



## DAVE HERMAN AUTHOR, "ALMOST YANKEES"

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Wayne Harer introduced the speaker, **Dave Herman**. A bit about Wayne, lifted from his company's bio, and showing how it was fitting for Wayne to introduce Dave: Prior to starting his commercial real estate career, Wayne played professional baseball with the Boston Red Sox for five years and New York Yankees for five years, as well as five years with Triple-A affiliates the Pawtucket Red Sox and Columbus Clippers.

Dave is the author of the newly published *Almost Yankees: The Summer of '81 and the Greatest Baseball Team You've Never Heard Of*, published by the University of Nebraska Press. Dave spent some years of his childhood in Clintonville, when he became a rabid fan of the Clippers. His father, now deceased, shared Dave's enthusiasm, which they bonded over. Dave went on to Gonzaga University, and worked in newspapers as a sportswriter. He now works at MSNBC/Microsoft in Seattle. He and his wife have three children.

This summary from the publisher's website describes Dave's book and reflects much of his talk:

"Almost Yankees is a poignant and nostalgic narrative of the lives and travails of Minor League Baseball, focusing on the 1981 championship season of the New York Yankees' Triple-A farm club, the Columbus Clippers. That year was especially notable in the annals of baseball history as the year Major League Baseball went on strike in midseason. When that happened, the Clippers were suddenly the best team in baseball and found themselves the focus of national media attention. Many of these Minor Leaguers sensed this was their last, best chance to make an impression and fulfill their dreams to one day reach the majors.

The Clippers' raw recruits, prospects, and Minor League veterans responded to this opportunity by playing the greatest baseball of their lives on the greatest team most of them would ever belong to. Then the strike ended, leaving them to return to their ordinary aspirational lives and to be just as quickly forgotten.

Almost Yankees is the previously untold baseball story of a team and its players performing in the shadow of one of the sport's most famous teams and infamous owners. Featuring interviews with more than thirty former players (including Steve Balboni, Dave Righetti, Buck Showalter, and Pat Tabler) and dozens of other baseball and media figures, this season's narrative chronicles success, failure, resilience, and redemption as told by a special group of players with hopes and dreams of big-league glory. J. David Herman, who worshipped the team as an eleven-year-old, tracked down his old heroes to learn their stories—and to better understand his own. The season proved to be a launching pad for some, a final chance for others, and the end of the dream for many others."



## GREETERS

**April 16**

Brian Close  
Michele Hoyle

**April 23**

Wade Giffin  
Angela Lanctot

**April 30**

Allison Russo  
Michael Zieg

## REGISTRATION DESK

**April 16**

Dick Stone  
Jeanine Hummer

**April 23**

Jon Hellstedt

**April 30**

Jim Hamilton  
Rich Simpson

## CALENDAR

**April 16 | Scioto CC**

**Robert Moffatt**  
*Former Rotary DG  
and Bounty Hunter*  
Host: Moffatt-Bruce

**April 23 | Scioto CC**

**Joanna Pinkerton**  
President/CEO COTA  
*Update on COTA*  
Host: Leach

**April 30 | Scioto CC**

**Rita Doherty**  
Ex. Director of  
Friendship Village  
*Aging Population and Next Steps*  
Host: Trotier

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## OUR NEXT MEETING

**April 16th**  
Scioto CC

Upper Arlington  
**Rotary**  
Club



# The Meeting



**Brad DeHays** opened the meeting.

**Wade Giffin** gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visiting Rotarians were **Chuck Myer** from The Woodlands, Texas, and UA City Councilman **Jim Lynch** from the Tri-Village Club.

# Notes and Announcements



**Anne Croskey** encouraged responses to the online invitations issued for the fundraiser. 100 members have not yet responded.

**Jim Nicklaus** announced the completion of Nicklaus Park and the ribbon cutting at 12:30 pm on May 30. UA Rotary attendance is encouraged, given the Club's support for the creation of the Park. **Jack Nicklaus** will attend.

**Steve Lichtblau** described the Club's sponsorship of Syntero's Catalyst for Positive Change breakfast on May 3, with registration starting at 7:30 am. This event honors high school students for their community service. The location is the Makoy Center at 5462 Center Street in Hilliard.



**Brent Jackson** announced a meeting of the scholarship committee directly after the Club meeting, to determine community service awards for graduating UA high school seniors.

**Steve Sandbo** announced the birth of his 5th grandchild, in Denver. He also announced the Nov. 3 date for the next trip to Guatemala. Please let Steve know if you'd like to go so that he can hold hotel rooms. He noted that the main cost is airfare, and the total cost of a trip is reasonable.

**Don Trotier** promoted the next Rotary Roundtable, before next week's meeting. It will feature **Mike O'Sullivan** on the topic of concealed carry.



**Debbie Johnson** whetted appetites for the fundraiser. She noted that there will be valet parking. She also described some of the items that will be featured in the auction. These include a tailgate and viewing of the OSU-Michigan game at the Dawson theater; golf and lunch for three at the Carmargo Club; a private bourbon tasting event at Grandview Cafe; a week at a private beach home on Topsail Island; and golf and lunch for three at Double Eagle Golf Club.

**Brad DeHays** announced two new members:

**Joel Lilly** introduced his sister, **Angela Lanctot**. She lives in UA and has two children. She is a real estate attorney practicing at the Kegler Brown law firm. She does extensive volunteer activity, including medical missions to Honduras and work at Riverside Methodist Hospital.



**Kip Greenhill** introduced **Michele Hoyle**. Michele was born and raised in UA, is a UA High School graduate, and so are her two children. She had a 30-year career in municipal finance, including work for the cities of Columbus and Dublin. Now she serves on UA City Council.

Brad recognized a slew of new Paul Harris Fellows, some of whom are "repeat offenders": **Anne Croskey** (+5), **Dave McCurdy** (+7), **Chris Taylor**, **Tim Kellogg**, **Herb Gillen** (+1), **Mike Kull** (+2) and Brad's very own self. The Club is about \$6,000 short on its annual fundraising goal for Rotary International, so gifts to help get over the benchmark are encouraged.

**Dave Dewey** conducted harassment, with his cosplay this time being in the nature of a referee, which he actually is in real life, so it wasn't really cosplay after all. He asked a number of questions, and the answers to them were all wrong, and we're just not going to bother repeating the specifics here...suffice it to say some money was raised, and Dave was able to convey the message that there is a goal of 100 percent participation in the 125 Club.



The Upper Arlington Public Library (UAPL) is beginning our next strategic planning process. We are seeking your ideas, thoughts, and opinions. Your input about the community is critical to the process and important to the library. Click here to take our short survey: <https://bit.ly/UAPLibrary>  
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