



## General John A. Schaad USAF, Retired



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**Mary Ann Krauss** introduced today's speaker, **General John A. Schaad, USAF, Retired.** General Schaad is a native of Cleveland Heights, Ohio. His long Air Force career took him on a world-wide tour. During his career he logged over 5,000 flying hours in a wide variety of planes – including B-37's, B-47's, B-52's, C21A's and T-38's. In the Viet Nam War he flew the RF-4C - an unarmed and un-armored photographic reconnaissance plane.

John graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He earned a Master's Degree from George Washington University and a PhD in Systems Engineering from Ohio State.

He pointed out that he has spoken to many Rotary clubs over the years and has lost his fair share of dollars for lack of a Rotary pin.

General Schaad noted that, while we are aware of high profile heroes such as his friend John McCain,

"in the villages of Ohio heroes are amongst us". As an example he pointed out that a high school classmate of his had been a POW in Viet Nam for a longer period of time than John McCain.

His love of flying developed when, prior to WWII, he went with his dad to the Cleveland Air Races at Cleveland Hopkins Airport. His father had served in WWI as a private in the combat infantry. When he learned of his son's interest in the military one piece of advice he gave to John was to avoid being assigned to Fort Polk, Louisiana if at all possible.

General Schaad entered the military by attending West Point where he applied for, and was selected for, service in the Air Force. This was before the Air Force Academy existed. In order to be eligible for selection into the Air Force track at the Academy candidates had to be qualified for pilot training.

Following pilot training in Lubbock, TX he was assigned to a Strategic Air Command wing flying

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B-47's. The B-47 was, in his opinion a dangerous plane. It was badly under-powered for its size. Of the 2,000 B-47's made, 200 of them crashed. Schaad indicated that he lost more classmates in peace time air accidents than in the Viet Nam War.

Eventually he was assigned to a B-52 wing at Wright Patterson Air Force base in Fairborn, OH. At that point in time the Air Force was ramping up for the Viet Nam War. He served in Viet Nam flying the above-mentioned RF-4C.

General Schaad also attended the Air Command Staff College. Post Viet Nam the Air Force sent him to Ohio State where he earned his PhD. Following that, his career took him to the National War College where many in his class were returning prisoners of war.

Ultimately he served as planner for the Air Force in the Reagan Administration and his career concluded as he served as NATO Chief of Staff at the time the Berlin Wall came down and the cold war ended.



## The Meeting

President **Chip Knoop** asked **Bob Prior** to offer the Invocation and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**John Hansel** asked **Mary Ann Krauss** to introduce her guests **Beverly Schaad, Jan Miller** and **Larry Miller**.

Chip reminded us that we'll be meeting at Scioto CC next week and our speaker will be District Governor and fellow UA Rotarian **Steve Sandbo**. He encouraged everyone to attend.

The August 19 Dine Around was a big success. Over 40 club members and guests participated.

The next Guatemala trip is scheduled for November 5 through November 9. A few slots are still available and UA Rotarians are encouraged to participate. If we don't have enough participants other District 6690 clubs will be asked to fill the remaining spaces. A busy agenda is planned. New members are especially encouraged to participate.

President Knoop asked **Kevin Brown** to introduce and present a membership pin to new member **Jim McKinney**. Jim was accompanied by his wife **Kathy**. Jim was also presented with a "Rotary at Work" T-shirt.



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# Notes and Announcements

**Norm Essey** reminded us of the UA Education Foundation's upcoming Golden Bear Bash on Sunday, September 4. UA Rotary will have a table again this year and members are encouraged to support the program and have a great time.

**Ted Foster** pointed out West Broad Elementary volunteer sign-up sheets on the tables. Readers and tutors are still needed.

**Bob Edler** announced that a tour of the Honda plant in Marysville has been scheduled for Thursday, October 27. It will take from 8:00 AM until about 1:30 PM. No one under 14 may participate. Additional details will be forthcoming.

**Dave Hammond** celebrated his August 23 birthday by conducting harassment in his own inimitable style. Today's take was destined for the Polio Plus campaign. Assisted by **Bob Edler** he extracted a dollar to anyone without a Rotary pin and from those of us not wearing a sport coat. In the Bob Edler "head through the hole challenge" we all lost a dollar. (Dave can describe that one to you.)

