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Mary Ann Krauss introduced today's speaker, **Jennifer Noll**. Jennifer is Senior Planner at the Mid Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC). She has a Master's degree in City Planning from Ohio State.

The focus of Jennifer's presentation was on a current project called "Insight 2050" which focuses on development and population trends in the region leading up to the year 2050. This 30+ year look forward will help inform the region's leaders about how to plan appropriately. A slide presentation served as the basis for her remarks.

The study (Insight 2050) was launched three years ago. Prior to its launch other studies had predicted how the Columbus region would grow. In 2010 it was estimated that population would increase by 500,000 people by 2050. When numbers came in for 2015 there had already been an increase of 115,000. Given this trend it now appears that the 500,000 increase will be reached by 2029 – fully 20 years before initial projections. Further, if the trend continues we will see an increase of 1,000,000 people by 2050.

Jennifer pointed out that not all of the growth will be from new people moving in from outside the region.

Current residents will have longer life spans and current households/families will be growing over time.

Demographics of the growing population will also be different than in the past. From 1980-2010 the region also added 500,000 people. Most of that growth was from baby boomers in the 35 to 54 year age bracket.

From 2010 until about 2040 there will be a shift in this demographic. Most of the growth will be concentrated in the 65+ age group and in the 16-34 age bracket. One note to be taken from this fact is that a substantial number of these households will be childless.

The growth of the 65+ population – as well as the influx of younger residents – calls for consideration of things such as transportation infrastructure, the proximity of vital services, the size of available housing units and the expectations of more diversity in the community.

There are currently about 34,500 people in Upper Arlington. Jennifer did not have population projections for UA but did note that 17% of current residents are over 65 years of age. This percentage is expected to increase to about 33% by 2050.

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The question of whether current infrastructure can support the anticipated changes needs to be addressed. For example, if the population grows into currently undeveloped areas infrastructure will need to be improved/developed anew. If the population moves toward higher density in urban areas the existing infrastructure may or may not be able to handle the growth. Both the older population and the younger population may tend to look for

higher density environments where the convenience of facilities and services is easier to access.

Individual communities that respond appropriately to these changes will be the most successful and most likely to maintain a good quality of life.

The complete Insight 2050 report can be reviewed at Insight2050.org.

The Meeting

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

John Hansel asked **Linda Cummins** to introduce her guest – grandson **Weston Cummins**. **Dee Holcomb** introduced his son **Tyler Holcomb**, a 2017 graduate of Ohio University. There were no visiting Rotarians today.

NOTE: Next week's meeting (Tuesday, May 16) will be at Schmidt's Reception House at Raymond Memorial.

Chip thanked **Bill Mielke** for his efforts in managing the raffle for the just-completed Fundraiser at Huntington Park. The raffle raised \$5,000 this year – possibly an all-time high. Winners were **Tracy Harbold** (1st place) and **Cullie Rechner** (2nd place). Their Rotary accounts will be credited for \$300 and \$200 respectively.

Debbie Johnson was recognized for organizing a Kentucky Derby-related game at the Fundraiser which generated about \$400 for the cause.

The preliminary net for this year's Fundraiser is \$73,000 to \$75,000.

President Knoop thanked **Brad DeHays** and the planning committee for their excellent work – especially at the last minute as the schedule became fluid.

We saw the UA Rotary video (sans audio) created by **Herb Gillen**. The video had been shown at the Fundraiser and will also be used to share the UA Rotary story as opportunities arise. Chip thanked Herb for putting it together.

New members, and those of us with out-of-date directory pictures, were encouraged to coordinate with **Tanya Westerviller** to get new/updated photos ready for the upcoming club directory.

Copies of the recently distributed RotaryReview newsletter were on the tables. A copy of the newsletter is currently being distributed via U.S. Mail to all UA households.

We have been notified by Rotary International that our two new Interact Clubs at Jones and Hastings middle schools have been certified by Rotary. UA now has three active Interact clubs including the UAHS club.

Bob Edler raised funds for the Polio Plus campaign through a brief harassment session. Fundraiser absentees each were fined \$2.00. Those who bid on an item at the fundraiser but did not get it were also fined \$2.00. (Bob thought that if they were willing to spend some money on the auction but didn't end up doing so they should be willing to spend some now.) **Wayne Harer** was fined for his effort in throwing out the first pitch at Saturday's Clippers game. The editor didn't get the details but a rumor was floating in the back of the room about the distance of the pitch.

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Notes and Announcements

Anne Croskey held up what she thought might be a partially deflated balloon shaped like a seahorse and asked if anyone wanted to claim it. She found it at the end of the fundraiser. No one would admit to owning it.

Bill Hosket announced that Grad Day will be Tuesday, June 6. Signup information is coming soon. Elementary, grade school, middle school, high school and college grads (and beyond) are invited to participate. Must be present to be recognized.

Steve Sandbo announced the next “Night of Zacapa” on the evening of Thursday, June 22. He will host the event at his home. New members were encouraged to attend since it’s a great chance to meet and interact with fellow club members in a relaxed, casual atmosphere. Let Steve know ASAP if you’re interested.

Linda Cummins thanked **Paul Sutter**, Chief Scientist at COSI for his interesting presentation and discussion at today’s Roundtable. There was a full house and there were many good questions.

Dave Dewey asked for volunteers to help with the club’s Meals-On-Wheels delivery program. We need 3 or 4 people to help on the second Saturday of each month. Volunteers will probably be asked to make deliveries two or three times per year.

Dave also reminded us of the May 17 Big Table event at the Amelita Mirolo Barn from 8:00 to 10:00 AM and the May 10 Leadership UA Program at the Main Library from 7:00 to 8:30 PM – “A Call to Public Service” will discuss the many ways to get involved in the community.