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Mary Ann Krauss introduced our speaker **Michael Wilkos**. Michael is Senior Vice President for Community Input at United Way of Central Ohio. He joined United Way just three days prior to this meeting from The Columbus Foundation. Michael is an Ohio State University graduate. He has numerous involvements and affiliations with central Ohio organizations including, among others, the Franklin County Community Development Board and the Salvation Army.

The theme of Michael's presentation was how Columbus is changing and the implications for the overall community. The focus was on the many trends and changes in population demographics for the area. He used a detailed slide presentation to support his comments.

One of the trends that concerns him is the fact that it appears that the persistently high poverty rate in central Ohio has become the "new normal".

In the past Columbus was considered one of the most statistically average cities in the country. Now, however, the changes that are occurring change that fact. More than 2,000 people per month are being added to the central Ohio population making the Columbus area unique in the state of Ohio. Fifty five percent of this growth is "natural" (number of births minus number of deaths). Twenty five percent of the growth is from international immigrants and the remaining twenty percent is from the movement of people into the area from other places in the United States.

Within the state of Ohio, Columbus is the only metro area to experience a net positive inflow of people from other parts of the United States. As part of this inflow, Columbus received new residents from other Ohio cities in the following order: Cleveland, Dayton, Youngstown area and Akron. Detroit joins these Ohio cities as a significant source of new residents moving into the area.

There is some outflow from this area also. The primary destinations for those leaving the area are, in order, Phoenix, Dallas, Houston, Charlotte and Atlanta.

The overall population in the area is expected to grow from 2,000,000 today to 3,000,000 by the year 2050.

Looking at the foreign born population demographics from the past to the present we find that 2% of the population was foreign born in 1970, 2.8 % in 1980, 3.4% in 1990 and 10.5% in 2015. This population is equitably distributed throughout Franklin County. We saw graphics which supported all of these numbers.

To emphasize the scale of the international population growth in central Ohio Michael noted that while Franklin County has 10.8% of Ohio's total population the county has 26.1% of the state's foreign born population. The sources of this

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growth in foreign born residents break down as follows:

Asia – 38%	Latin America – 23%
Africa – 28%	Europe – 10%

Looking at a recent year, in 2014-2015 there were 2,712 people who moved into the area from other U.S. locations (not including Ohio), 5,445 who moved into the area from other Ohio locations and 8,428 people from another country.

International immigrants are immersing themselves into the community. Michael cited statistics to support this statement – including that 80% of business permit applications in the Morse Road area of Columbus are filed by African Americans or Hispanics.

Returning to his concern about poverty levels Wilkos noted that while Columbus has added three times the number of jobs lost in the 2008 recession, and despite the fact that the

unemployment rate is significantly lower, the number of people at or below 200% of the poverty line has gone up. He cited the significant differences in the circumstance of those with either a college degree or a skilled trade versus unskilled workers who often must work multiple jobs to get by.

We saw multiple slides which demonstrate the relationship between the geographic location of residents and the likelihood of their ultimate success. Michael also touched on disparities in credit availability and predatory lending patterns in the county which further reinforced poverty's geographic pattern in Franklin County.

He pointed out that, for those living at or below the poverty level, it is an unfortunate fact that the worst thing they can do is work 40 hours per week in a low paying job since this effectively eliminates eligibility for many essential government programs.

The Meeting

President Dewey asked **John Cleland** to offer the Invocation and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tom Westfall introduced visiting Rotarian and Assistant District Governor **Steve Heiser** from the Columbus Rotary club.

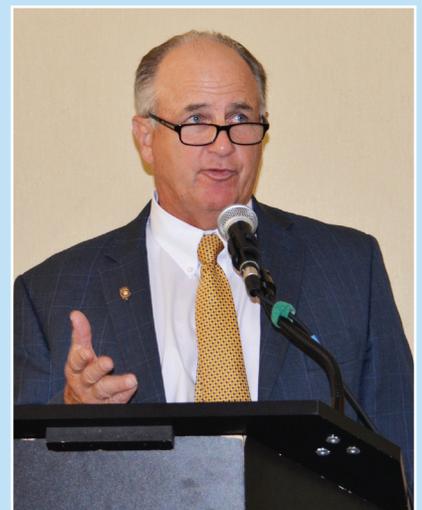
Dave Dewey reminded us that there is a Board meeting next Monday evening at First Community Village. All members are welcome to sit in.

We recognized and thanked the members who worked at the recent Labor Day Arts Festival. Dave noted that we're expecting to get a more prominent location for the club's booth next year.

The Golden Bear Bash to benefit the Upper Arlington Education Foundation occurred on September 3 and those members who attended were recognized for supporting the cause.

We will have vocational lunches for the October 3 meeting. Signup sheets will be distributed at next week's meeting.

Wayne Harer conducted "extemporaneous harassment" – something about not having it on his schedule – and generated a goodly amount of cash. Those of us without a pin paid a dollar. There followed a series of questions about the recently completed Columbus Clippers season. Questions which tripped most of us up asked about the Clippers' place in the final division standings (2nd), the team's overall record (even) and the number of the Cleveland Indians' 36 roster players who came through Columbus this year (25).



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Notes and Announcements

John Huneck reported that the August 31 YWCA Family Center meal service was not only successful but also finished in time for the OSU kickoff. He announced that the next meal service will not be until January 3. Details to be provided closer to the date.

Alan Yarletts announced that we're still looking for a couple of Rotarians to have dinner with eleven Rotary Youth Exchange students at Jones Middle School on September 16. Local students who will be going overseas next year will also participate. The time commitment is from 5:45 to 7:15 PM. Let Alan know if you can join in.

Chip Knoop reminded Community Service Committee members of tonight's meeting (9/5) and encouraged those who hadn't made a meeting yet to attend.

