



Chris Jent OSU Assistant Basketball Coach



Andy Livingston introduced today's speaker, **Chris Jent**. Chris is a former OSU basketball player (1988-1992). He spent ten years playing professional basketball with several NBA teams and in Europe. In addition, Chris has coached for several NBA teams including the Cleveland Cavaliers, Philadelphia 76ers and the Orlando Magic.

Chris spent a few moments commenting generally on today's college athletes and then took questions and answers for the bulk of the presentation time.

Many athletes coming out of high school today have a sense of "me first" and are used to being the big man on campus. They can be more selfish than selfless. Thus, a major task facing coaching staffs is to work to develop a sense of team-first in the athletes. Emphasis is on helping them see that the legacy of the team they are on is something to be respected – and that they should seek to improve on that legacy during their time on the team.

Players today are also not as likely to have the attitude that they must fight through adversity and submit to the rigors of heavy coaching. Years ago, a player who was not used to the competitive environment and disciplined coaching methods might have called home and been told to work through the adversity and come out better the next day. Today, players may call home (or their AAU coach) and be advised to simply move to a different program where they are assured they will be the star.

Recruits today have to pass a "conversation test" when they are being recruited. The coaches look for the ability to communicate and express themselves.

Chris was asked whether he would prefer a teachable athlete or a "fantastic badass" athlete. He replied that he wants to find a "fantastic badass athlete who is teachable".

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The way things are today in NCAA basketball Jent feels that it is almost imperative to have an NBA caliber player on the team in order to win a national championship.

At OSU, work is currently underway to develop a team identity. This year's team has only one returning senior (Mark Loving) and a core group of juniors. This year the juniors have to step up in order for the team to be successful. Since the team is not as guard driven as coach Matta is used to having there is an effort underway to find the most ideal system for the larger, longer players on the team.

Chris believes in complete honesty with the athletes he and the other OSU coaches are recruiting. This, to him, is the best way to begin building a good relationship with the player. If the student doesn't respond well to the notion of hard work every day

then he or she would not be a good fit and should look elsewhere for a playing opportunity.

When asked about his favorite playing experience over his entire career Jent cited the 1991 and 1992 Ohio State teams. Those teams were extremely close knit.

In the upcoming Big Ten basketball season Chris believes that Purdue and Wisconsin are the top two teams in the conference. He also mentioned Michigan State as a potential conference power even though they will have a smaller lineup this year.

Finally, "one and done" players are common now and coaching staffs adjust their recruiting accordingly. He noted that when a player who is not expected to leave after one year does, in fact, leave there can be a substantial setback to recruiting plans.



The Meeting

Chip Knoop asked **Glen Dugger** to offer the Invocation and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rich Simpson asked **Steve Federer**, **Jeanine Hummer** and **Chuck Kegler** to introduce their guests.

Chip recounted the excellent experience that club members had at the October 27 tour of the Honda plant in Marysville. He suggested that, if given the opportunity, anyone should take advantage of an opportunity to see how a modern manufacturing facility works. Thanks to **Bob Edler** for putting it together.

The special Olympics Swim Meet was successfully held this past weekend with help from many folks – including 15 UA Rotarians and many UAHS Interact Club members. Props to **Alan Yarletts** for raising the enthusiasm level in the schools for Interact.

The club's Board of Directors approved the first Rotary Youth Exchange participation in a good number of years. We will have two inbound students and possibly an outbound student in the coming year.

The club's Guatemala trip begins Sunday, November 6. Six club members will depart at that time and return on Thursday, November 10.

We had a "Rotary Foundation moment" when District Governor **Steve Sandbo**, making a rare appearance at his home club, was recognized for his attainment of Paul Harris Fellowship + 7. Steve noted that he had no idea how many opportunities to give were associated with the District Governor position. Congratulations, Steve.

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Notes and Announcements

Bill Cloyd, on behalf of **Sandy Clary**, announced that UA Rotary will be sponsoring a Holiday Wish Program again this year. Financial contributions are encouraged. Proceeds of the drive will benefit clients of the Homeless Families Foundation, the YWCA Family Center and the Van Buren Family Center. Forms on each table provided details and a place to note your intention to participate. Monies will be used to purchase gifts and gift cards for needy families. Send checks to Sandy Clary at 801 Crestway Drive, Columbus, OH 43235.

Ginny Barney announced a Nominating Committee meeting immediately after today's program.

Thanks to City Barbecue for an interesting program for today's Rotary Roundtable. The next Roundtable is December 6 with **Bill Hosket** leading the discussion.

Dave Dewey reminded committee Chairs (again) to get their committee descriptions to him.

Chuck Hyatt has had some recent health issues that have limited his participation. He has had a couple of stays at Friendship Village but is now back home and doing better.



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