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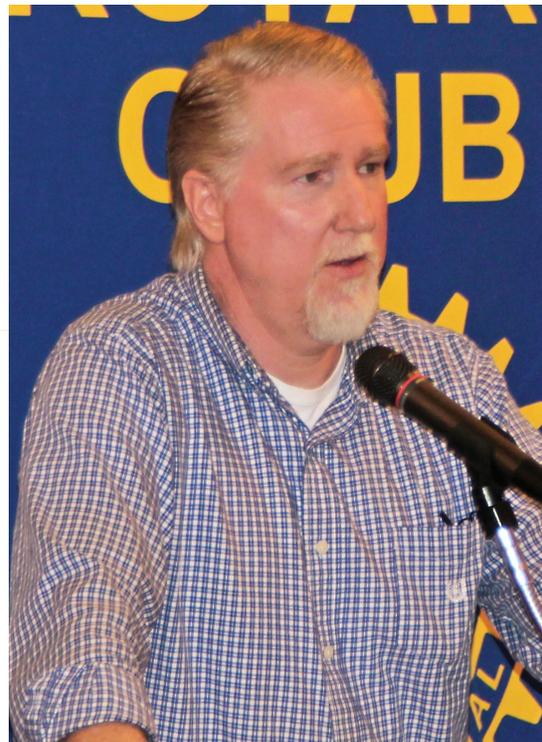
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Jeanine Hummer introduced **Joe Roush**, the Upper Arlington Criminal Justice Administrator who spoke on the drug court and the opioid problem. Joe has been with the city for 18 years.

The drug court program was started in Upper Arlington in 2016 and was modeled after other drug courts in central Ohio. ADAMH provided a grant to help start the program. The Mayor's Court has a drug court fund that is funded by a portion of other court fines. Offenders have a choice of going to jail, or entering the program and having the judge suspend the sentence while the person is advancing through the program.

There are now 10 participants in the program, which is probably the maximum number of cases that Joe can handle given his other duties. The drug program is much more time consuming than

probation programs. Joe is constantly working with participants and counselors to get the participants what they need to move ahead with their lives.

There are 3 phases to the program. Phase 1 lasts about 9 months with the goal of stabilizing the participant. This involves lining up counseling, drug tests, medical needs, mental health services, housing, and other programming and transportation to build a foundation for their future. Participants also start taking Vivitrol, which blocks opioid and alcohol receptors. At the end of phase 1, participants should be in a normal lifestyle routine with a job and housing.

People on Vivitrol understand it is a waste of time and money to use opioids since the opioids will have no impact, although if they do use them they can OD without being aware that is happening. The success rate is very high once participants get on it. One needs to use it for a year to 18 months. The cost is \$1,000 per injection. Vivitrol is hard on the liver so it can't be used on some with liver issues. There are no adverse long term effects of Vivitrol.

Phase 2 lasts about a year and is a time for participants to adjust to a normal life style. Phase 3 involves tying up loose ends, and making sure participants have appropriate ongoing services like counseling.

Joe works with the individuals in the program and tries to get them to do the right thing. Judge Grubb drops the hammer on them if they do not do the right thing. Joe uses discretion as to when a failed drug test will send a participant back to jail. Sometimes they are using multiple drugs, and they can only stop using them one at a time with the opioids being stopped first. Participants in the program are given the opportunity at the

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appropriate time to withdraw their court plea and the judge can vacate the conviction. That gives them a clean record which helps them find a job.

Several participants in the program previously overdosed and needed Narcan to bring them back to life. It usually takes a number of those unfortunate events before people will take advantage of the program. Everyone who has been offered this and taken it seriously is succeeding. There have been failures where people drop out of the program. Sometimes they come back to the program later and succeed. One girl was using since 13, is now 21, and is now clean for an extended period for the first time since she was 13. These people can become good productive citizens

instead of drug addicts who continue to cost society. The first graduates of the program will be graduating soon. All of the upcoming graduates have jobs.

Joe indicated there are drugs in the Upper Arlington high school, although Joe has not heard of any opioids in the high school lately. There are many high school kids using e Cigs. There seems to be more of an alcohol issue than a drug issue in Upper Arlington. Many drug related crimes in Upper Arlington are by people from other areas. Marijuana is often laced with more addictive drugs to get people hooked. Only one person Joe has dealt with did not start by using marijuana.

The Meeting

The invocation was offered by **John Krauss**. John also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jim Winfree introduced visiting Rotarian **Steve Heiser**, the Assistant District Governor and the District Governor Elect.

Connie Aschinger introduced her guests **Sandra Cotter** and **Jack Cotter**.

Chris Aschinger introduced his guest **Kelton Aschinger**.

Joe Valentino introduced his guest Pastor **Steve Turnbull**.

A message from Anne Croskey: My father, age 102, died Wednesday, December 5. It won't be in the Columbus paper because he lived in Miamisburg, Ohio. The funeral is at Trinity Church in Miamisburg on Tuesday 12/11 at 12 pm with visitation at 11 am. I just wanted my friends in Rotary to know as he was a Rotarian for 25 years and emeritus for another 10. He was a good man and a fine mentor to many.



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Notes and Announcements

Barri Jones announced that \$3,470 were collected for the Holiday Wish program, which the club matched. The total will be divided among Homeless Families Foundation, the YWCA Family Center, and the Community Shelter Board.



Volunteers are still needed for a 2 hour commitment at the Homeless Families Foundation's holiday store. Please contact **Tom Davis** if you can help.

Don Trotier reported on an outstanding Roundtable today with the Aschingers discussing their business relationships in Viet Nam. The next Roundtable will be January 8 with **Bill Hosket** speaking on Big 10 and OSU Basketball.

The club elected **Brad Frick, Barri Jones, Wade Giffin, Allison Russo,** and **John Trapp** as new board member. **Joe Valentino** will become Secretary.



President Brad DeHays recognized **Yvonne Perotti** for becoming a Paul Harris Fellow +1.

Phil Glandon reminded everyone that there is no meeting next week due to the holiday party that evening at Scioto. Drink tickets will need to be purchased at the event unless purchased at the meeting today.

Dave Hammond handled harassment, but excluded all female members from paying as Rotary International is celebrating 30 years of female members. Our club admitted its first 3 female members when **Doug Sandbo** was club president: **Linda Cummins, Lee Hess,** and **Mary Ann Krauss.** Linda then spun the birthday wheel to collect additional funds from the male members.



HOMELESS FAMILY FOUNDATION

Monday, December 17 • 6:15 pm – 8:30 pm • volunteers needed

UA ROTARY HOLIDAY PARTY

Tuesday evening, December 11 • *There will not be a noon lunch meeting on that day.*