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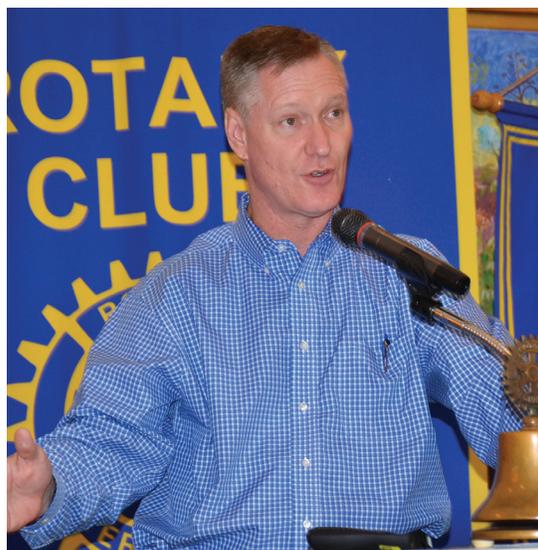
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Brad Frick introduced our speaker **Steve Stivers** for our annual congressional update. Steve and his wife Sarah and young Sam live in UA. He represents District 15 which in addition to UA includes a number of rural counties. It is a big district. Steve serves on the Financial Services committee. He is also a Brigadier general in Ohio Army National Guard.

Steve introduced a number of staff from his office and mentioned the fliers he had brought for the tables. Listed on it are a number of ways that his office can help including help with passport, immigration and veteran issues.

Steve shared a slide show of what's been going on. He remarked that they have passed more bills out of committee and the House since before President George H.W. Bush. Most have been bi partisan.

Bills he highlighted include.

- The VA veteran's accountability and whistle blower act. He commented that we now have a good director in Dr Shulkin who will be implementing the Cerner medical record system putting the DOD and DVA on the same system.
- National defense authorization act
- REINS Act

- SCRUB Act
- Many regulatory relief bills.
- Efforts toward ending Human trafficking and Sex trafficking.
- Korea, Russia and Iran sanction bills.
- Skills based education bills HB 2553 and 2842
- Energy bills promoting cross border energy infrastructure. He commented that Ohio has enough energy in Ohio to last 400 years.
- What we can still accomplish

Health care. He supports Medicare and feels we need to figure out how not to have people lose benefits when they get a job. He thinks a Medicaid buy in could help. We need to fundamentally change Health Care because no one knows what things cost or know how much they cost at different places. They just care about their own costs. Price and quality transparency in Health Care can help with that. We need to rebuild our health care systems to have citizens have some skin in the game. For non-emergency services we could create incentives for health care consumers to find the cheapest price. We need people to shop on price and quality. It's about changing the way we all behave. We do need to take care of people who are sick but make it affordable for those who are healthy. All this can be done without losing Obama care.

Tax reform. He's more optimistic that we can get this done. Most important is to get our economy buzzing. Get our rates in line with the rest of the world. Small businesses need to have a similar rate as pass-through entities. Also we should help out middle class individuals. The last tax reform was in 1986.

Infrastructure. Really important to address. This includes roads, bridges, rural broadband (without it you can't get jobs, effects telemedicine and educational opportunities) Businesses won't come to an area without broadband access.

He ended by taking questions from the audience.

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The Meeting

President **Dave Dewey** opened the meeting and asked **Bill Mielke** to offer the Invocation and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance, which he did reluctantly.

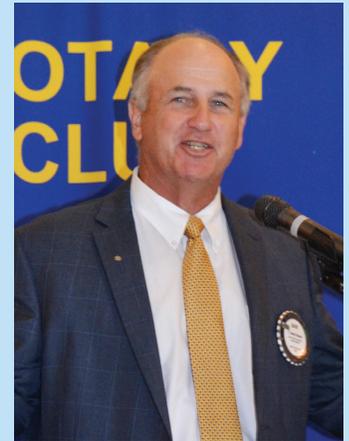
There were no visiting Rotarians.

Mike Tanner introduced his guest **Greg Murphy** who is a neighbor.

Noah Moore brought his father **Tom Moore** as his guest.

Jim McGovern introduced **Luther Ligget** who is an Attorney at his firm.

Mike Drennan had three guests today. **Lenore Yurichak** from the CBIZ Cleveland office and two new staff members here in Columbus **Ashley Blevins** and **Robert Miller**.



Notes and Announcements

John Huneck commented on the great night at the YWCA shelter last night with 15 Rotarians and 5 interact youth. He mentioned the raised bed gardens that Rotary assisted with and commented that the vegetables are being used for meals. Our next opportunity to serve at the YWCA shelter is Thursday August 31. John will also be meeting with executive director to look for new opportunities for Rotary to make a difference at the YWCA.

Jim Nicklaus mentioned that on August 21 we will be assisting with meals along with the Friends of the Homeless. The next few weeks we will be collecting donations of toiletries (list next week) cash and checks to deliver the same day.

Tom Westfall mentioned that some members had questions about the new statements. He said he would stay after the meeting in case anyone had a specific question to ask.

John Ness mentioned the recent Dispatch article about the UA football team. On Friday Oct 6th UA will be celebrating the 1967 championship team at alumni night. There will be a tailgate before the game and 13-14 members of team are expected to attend.

Dave Dewey had a few additional announcements.

- Today we are celebrating the Birthday of our club. Some originals are still here including **Doug Sandbo**.
- October 3 will be our annual Vocational Lunch Meeting and we need some sites. Let Dave know if you are interested.
- This year's directory is almost final but there is still time to have a new photo taken. See Tanya after the meeting.
- UA Rotary will again have a table at Labor Neighbor Day at Northam Park and we need volunteers.
- Working on a Public Image grant. More news to come.



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Get To Know Me Wade Giffin



Wade has been married to Debbie for almost 30 years. They have two grown sons Alex who is 25 and Chris who is a 3rd year student at Capital. Wade is a United Methodist Pastor and is in his 30th year. When asked how he came to his vocation he said "God issues the call and sometime we hear it and we properly respond." Wade said we would be surprised to know about him that when his older son was 15, they flew to the northern part of Vietnam, bought motor bikes and traveled. His best family experience was the 50 nights per year he spent with his family at state parks in a travel. Lastly on his bucket list, which he hopes to complete in December of 2018, is to take his wife and sons on a holy land trip. He has been there in the past but they haven't.

YWCA FAMILY CENTER MEAL SERVICE - THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 5:30 - 8:00 PM

Volunteers are needed to help serve meals at the YWCA Family Center, 900 Harvey Ct, Columbus 43219. Please contact **John Huneck** at JRHuneck@aep.com to register or get more information.

MEAL SERVING AT THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, ARRIVE BY 5:00 PM

Please contact Yvonne Perotti at vnnperotti@gmail.com for more information.

Welcome New Members



Josh Green is an Iraq war veteran and is passionate about helping the veterans' community. **Barri Jones** was a Rotary International Exchange student in 1978 (Denmark). Her father was a 50 year Rotarian. Please take a minute to say hi to introduce yourself to them and welcome them to our club.