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John Krauss introduced today's speaker, **Mike Dawson**. Mike is a former Press Secretary for George Voinovich and also served as a top aide to then Senator Mike DeWine. He currently operates a website (ohioelectionresults.com) that tracks election results in the state of Ohio. Records reported on the site go back to the mid-19th century when the two party system first came into being.

Ohio is commonly known as a "bellwether" state – a state whose election results closely resemble the final national results. The just-completed election was an exception to the rule.

Since 1900 Ohio's deviation from the national results has been less than 4%. Since 1964, Ohio's final tally has been within 1.3% of the national numbers. This year, the state's voting results for President-Elect Donald Trump were 4.8% above the rest of the nation.

Some of the background for this difference can be determined by looking at Edison Research exit poll data. In Ohio Hillary Clinton won the female vote by a margin of 4 percent. Nationwide the margin was 12 percent. Among union households, Donald Trump's support was much greater in Ohio than nationally.

We looked at a "red-blue map" of the state which highlighted the fact that Donald Trump won in 76 of the state's 88 counties. With the exception of Athens County, the counties favoring Clinton were the state's most populous.

In the larger metropolitan areas, suburban communities with higher levels of education showed a marked drop in support for the Republican candidate and a corresponding increase in support for the Democratic candidate as compared to the 2012 presidential race.

The many national and regional polls conducted this year have been roundly criticized for their erroneous projections. Interestingly, many of those same polls were, in fact, fairly accurate with respect to the down-ticket races. The unusual presidential race yielded unusually inaccurate poll results. Among the polls, the Columbus Dispatch poll has often been one of the most accurate in the country. One reason for this is that it is conducted by mail as opposed to telephone interviews.

In response to a question, Mike suggested that it appears that Democratic turnout was down overall this year. In Ohio, turnout was about the same as it was for the 2012 presidential election.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

December 20th

YWCA - 5:30-7:00pm
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The Meeting

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

There were no visiting Rotarians today. **Debbie Johnson** asked **John Krauss** to introduce his guest **Matt Evans**.

Chip reported on the November 14 Board actions.

- \$3,000 was approved to support the Santa's Silent Helpers program this year. **Brian Hall** coordinates this relationship with UA Rotary.
- **Jeremy Logsdon's** resignation from the club was accepted by the Board. His new job would preclude him from fully participating in UA Rotary. **Paul Germain**, a nominee for the 2017-2019 Board, will step in and fulfill Jeremy's unexpired Board term.
- **Jack Nicklaus** was voted an honorary member of Upper Arlington Rotary in recognition of his long time support of the Polio Plus campaign. He will speak at the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta.

The Guatemala trip was recently completed by several members of the club (**Chip, Steve Sandbo, Dave McCurdy, Greg Comfort, Scott Humphreys and Trevor Donaldson**). The January 10 meeting will feature a detailed update of the various projects and activities associated with the program in Guatemala.

Brian Hall conducted harassment. **Paul Germain** was fined a dollar for some violation involving his Pelotonia biking shorts. The balance of the harassment "focused" on club member pictures. **Alan Yarleets** lost a dollar for his picture's lack of focus. Four member' photos were selected as too old. Three members lost a dollar for their apparent failure to apply sunscreen and eight pairs of members were victims of the blended photo trick. The final pair of this group was an intriguing combination of **Chip Knoop** and Donald Trump.



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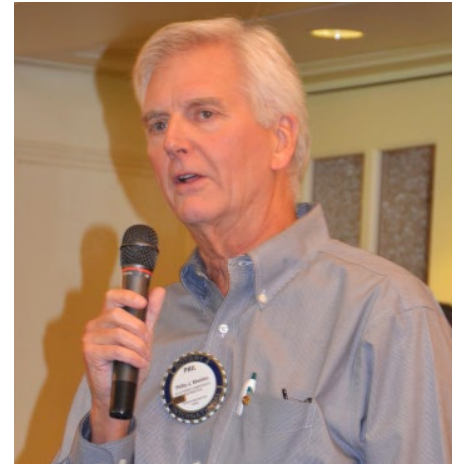
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Notes and Announcements

The club's leadership nominees were announced for the second time today:

- **Herb Gillen** – Secretary
- Board Nominees
 - Paul Germain**
 - Nicole Helfrich**
 - Don Leach**
 - Christine Taylor**
 - Tom Davis**

Phil Glandon reminded us that the club Holiday Party will be held on Tuesday, December 13 at Scioto Country Club from 5:30 to 8:00 PM. An electronic invitation has been sent to all members. Signup sheets were also on each table. The cost is \$10 per member, \$15 for spouse and \$25 for pay-as-you-go members.

Sandy Clary encouraged contributions to this year's Holiday Wish Program. Donations are used to help clients of the Homeless Families Foundation, the YWCA Family Center and the Van Buren Family Center. She thanked the UA Rotary Foundation for its pledge to provide dollar-for-dollar matching funds. Forms were on the tables to sign up. Cash or check contributions should be sent to Sandy no later than November 24.

Dave Dewey again requested that committee Chairs return the committee description information to him as soon as possible so the club's committee booklet can be finalized.

Dave McCurdy encouraged participation in this year's Salvation Army Bell Ringers program. Signup sheets were on the table. The shifts are one hour long during the week and one hour and fifteen minutes on Saturday. We'll be at the Kroger on Chambers Road again this year.