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**Jeanine Hummer** introduced the speaker, **Ron O'Brien**, Franklin County Prosecutor. Ron is the longest serving prosecutor in the history of Franklin County, 20 years.

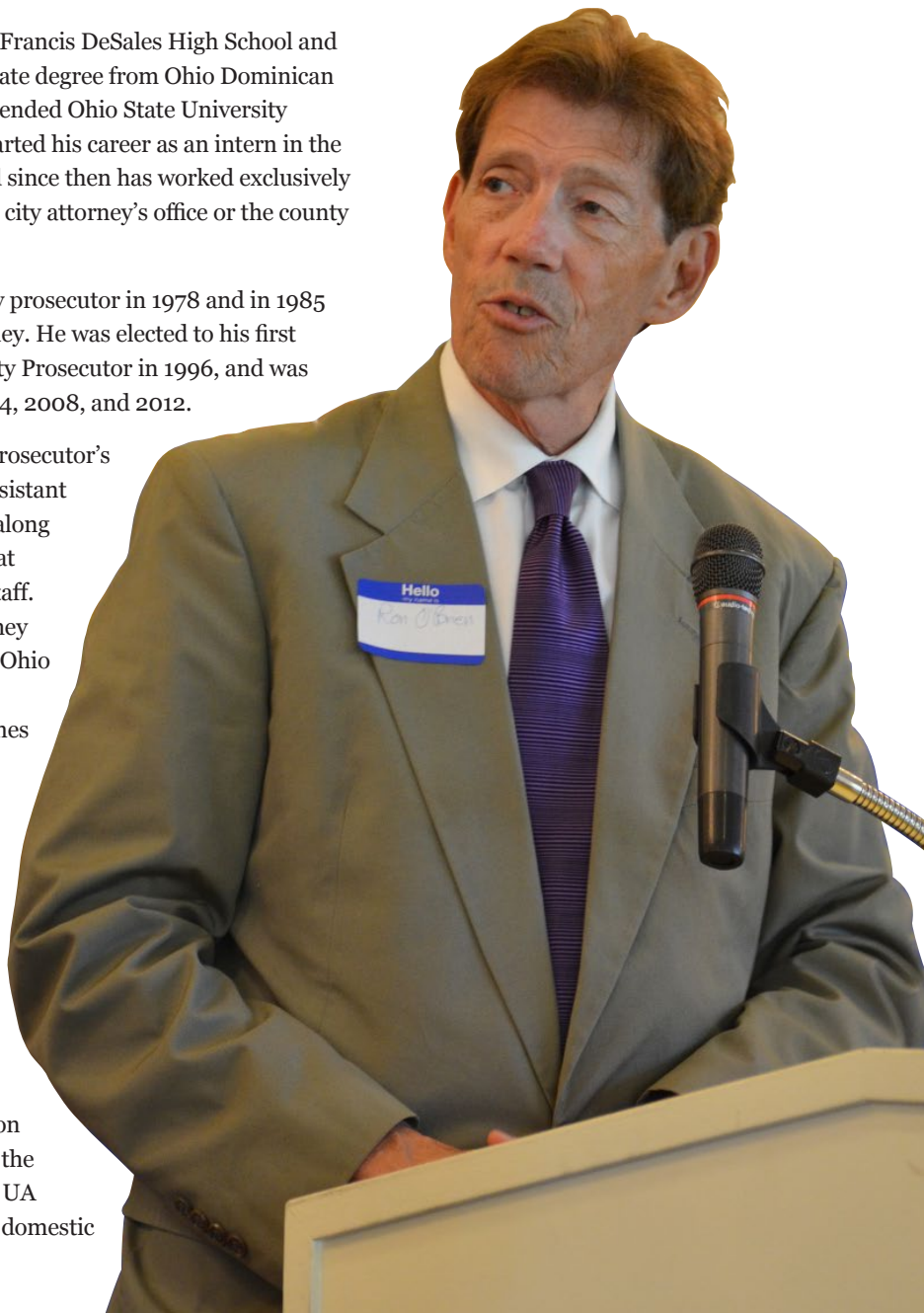
He graduated from St. Francis DeSales High School and earned his undergraduate degree from Ohio Dominican University. He then attended Ohio State University College of Law. Ron started his career as an intern in the prosecutor's office, and since then has worked exclusively at either the Columbus city attorney's office or the county prosecutor's office.

Ron was appointed city prosecutor in 1978 and in 1985 was elected City Attorney. He was elected to his first term as Franklin County Prosecutor in 1996, and was reelected in 2000, 2004, 2008, and 2012.

The Franklin County Prosecutor's office consists of 116 assistant prosecuting attorneys along with 108 employees that make up the support staff. The Prosecuting Attorney represents the State of Ohio by inquiring into and prosecuting felony crimes committed by adults and juveniles. The Prosecuting Attorney is also legal counsel for county officials, county agencies, townships and various boards.

As one of 32 police agencies in Franklin County, Upper Arlington is regularly assisted by the County Prosecutor. All UA felony cases, including domestic

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violence and drunk driving, when gun and/or narcotics are involved, are handled by Ron's office. In addition, his office represents the UA Library and offers opinions on the UA City Charter when issues arise with the Board of Elections.

A primary focus of the Prosecutor's office has been the drug problem. Since January 2015, there have been 400 overdose deaths in Franklin County. The use of opiates, both natural and synthetic, has become the most widespread and dangerous.

Through the collaboration of the Prosecutor's office and other county agencies, such as ADAMH, there has been a restructuring of the old Franklin County Drug Task Force. The end result, the HOPE Task

Force, combats the heroin epidemic with a multi-pronged approach: enforcement, education, and prevention. Experienced narcotics and homicide detectives working on the HOPE Task Force are treating opiate overdose scenes as crime scenes; investigating the source of the supply that caused the overdose.

In addition, HOPE Task Force collaborates with treatment providers to refer those with substance use disorders to long term treatment. Detectives are armed with the knowledge and partnership of treatment providers in the Franklin County community to help addicts instead of locking them up.

## The Meeting

**Yvonne Perotti** gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance

There were no visiting rotarians or guests



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# Notes and Announcements

President **Chip Knoop** announced the approval of 4 non-traditional adult scholarships. In addition, Chip announced the approval of funds to support the UA Author Series. This year's event will feature Bill Clegg, author of *Did You Ever Have a Family*. More information is available at [www.uaoh.net](http://www.uaoh.net)

The Club's 2016-2017 directory should be available by October 4

The October 27 Honda plant tour still has openings. Cost is \$30 and includes bus transportation and lunch. Contact Bob Elder if interested.

**Andy Livingston** promoted the next Furniture Bank community service project taking place on September 24. The "furniture build" will be from 9:00-12:00, friends and family encouraged to participate.

**Megan Horvath** announced several "save the dates" with details to follow:

October 4 - Vocational Lunch

October 15 - Tailgate party at Dawson to benefit Rotary International

October 29 - Dinner at Moretti's

