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Don Leach introduced **Brian Metzbower**.

Brian is Precinct Election Official Recruitment Coordinator for the Franklin County Board of Elections. He introduced us to his colleague Brett Roberts who works in social media for the Board of Elections.

Metzbower used a slide presentation as the basis for his remarks. He focused primarily on the process of recruiting precinct election officials (PEO's) – otherwise known as poll workers.

On Election Day the Franklin County Board of elections becomes the fifteenth largest employer in Central Ohio.

In 2016, there were 4,277 PEO's on duty for Election Day. The poll workers were trained by 41 trainers who presented 300 classes to prepare them for the job. There were 854 youths from 26 high schools working at the polls. These students are part of the "Youth at the Booth" program sponsored by the Board of elections. Students must be high school seniors and at least 17 years old. They receive community service credit for their effort in addition to the mandatory payment PEO's are required to receive.

One component of the recruitment process for poll workers is the Board of Elections' program called "Service Organizations for Democracy". Organizations such as businesses, service clubs and government agencies recruit members to work at the polls as a fundraising opportunity for the organization. The volunteers agree to contribute their compensation for the day (\$148.00) to the club or to its designated charity/cause. It is a new way to raise funds and helps the organization provide an important community service as well. A flyer describing the program was on each table today.

Poll workers are in important cog in the election process. In 2016 there were 226,000 votes cast in early voting or by absentee ballot in Franklin County. These are the first ballots counted – contrary to what is often believed about waiting to count them at the end. There were also 27,000 provisional ballots submitted. Special audio ballots are available for visually impaired citizens and training about the use of the audio voting equipment is provided.

Voter turnout for the 2016 general election was 70% in Franklin County. Brian noted that Columbus and Franklin County are hotbeds for

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national media attention during Presidential election years.

An “off year” election still requires much of the same effort as a Congressional or Presidential election. For example, this year there will be over 200 elected positions determined in the November election. The petitions and filing staff at the Board is responsible for sorting out the filings and assuring that they are properly prepared for the ballot.

The Elections board is non-partisan and the staff is non-partisan also. Membership is equally divided between the two major political parties.

In closing, Brian acknowledged that election security is a hot topic right now. He emphasized that, by law, voting machines are not allowed to be connected to the Internet. The machines currently in use also feature a paper backup. Election day opening and closing procedures for the machines are under dual control and are strictly followed.

The Meeting



Past President (for one week) **Chip Knoop** filled in for **Dave Dewey** in what some members thought might have been the club's first coup. In fact, Dave was just unavailable this week.

Don Leach offered the Invocation and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ted Foster introduced visiting Rotarian **Joe Harper** from the Columbus club. We also met two visiting Rotarians from Naivasha, Kenya. **Pauline Mugure** (club President) and **Loyce Cheruto** (club Secretary) joined us for our meeting. They were traveling in the United States following the recent Rotary International Convention in Atlanta. We received a club banner from the Naivasha club and will forward a UA Rotary banner to them.

Our next meeting (July 11) will be back at Scioto Country Club.

One of the club's fire trucks will be featured in the upcoming Independence Day parade and we could still use three to five members to help accompany the truck down the parade route.

Jon Hellstedt and **DJ Effler** were recognized for achieving Paul Harris Fellowship status.

Chip recognized **Molly Fontana**, **Jeanine Hummer**, **Whitney Logan** and **Joe Valentino** for joining the “125 Club” whose members contributed to the Rotary Foundation and added an additional \$25 for the Polio Plus campaign.

Bob Edler and Chip introduced us to our newest member **Chuck Snyder**. Chuck is rejoining the club after a fifteen year absence.

The June 22 “Night of Zacapa” was enjoyed by about 40 club members.

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The Night of the Zacapa 2017

Steve Sandbo opened his home June 22 for the annual "Night of Zacapa" About 40 club members enjoyed great steaks, Zacapa rum, fine cigars, a professional grade fireworks display from **Dave McCurdy**, and wonderful Rotary fellowship.



Notes and Announcements

Price Finley encouraged contributions to the Rotary Foundation and noted that there was still time to make a contribution before the end of the Rotary year on 6/30/17. Checks were being accepted with an online contribution always an option. He also announced that the 2018 Rotary International Convention will be held in Toronto.

Linda Cummins brought order forms for the new UA history book which was available at a discounted price until June 30.

Milt Lustnauer, who will serve as Chairman of the Program Committee for 2017-18, noted that he could use a couple more members on the committee. Let him know if you can help out. He also encouraged anyone interested in helping with the weekly Invocation to let him know.