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Guest Speaker: **Heather Kopp**

Mission & Scope: 501(c)(3) based in Powell/Shawnee Hills treating wildlife, and supporting rehabilitation, conservation, and education.

Programs

- **Rehabilitation:** 8,500+ animals annually with zero government funding.
- **Prisons Partnership:** Incarcerated individuals are trained to handle high-frequency feedings (e.g., baby songbirds every 15 minutes), delivering mutual rehabilitation for animals and people.
- **Education:** Permanent resident ambassadors (e.g. Doug the Woodchuck, Bobcats, Bald Eagle, Owls and Hawks)

Key Takeaways & Highlights:

- **The "One Health" Connection:** Human health and wildlife health are intrinsically linked. Many emerging diseases (like Avian Influenza) are zoonotic; protecting ecosystem health directly safeguards human communities.
- **Unique Community Partnerships:** In addition to treating over 8,500 animals annually with no government funding, OWC collaborates with central Ohio prisons. Incarcerated individuals are trained to handle labor-intensive care (such as feeding baby songbirds every 15 minutes from sunrise to sunset), creating transformative "second chance" experi-

ences for both people and animals.

- **Orphaned Wildlife Guidelines:**
 - **White-Tailed Deer:** Fawns left alone in grass are usually not abandoned; mothers leave them for up to 18 hours while foraging.
 - **Killdeer:** Mother birds fake broken wings to lure predators away from ground nests.
 - **Opossums:** As North America's only marsupials, opossums carry their young in pouches and on their backs. Never attempt to feed orphan opossums—in captivity, they require specialized tube-feeding.
 - **Rabbits:** Moving baby bunnies will cause the mother to abandon the nest. Use an upside-down laundry basket with cut-out entry holes weighted down with a rock to keep domestic pets out while letting mom in.
 - **Fledgling Birds:** Young birds leave the nest before they can fully fly. Falling and awkward hopping on the ground is a natural phase while learning. Mother birds will not reject babies just because a human has touched them.
- Coexisting with Adult Wildlife:
- **Window Collisions:** Installing window treatments that break up exterior reflections prevents thousands of fatal bird strikes.
 - **Hook & Line Pollution:** Anglers are strongly urged to recover abandoned fishing line, which causes permanent limb damage and entanglement deaths in waterfowl.

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GREETERS

October 20

Jim Henson
Andy Geistfeld

October 27

Mike Turnbull
Alan Thompson

November 3

Kelly Marlow
Chris Copeland

REGISTRATION DESK

October 20

Rick Barth
Tom Westfall

October 27

Jim Winfree
Dave Shelby

November 3

Jim Nicklaus
John Cleland

CALENDAR

October 20 - Scioto CC/ZOOM
Election 2026: Ohio House of
Representatives District 7
Candidate Forum

Host: Brad Frick

October 27 - Scioto CC/ZOOM
Michael Shearer, Executive
Editor of the Columbus Dispatch,
"Update on the Dispatch and the
state of modern journalism"

Host: Herb Gillen

November 3 - Scioto CC/ZOOM
Sarah Converse, Meteorologist
ABC6/FOX Columbus

Host: Don Ross

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OUR NEXT MEETING

OCTOBER 20TH
Scioto Country Club / ZOOM

Upper Arlington
Rotary
Club



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- **Turtles:** Always move a turtle crossing a road in the direction it was already heading. Never relocate land turtles to ponds or far from their native territory, as they imprint on their home range and will wander indefinitely.
- **"Seagulls":** Fun trivia—there is no species officially called a "seagull." Ohio is home to many specific species of gulls, including herring, ring-billed, and Bonaparte's gulls.
- **OWC Services:** The center accepts injured animals and offers volunteer rescue dispatches for dangerous or difficult-to-transport wildlife.



THE MEETING



New Member Inductions

Molly Kay: UA native returning after 40 years away (including 22 years in British Columbia). Background in marketing/communications and a past TED Talk speaker.



Pete Walsh: UA native, local business owner, and father of four returning to active club membership.

Molly Seguin: Inducted as the club's first member under the new Corporate Membership Program.

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



West Broad Coat Drive: \$25 sponsors a winter coat (\$100 covers 4 kids). Part of a city-wide goal of 6,000 coats. Volunteer Day: Thursday, Nov 5 (scan QR code on table brochures to sign up).



Cops & Community Trunk-or-Treat: Bring bags of Halloween candy (or cash donations) to next Tuesday's meeting for the Rotary booth.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing: Program leadership will transition next year. Contact current leadership to learn the role.



World Polio Day & Purple Pinky Donut Drive:

\$25 donation provides 100 vaccines, matched 2-to-1 by the Gates Foundation to yield 300 vaccines (\$75 value).

Includes a box of donuts donated by **Lou Sauter**.

Order Deadline: Friday, Oct 23 (pickup at Oct 27 meeting). Unclaimed donuts will go to local first responders and teachers.

Grant Approval: Board approved a \$7,000 Community Service Grant for Santa's Silent Helpers.