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Brad DeHays introduced today's speaker, **Doug Kridler**, President & CEO of the Columbus Foundation. The Foundation has been serving the Central Ohio region since 1943. In 2017 they awarded \$213 million in grants to more than 3,900 charitable causes focusing on education, health, social services, and community development. As of 12/31/17 the foundation's assets totaled 2.27 billion. The Foundation also handles the UA Rotary Foundation's funds.

Doug previously served as President of the Association for the Performing Arts. During his tenure the restorations of the Ohio and Palace theaters took place. He was named 2017 Champion of Diversity. He was CEO Magazine's 2016 CEO of the year and was inducted into the Central Ohio Business Hall of Fame in November of 2014. Doug earned a Master of Fine Arts degree in Arts Management in the University of Utah Ford Foundation fellowship and Bachelor of Arts degree from Ohio Wesleyan University.

Doug opened by thanking Brad for his work in the community.

Doug noted that one of the most moving descriptions anyone used about him was when he was called "our community's preacher". The idea that you can bring some value and inspiration to people's lives in that kind of way is what motivates him and ultimately is the Foundation's "ministry".

He thanked UA Rotary and the Upper Arlington community, where he and his wife raised their family, for helping to make central Ohio a great place where a common concern and care for others makes for a resilient community.

Doug noted that he recently heard on CNN that the 2019 - 2020 election cycle is predicted to be the most vitriolic time in our history since before the Civil War. In the midst of that we need opportunities to connect with each other. We need opportunities to build around things that unify us. He thinks this is where America works best – showing concern and making a connection for those less fortunate and doing what we can to build friendship and a sense of community.

Kridler noted that he does not typically talk a lot about the Columbus Foundation because it does not exist for itself – it exists for the community.

He asked us to imagine ourselves in 1943 – at the peak of the country's engagement in World War II. Civilization as we know it seemed under attack. You could not be blamed for thinking exclusively about your own preservation. If you worked in a business or industry deemed non-essential you might have found that your place of employment had been closed and you might have been assigned to the war effort in one of the central industries.

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GREETERS

April 2

Dan Ralley
Chris Aschinger

April 9

Barri Jones
Paul Berg

April 16

Brian Close
Eric Stoll

REGISTRATION DESK

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Chris Taylor
Tracy Harbold

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Don Leach
J.D. Dickerson

April 16

Dick Stone
Janine Hummer

CALENDAR

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Almost Yankees
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DOUG KRIDLER

PRESIDENT & CEO COLUMBUS FOUNDATION



In the midst of that, a group of people in Columbus Ohio, not the household names and not the big families that you know have dominated the headlines over the decades, but just ordinary folks, got together around a table and started talking about how they could build an enduring organization to care for others. They came together to think about how they could create something permanent in our community that would be dedicated to lifting up our community and lifting up others. That's how, 75 years ago, the Columbus Foundation was created.

He noted that numerical accounts of contributions and other such measures are not the end goal. They are a means to an end. The end is your legacies. The end is an improved community. The end is helping others that need our help in order to help us realize our potential as a community. It's worth fighting for a better community through collective action.

The spirit of Columbus was a recurring theme in Doug's remarks. He noted that in 1964 the first woman to fly solo around the world (Jerry Mock) was from Columbus, Ohio. The name of her plane was the Spirit of Columbus.

Doug noted that the Foundation could be looked at as part law firm, part investment firm and part research company all wrapped around a motivation for service. In the philanthropic community some people use the term "spray and pray philanthropy" as a negative. The term refers to contributions that are generally directed at a problem or issue. Doug has a different philosophy about that. The Columbus Foundation's philosophy is you work hard for your money and you work hard to be in a position where you can be generous to others and to causes that you care about. If you want to "spray" your contributions and you want to "pray for results" the Foundation is there to help you not to judge you.

It is estimated that Columbus proper is growing by from 143 to 180 people per day. We may well exceed the most recent ten year projection of 150,000 net new jobs in only eight years. In the same ten year period the goal of \$8 billion in capital investment may be reached in only seven years. We're on a roll.

Doug referenced a recent New York Times article calling Columbus one of the 52 places in the world you should visit in 2019.

The Foundation celebrated its 75th anniversary on December 29, 2018 with a one day "Big Explore" program providing free access to the city's museums as well as free COTA bus service. It was a huge success with over 55,000 people on the buses and in those museums that day. The head of COSI estimates that 85% of the 20,000 + people attending COSI that day were otherwise not able to afford going. One of the families said they were so grateful. It showed them that their community cares about them.

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The Meeting



President Brad DeHays called the meeting to order and asked **Andy Schmidt** to offer the invocation and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

John Adams introduced visiting Rotarian **Steve Heiser**, Assistant District Governor and District Governor Nominee from the Columbus club. **J.D. Dickerson** introduced his wife **Ann** and his granddaughter **Libby Dickerson**. Libby is a sophomore at Dennison University. She presented today's Rotary Roundtable and discussed her cross country bicycle trip.

Jim McGovern received his Club 125 pin from last year's campaign – with apologies for not getting it to him sooner. Jim has made his Club 125 contribution for this year also. \$100 of the contribution goes to Rotary programs here in the U.S. and the remaining \$25 goes to the Polio Plus campaign.

Notes and Announcements



Chip Knoop, on behalf of the Community Service Committee, announced a “hard labor” volunteer opportunity on May 10 and 11. UA Rotarians will be part of a group of 500 Area Code 614 volunteers who will be framing four houses. Please save the date. More information will be forthcoming.

Steve Heiser, here on behalf of the district, promoted the District Conference coming up April 12 and 13th at the Hilton Polaris. The conference includes our district 6690 and the district just to the north of us. This conference will be very different from any one you've gone to before. He reminded us that UA Rotary will reimburse you for your registration fee. **Ravi Ravindran**, past Rotary International president from Sri Lanka, is coming in for the Friday noon all club lunch. Please at least try to attend this lunch to hear Ravi who is a very commanding figure. Saturday 4/13 will feature all kinds of service projects.

Debbie Johnson promoted the Fundraiser on May 3 from 6:00 to 9:30 at ShadowBox Live. Invitations have gone out by email last Tuesday. About a third of the membership has responded so far. She also highlighted the campaign for sponsorships and auction items. Forms were on the tables.

Jeanine Hummer distributed raffle tickets and cajoled (threatened?) those members who have yet to purchase their tickets to get with the program. She noted that she now has our license plate numbers.

Alan Yarletts introduced UAHS student **Debbie Hodson**. Debbie will be UA Rotary's short term foreign exchange student for the summer. She will be spending four weeks in Pamplona, Spain. When she returns she will be accompanied by her “sister” student who will spend four weeks in UA.

Debbie Hodson then invited us to participate in “An Evening to End Polio” sponsored by the District 6690 students of Rotary Youth Exchange – both inbound and outbound students. The evening includes a fundraiser and dinner for Polio Plus on Saturday April 6. There will be speakers, a silent auction and live auction. The dinner will be presented by Executive Chef and the exchange students will be sous chefs and servers. The exchange students from abroad are going to be making international desserts. Last year the evening raised \$10,000 for Shelter Box. The cost is \$50 per person and the location is St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 7121 Muirfield Drive, Dublin. Fliers were on the tables. To register go to www.rye6690.com.

To support the Youth Exchange program's Polio Plus initiative president DeHays conducted an instant fundraiser. Any dollars on the tables today would be matched by the club up to \$300 and will go toward the Evening to End Polio campaign.

