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Steve Sandbo introduced **Erin Mooney** who is the new Executive Director of Mayan Families in Guatemala. Erin was joined by her husband John and are both natives of California. They moved to Guatemala and both received Master's Degrees. Erin described the challenges of life for the local citizens as they struggle for education, basic medical needs, and inclusiveness. Typically, economics force people to leave their language and their homes to seek opportunity. Immigration is a truly difficult issue, as she sees both sides.

Mooney described the challenges of her new assignment. She is attempting to implement fewer programs, but wants them to be effective. "Do not everything. Do a few things well," she explained. "We have a heavy responsibility to benefit the Mayan Community and we need to work with partners on the ground," she continued. Political

challenges create roadblocks for access to food and jobs. Mooney explained that it is essential for the locals to be involved in the programs. "A parachute approach," just does not work to drop items into the village. Residents must be able to operate and fix support items as well as have community ownership.

Mayan Families is improving their impact through best practices for HR, Financial Management, and staffing. She has hired an external CPA to audit their financials. Their IT has been lacking and she is working to build a functional website. Mooney explained the need to lower staff turnover, be better stewards of resources to create results, promote Well Baby/Well Mother programs, develop partnerships with schools/institutions, and improve the influence of trade schools to surrounding areas. Mayan Families will be successful in improving and enhancing local culture by creating indigenous leaders.

Erin expressed her gratitude to Upper Arlington Rotary for their support and partnership. She can be reached at erin@mayanfamilies.org.



GREETERS

May 21

Joe Valentino
Bill Hosket

May 28

Larry McVey
Matt McClellan & David Hatch

June 4

Susan Moffett-Bruce
David Hatch

REGISTRATION DESK

May 21

Ted Foster
Brendan King

May 28

Andy Livingston
Tom Westfall

June 4

Jim Winfree
Kevin Brown

CALENDAR

May 21 | Scioto CC

Bill Davidge, Recently retired
Blue Jackets TV Announcer
*Blue Jackets, Past Season
and Path Forward*
Host: Davis

May 28 | Raymond Memorial Parent Grad Day

Host: Hosket & Ayers

June 4 | Scioto CC

Steve Heiser and Suzanne Kull
Move To Prosper
Host: Heiser

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OUR NEXT MEETING

May 21st
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Upper Arlington
Rotary
Club



The Meeting



The Upper Arlington Rotary meeting for Tuesday May 14, 2019 was held at Raymond Memorial Golf Course. **President DeHays** started the meeting and **Price Finley** gave the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests & Visitors:

Doug Trotter (Tri Village) was the only visiting Rotarian.

Ginny Barney's guest was **Melissa Mitchell**, Chief Legal Counsel at Maryhaven.

Notes and Announcements



Jim Ayers reminded the Graduation Day is May 28. Graduates from 5th grade and above are invited. Please register your graduates in advance.

Ted Foster welcomed **Cindy Leonard** and six students from West Broad Street Elementary. Ted updated the club on the success of the Barrington project and the students, Kindergarten through fifth grade, each personally displayed their artwork to the club.

Meals On Wheels is already in urgent need of delivery help on Memorial Day weekend at the end of May. Below is a link that will show the available routes – several of which are in UA – and also allow you to sign up to help.

Go to <https://lifecare.mowscheduler.com/helpwanted/2019-05-26> where you will be able to see all of the “Memorial Day 2019 Holiday Routes” that are available.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Prepare and serve a meal at Ronald McDonald House, 711 E. Livingston Ave, Tuesday May 21st 4:00...if interested or need more information, contact Yvonee Perotti or Tom Davis



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