXT MEETING

JULY 21ST
Scioto Country Club / ZOOM

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THE MEETING



Following the annual “new-president-microphone-rescue” by **Anne Croskey**, President **Glen Dugger** called the meeting to order and asked Don Leach to offer the invocation and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Don’s invocation, quoting a 1971 prayer at the Ohio statehouse, was the briefest in club history – and, quite possibly, one of the most on-point for this moment in time.

Tom Westfall asked **John Trapp** to introduce his guest **Caitlyn Cummings**. **Don Ross** introduced his guest **Mike Stickney**.

In what might be interpreted as a throwdown to other Registration Committee members, today’s team of **Tom Westfall** and **Rick Barth** unilaterally named themselves the “Registration A-Team”. They did do a nice job.

Glen Dugger noted that we’ll have a new A/V coordinator on board soon.

Next week’s meeting (7/21) will feature **Doug Godard** discussing financial literacy for children.

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



Anne Croskey thanked members of the Registration Committee for their help and commitment to the cause each week.

Andy Livingston recognized **Dave Shelby** for his years of service and his recent appointment as an honorary starter at the U.S. Senior Open at Scioto CC.

Alan Thompson noted the upcoming 25th anniversary of 9/11 this September. He also reminded us of the September 13 stair climb challenge at the UAHS stadium and encouraged participation as a climber, a donor or as a sponsor.

SORTING OUT WHERE TO CONTRIBUTE

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