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**Milt Lustnauer** introduced speakers **Veronica Carter** and **Mike Chessler** from AARP (formerly known as the American Association of Retired Persons). They are both volunteer advocates who work to protect seniors from fraud, including the 1.2 million members of AARP in Ohio. They noted that 20-somethings constitute the group with the highest number of people scammed, but seniors get “soaked” for more money, since they typically have more resources than younger people.

They noted that it’s impossible completely to avoid being the target of scams. Smart people create the scams and make it easy to fall for one. Scammers also are constantly changing their tactics, making it hard to anticipate the next scam.

Many very common types of scam come over the phone. There are at least 1 billion such calls per month in the U.S. Very often such calls involve “spoofing” the phone numbers of legitimate organizations, such as a bank or the IRS. Con artists can appear to be calling from any phone number. So, it’s appropriate not to answer your phone, and to let calls go to voicemail—

especially for retirees who do not have to worry about instantly taking business-related calls.

*Some common tactics of scammers:*

- Posing as representatives of a government agency or bank, and insisting that you have a liability that must be paid off right away. Andy Livingston counseled that if you are ever in doubt in such situations appearing to involve a bank, you should go to a bricks-and-mortar branch, and ask the personnel there for help.
- Saying that you need to pay for “tech support”, lest your computer cease to work properly.
- Fake lotteries and sweepstakes.
- Fake calls to grandparents from “grandchildren”, asking you to wire them money, and not to tell their parents.
- Contacting veterans and asking for money in order to help them obtain benefits.

Veronica and Mike warned us not to speak to callers when we aren’t sure who we are talking to. Scammers have ways of “inducing ether”, which is a heightened emotional state that makes it hard to think clearly and make rational decisions. They can try to scare you into thinking you are missing out on a “big win” unless you pay them something quickly, and they can even threaten you and your loved ones’ physical safety. Again, the best answer is just not to talk to begin with.

*Our speakers also advised the following:*

- Research a product, and don’t just buy it as the result of a pitch.
- Develop a “refusal script” about how you are not buying.



## GREETERS

### February 19

Bill Hosket  
Matt Kirby

### February 26

Brendan King  
Joe Valentino

### March 5

David Hatch  
Nick Vlasidis

## REGISTRATION DESK

### February 19

Keith Schneider  
Debbie Johnson

### February 26

Ted Foster  
Brendan King

### March 5

Andy Livingston  
Tom Westfall

## CALENDAR

### February 19 | Scioto CC

**David Brown, Harmony Project**  
Host: Germain

### February 26 | Confluence Park

**Special Location**  
Program TBA

### March 5 | Confluence Park

**12:30 pm Special Start Time and Location**  
Program TBA

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# VERONICA CARTER & MIKE CHESSLER

## AARP

- Avoid clickbait while surfing the internet.
- Learn to recognize spoof websites—for instance, is it really the US Post Office's website?
- Use complex passwords.

It is difficult for federal and state agencies to keep up with all the new and different ways of fraudsters, so we cannot rely on them to prevent all scams.

## The Meeting



**Herb Gillen** opened the meeting, noting that President **Brad DeHays** is in Rwanda, tracking lowland gorillas with Ellen DeGeneres (seriously).

**Joe Valentino** gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. In his invocation, Joe remembered retired UA City Manager and Club member **Ted Staton**, who had died that morning.

District Governor-Elect **Steve Heiser** was a guest, and he introduced his guest **Jessica Lange**, manager of the US Bank branch at the Kingsdale shopping center.

## Notes and Announcements



Herb announced that the Club's board had approved the funding of the following 3 projects that the Community Service Committee had proposed:

- \$2,700 for the next round of Bed Brigade events, for the building of pre-fabricated wooden beds for those in need.
- \$500 for the UA High School Idea Day
- \$600 to 2nd Chance Ministries, to provide transportation for the homeless

**Anne Croskey** announced venue changes for some upcoming meetings: the Feb. 26 and March 5 meetings will be at the Boathouse at Confluence Park (please note that the March 5th meeting is a 12:30 PM start), and the March 12 meeting will be at Raymond Memorial Golf Course.



**Kip Greenhill** spoke of Ted Staton's legacy to UA: not only positive changes to the physical landscape in UA, but also highly qualified people whom Ted recruited to service to UA and mentored.

**Jeannine Hummer** shared her memory of going to a national conference of city attorneys not long after Ted was hired as UA City Manager, and having numerous people telling her how lucky UA was to have Ted in that position.



**Don Trotier** discussed the morning's Rotary Roundtable, which featured **Evan Westfall**, son of Tom, and member of the band CAAMP.

**Bill Cloyd** provided an update on the program involving interactions between students from Windermere and Livingston Elementary Schools. He thanked **Matt Kirby** and **Doug Godard** for serving as Club liaisons for this program. Bill also shared that Hastings middle school students will be doing a reading program with Linden Elementary students on Feb. 22, from 10 am to noon; please see Bill if you would like to help with that event.



**Steve Heiser** provided a reminder of the Rotary District conference on April 12-13 at the Polaris Hilton. Registration is now open. There will be an all-District lunch on April 12. Steve also thanked the Club members who attended the recent District foundation meeting at Dave McCurdy's house.

**Chip Knoop** and **Bill Cloyd** did a bit of fundraising for the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. The goal is to get every member to give at least \$100.

## OUR NEXT MEETING

**February 19th**  
Scioto CC

Upper Arlington  
**Rotary**  
Club

