



**Clint Travis**  
Nationwide Children's  
Hospital Foundation



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**Tom Davis** introduced today's speaker, **Clint Travis** from the Nationwide Children's Hospital Foundation. Clint is Director of Planned Giving at the Foundation. He is a native of South Carolina, a fellow Rotarian (Downtown Columbus club), a Paul Harris Fellow and a graduate of Capital University Law School.

Clint shared a number of interesting points about Nationwide Children's Hospital with us. The hospital handles about 1.2 million patient visits per year – making it one of the busiest hospitals in the country and the largest children's hospital in the country.

The Foundation is an important source of funding for the organization. In 2016 over 180,000 gifts to the Foundation have been processed.

Nationwide Children's is currently on a five year run as one of the top 10 children's hospitals in the United States. In recent years, patients have come from every county in Ohio, every state in the union and over 40 countries. As evidence of the hospital's

growing national reputation and higher level of public awareness \$8 million in gifts have come in from outside the state of Ohio.

The hospital is beginning to gain recognition and a reputation as a destination hospital throughout the world. One key element which helps drive the higher awareness level is the presence of the "Nationwide" name. The major commitment from Nationwide has obviously provided important financial assistance and it has also been a significant help with name recognition across the country.

Further, the recent \$50 million commitment from Big Lots stores has also added to the momentum. So far, \$3.6 million has been raised from the Big Lots program encouraging customers to round up their purchase amounts to aid the hospital. This includes contributions from Big Lots customers from throughout the company's national footprint.

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One children's hospital which enjoys a very high level of public awareness around the country is St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. We learned that St. Jude's has a total of 66 beds. Nationwide Children's Hospital has over 600 beds. In terms of ratings, Nationwide Children's compares favorably with St. Jude's on virtually every measure with the exception of national recognition.

Clint shared a slide depicting the current Nationwide Children's campus with future development plans also included. Over the next five years some major additions are coming. He highlighted the Big Lots Behavioral Health Pavilion. The Pavilion, when completed, will double the patient capacity in Central Ohio for in-patient care for children with emotional crises – including those with suicide attempts or suicidal thoughts.

Another planned addition is a new research building that will add capacity to the current research facilities at the hospital. There is an increasing demand for space from ongoing research activity. With regard to research funding, Nationwide Children's is a top ten institution in funding from the National Institutes of Health.

Travis shared two examples of successful outcomes from research and development activities. We saw a picture of a safer sprayer for spray bottles which has been patented. He also pointed to the hospital's small babies program which has developed procedures to improve the chances for survival

for premature babies. In 2005 the likelihood of survival for a baby born at 23 weeks was 10%. Today, the chance for survival for those same babies has risen to 78%.

We learned that Nationwide Children's recently won a prestigious International CLARITY Undiagnosed Challenge Award for its activities around the human genome. The hospital is currently able to analyze over 1,000 individual genomes per day. This capacity provides the ability to develop a database which allows comparison of hundreds of thousands of genomes – in search of patterns which may be associated with certain diseases.

The hospital is also involved in a pediatric cancer genome project. Top talent has been recruited to Columbus from well-respected programs at Washington University and the MD Anderson Cancer Center.

Clint closed by encouraging us to consider volunteering at the hospital. Some opportunities, such as the Sibling Clubhouse, are long term. Others, such as the annual 10TV telethon are shorter term. A national program which features volunteer opportunities is the Reach Out and Read project. Volunteers help parents of sick children establish a routine of reading to them. Finally, he mentioned the Ronald McDonald house. The house is not directly affiliated with Nationwide Children's Hospital but is in a close cooperative relationship. The local Ronald McDonald house is the largest in the world.



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## The Meeting

President-Elect **Dave Dewey** presided today. He asked Andy Schmidt to offer the Invocation and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dave thanked **Dave McCurdy** and **Phil Glandon** for hosting the club's Christmas Party which was held on December 13 at Scioto Country Club. T'was a fun celebration enjoyed by over 100 members and guests.

Funds from the Christmas Wish program have been distributed. Thanks to the generous members who supported the program, when the UA Rotary Foundation's matching grant was included, over \$7,000 was distributed.

We were reminded that time is short to make 2016 contributions to the Rotary International Foundation.

Dave read a thank you letter from a West Broad Elementary School student for the trip to see The Nutcracker. He had several other letters from students which were available for folks to read. Thanks to **Ted Foster** for coordinating the West Broad program.

**Dave Hammond** conducted harassment today. Money raised would be applied to the Polio Plus campaign. For starters, those of us with no Rotary pin ponied up a dollar. Since three members were celebrating their birthday today (Bill Hosket, Mike O'Sullivan and Doug Ryan) we spun the imaginary birthday wheel (the real one has been missing for some time now). A deck of cards filled in for the wheel. The dreaded red card was drawn – we all paid. The third leg of today's harassment was a quiz about names found in the most recent Rotarian magazine. Overall, we did a pretty bad job of recognizing names featured in the most recent issue. No one knew whose picture appeared on the cover nor did most of us recognize other names in the issue. In all, it was a pretty good day for the Polio Plus campaign.

## Notes and Announcements

**J.D. Dickerson** announced the circulation of a petition to honor **Len Zane** with a place on the Upper Arlington Wall of Fame. Len was a charter member of the club and a two-time member of UA City Council among many other civic activities. The petition was available for members to sign. **Yvonne Perotti** pointed out that letters of support from UA Rotary members who have served on City Council or in other municipal capacities would be quite helpful in this effort.

**John Huneck** announced that the next YWCA Family Center meal service will be Wednesday, January 4. Signup sheets were on the tables. Alternatively, let John know if you can help out.

**Andy Livingston** made a final call for 2016 contributions to the Upper Arlington Rotary Foundation.

**Ted Foster** reported that Santa Claus (looking somewhat like Joe Valentino) had made an appearance at West Broad Elementary School on December 19.