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**Dave Dewey** introduced today's speaker **Gwendolyn Jackson** with Homeport. Gwendolyn is with Homeport's Advisory Center.

Homeport is a private non-profit organization which seeks to provide quality, affordable homes for low income people. The organization was started thirty years ago. Approximately 30 homes are sold per year.

Homeport's support activities for their clients can be categorized as either pre-purchase or post-purchase. Clients generally need help and guidance in areas such as personal finances, how to manage a mortgage and how to take care of the house itself.

Pre-purchase activities focus on education – including the provision of an eight hour HUD-certified course with the goal being certification for down payment assistance. The certificate expires after twelve months at which time the client would need to re-take the course.

Another pre-purchase program is the relatively new Home Readiness program. It includes ongoing follow-up and guidance to help people through the entire home-buying process. This program is six months old.

Gwendolyn observed that people generally know where they stand in terms of their ability to qualify for a mortgage and acknowledge that they need to make changes and adjustments.

Post-purchase activities include things such as providing help working with lenders in the event of

situational changes such as a job layoff or a death in the family. Referrals to programs such as the "Ohio Save the Dream" project are also possible.

Financial fitness classes supplement Homeport's many activities at both the pre and post-purchase stages. In addition, home repair workshops are offered through a cooperative arrangement with Home Depot. These workshops provide training in everything from lawn care to basic plumbing repairs.

Funding for Homeport comes from various grants and government funding as well as private donors. Clients are mostly low to moderate income people but there is no minimum or maximum income requirement. Potential clients are connected to Homeport through lender referrals in many cases.



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## GREETERS

**May 23**

Matthew Meyers  
Bob Ness

**May 30**

James Nicklaus  
Brian Close

**June 6**

Louis Braun  
Allison Russo

## REGISTRATION DESK

**May 23**

John Hansel  
John Adams

**May 30**

J.D. Dickerson  
Dave Dewey

**June 6**

Andy Livingston  
Tom Westfall

## CALENDAR

**May 23**

**Northwest Volunteers  
of the Year**  
Host: Concilla

**May 30**

**Brian Metzbower - Franklin  
County Board of Elections**  
Host: J. Krauss

**June 6**

**Grad Day**  
Hosts: Hosket/Ayers

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## The Meeting

President Knoop asked **Joe Valentino** to offer the Invocation and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Debbie Johnson** introduced visiting Rotarians **Steve Heiser**, Assistant District Governor from the Columbus Rotary Club and **Doug Gouty** – also from the Columbus club. **Jim Winfree** introduced his guest **Chuck Snyder** and Chip introduced his guest **Tim Kellogg**.

Our next meeting (May 23) will be at Scioto Country Club.

Chip encouraged newer members to join host **Steve Sandbo** at the “Night of Zacapa” on Thursday, June 22. It is an excellent opportunity to network and socialize in a relaxed atmosphere.

**Ted Foster** introduced us to a contingent from West Broad Elementary School. The children present were this year’s art competition winners from grades K-5. They displayed their artwork which will be framed and displayed in the UA Municipal Building. Outgoing Principal **James Eslinger** thanked the club for its extensive support over the years.

Chip reported that several UA Rotarians accompanied **Jeannette Bradley**’s Second Chance Ministries “Love Truck” to a homeless camp where they helped provide meal service. The newly unveiled truck also includes laundry and bathing facilities.

## Notes and Announcements

**Bill Hosket** reminded us of Grad Day which is scheduled for June 6. Students graduating from Kindergarten, Elementary, Middle and High School as well as college graduates will be recognized. Sign-up forms were on the tables. Let Bill know if you have any questions.

**Linda Cummins** announced the coming availability of the new Upper Arlington history book. The Upper Arlington Historical Society has been working with a publisher and is very happy with the result. This book updates/replaces the most recent history which was published in the 1970’s. The title is “A Cherished Past, A Golden Future: Celebrating the First 100 Years of Upper Arlington”. The book will be released in September, 2017. UA Rotary contributed to this project. Club members may take advantage of a \$5.00 discount per book. Order forms were on the tables or orders can be placed at [www.uahistory.org/book](http://www.uahistory.org/book). If you order online be sure to designate that you are with UA Rotary. Linda suggested that the books would make great gifts for the holidays or other occasions.

**Dave Dewey** announced that 2017-18 committee assignments will be made soon and encouraged all members to get involved. A committee assignment request form will **be distributed soon**.

Assistant District Governor **Steve Heiser**, standing in for **Price Finley**, recognized club members who had reached “125 Club” status this year by contributing a combination of \$100 to the Rotary Foundation plus an additional \$25 designated for the Polio Plus campaign. **Bill Cloyd, Dave Dewey, Price Finley, Chip Knoop, Bill Mielke** and **Steve Sandbo** were recognized.