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Today's program was abbreviated due to time constraints. **Mary Ann Krauss** introduced our featured speaker **Meka Pace**, Executive Director of Metro High schools. Meka was accompanied by Metro High School Development Officer Cathryn Geppert.

Metro High School is a STEM school. STEM schools focus on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. The school, located at the corner of Kenny and Kinnear Roads was opened in 2006. It is the first STEM school in Ohio.

Early on in the development of the school it became apparent that there was a need (and an opportunity) to develop the next generation of learning techniques and career path development for students. An underlying drive is to teach students to be thinkers and doers. Teachers are viewed as facilitators rather

than as repositories of all knowledge. There is also a focus on the development of student habits that are necessary for success.

Fifty percent of Metro students come from the Columbus City Schools system. The student body is very diverse which is seen as a very positive aspect of the program. Students at all levels of ability are part of the student body. The students who attend the school are those who want to "do school differently".

The three main components of the learning system at Metro High School are the core curriculum, career pathway courses and early college courses. Within these areas students have standard high school courses, college-level courses and internships available.

Design challenges are an important part of the student experience. Real problems in Central Ohio

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## SOCIAL EVENTS

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are identified and then analyzed by the students. An example is the recent focus on infant mortality problems in the region. Students studied the issue and discussed/recommended solutions. The opioid abuse epidemic in Ohio is currently under review and study. Each year students are also responsible for doing 70 hours of community service work.

Every year 80% of Metro HS graduates have college credit under their belt – averaging three to eight credit hours.

Metro is now its own school district and can accept students from anywhere in Ohio. Admittance is based on a lottery system rather than a competitive academic performance system. Students are allowed to participate in their home district's extracurricular activities by Ohio law.

There are currently 400 students at the Metro High School at the Kinnear/Kenny location.

## The Meeting

**Chip Knoop** called the meeting to order and asked visiting guest **Jake McCullough**, Upper Arlington Campus Pastor at UA Grace, to offer the Invocation and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Jake was hosted by **John Cleland**.

**Jim Winfrey** introduced his guest and soon-to-be UA Rotarian **Wade Giffin**. Wade was in day eight of his Ten Day Letter period. So far so good.

Chip thanked the 27 UA Rotarians who contributed over \$3,500 toward the West Broad Elementary Camp Oty' Okwa program. The amount will be matched by the UA Rotary Foundation.

The club bookkeeper/record keeper currently uses an old software system which is in dire need of an upgrade. The club's attendance records need to be maintained in a more current system. President Knoop asked anyone who might be able to help to let him know.

**Alan Yarletts** noted that in the history of the club only four UA students have participated in the Rotary International Youth Exchange program. This year alone we will have four students doing so. He introduced us to the four UAHS students who will be participating. The four UA travelers are **Elizabeth Aschinger** (Germany is her requested country), **Olivia Oh** (France), **Renee Arledge** (Finland) and **Ruby Miller** (France). Two students (Elizabeth and Olivia) will be short term – 4 weeks) and two (Renee and Ruby) will be long term - 10 months). The short term students will return to UA with their global "brother/sister" who will have a four week stay here. For those students the Rotarian hosts will be the families of **Ned Clark, Dave Dewey, Jon Hellstedt** and **Alan Yarletts**. In addition, Renee Arledge's mother and Ruby Miller's parents will be host families. A big thanks to those host families. The goal of the program is to encourage peace and understanding among people from different nations and cultures.

Chip reminded us of the upcoming District Conference which will occur on April 29 at COSI Columbus. A tentative conference schedule was distributed. Register ASAP if you want to have the \$99 early registration fee covered by the club. The deadline for this offer is Sunday, April 2. Registration instructions were on the back of the program outline. On line registration is available at [www.rotary6690.org](http://www.rotary6690.org).



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## Notes and Announcements

**Jim McKinney** reminded us of the Park Clean-up Project at Thompson Park on Saturday, April 1. At 9:00 AM the three recycling units funded by UA Rotary and a District 6690 grant will be dedicated by the City of UA in a brief ceremony. The dedication will be followed by a Park Clean-up project at Thompson Park. If time permits we'll move on the Fancyburg Park. Time commitment is 2-4 hours. Signup sheets were on the tables.

**Price Finley** updated us on his travels throughout District 6690 to discuss the Rotary Foundation with clubs. He highlighted a visit to Belpre, OH where he attended a dinner meeting to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Rotary International Foundation. He noted that the Belpre club members were sporting medallions around their necks which designated their Paul Harris Fellow status. The medallions are available to current holders of the designation and are an interesting symbol which is distinctly different from the standard Paul Harris pin. Price also reminded members who have yet to achieve Paul Harris Fellowship status to consider taking advantage of the opportunity to support Rotary International's programs.

**Brad DeHays** reminded us to save the date for the **May 6 Fundraiser** at Huntington Park. Invitations will be distributed soon and the process of gathering auction items has begun.

**Bill Loveland** offered a correction/clarification to the definition of off-sides in a hockey game which appeared in the March 14 Rotaryview. A wave of relief swept over the room when the clarification was made. For your further reference, check out Rule 83 of the official hockey rules as published by the NHL.

**April 4 will be club picture day.** Please be sure to be at the meeting at Scioto CC. The picture will be used in the upcoming UA Rotary magazine which will be distributed throughout the community.

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# IMPACT

ROTARY DISTRICT 6690 SPRING CONFERENCE  
APRIL 29, 2017 | COSI | COLUMBUS, OHIO USA



## SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, April 29th

for the Rotary District 6690 Conference at COSI. Upper Arlington Rotary will pay the \$99 member registration fee as long as you register before April 1. Let's support District Governor Steve Sandbo by attending! More information to come over the next lunch meetings.