



## SUSAN KAYLOR LEWIS OPIOID ADDICTION EPIDEMIC



Meg lives in many different places which are almost universally unstable – and many days she’s not sure where her next meal is coming from. Her mother loves her dearly – but her addiction consumes her and prevents her from taking good care of her daughter.

Meg tells us about her situation in the only way she knows how – through bad behavior, screaming, crying, aggression and tantrums. A question is how we respond to these behaviors. Do we look at them as simply signs of a bad child – or do we look at them and wonder what is really going on with the child?

The question to ask should, perhaps, be “What happened to you?” rather than “What’s wrong with you?”

Once a child like Meg responds to counseling the search begins for an appropriate foster home. The situation is monitored regularly. Children in this situation may attend St. Vincent’s “Preschool Prep Academy”. They learn how to control their emotions, how to approach problems they encounter. Ultimately the child can move into a regular preschool closer to where her foster mother lives.

There are now 15,500 children in similar situations in the state of Ohio. Twenty eight percent of them are age three or younger. At the current rate of growth there will be 20,000 children in foster care in Ohio by 2020. We are indeed in the eye of the storm of the opioid epidemic.

Family members who try to step up and support these children do not receive the same level of public support that non-related foster parents receive. Frequently these family members do not have the resources or the skills necessary to financially afford to help and offer proper care for children in these difficult situations.

Mary Ann Krauss introduced today’s program. Our speaker was **Susan Kaylor Lewis**, CEO of St. Vincent’s Family Center. Susan was accompanied by her colleague **Sarah Russell**.

Mary Ann prefaced Susan’s introduction by noting how young children are, at times, the hidden victims of the current opioid addiction epidemic which plagues Ohio and other states – including here in central Ohio.

Susan began her remarks with a story about a young girl named Meg. She is a three year old preschooler who loves and hates the same things most every three year old loves and hates. However, her life is fundamentally different from most three year olds. She does not know her father and her mother has been a drug addict since she (Meg) was born.

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St. Vincent's also provides residential services to children who are not safe to reside in the community. On any given day there are 20 to 25 children living in the facility and receiving treatment to prepare them to move to a foster family.

The Center also works hard to recruit new foster families. Flyers about the process of becoming a foster family were distributed to each table.

Susan believes St. Vincent's motto to be "We make good kids better".

## The Meeting



President **Dave Dewey** asked **Bill Mielke** to offer the invocation and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no visiting Rotarians or guests at today's meeting.

Next week's program will feature **Audrey Strickling** and the UAHS FIRST robotics competition.

**Bill Mielke** hawked fundraiser raffle tickets throughout the room. Sales were brisk in support of the club's projects and programs. Tickets are \$25.00 each or 5 for \$100.

Dave noted that the updated total for Honor Flight contributions was \$2,100 from individual club members which are matched by the club for a total of \$4,200 to fund future Honor Flight participation by veterans.

On April 24 District 6690 will sponsor an information session about becoming a Rotary International Foundation benefactor. The event will take place at Scioto Country Club. Rotary International Foundation District Chair **Price Finley** and members of his committee will conduct the meeting. Let **Dave Dewey**, **Price Finley** or **Brian Hall** know if you'd like to attend. The event is from 5:00 to 6:15 p.m.

Our Rotary International visitor **Gauthier Huchet** announced that all of the District 6690 Rotary International Exchange students will be having an event to support the Rotary International Shelter Box program. Dave presented him with a check from the club to support the program. Details about the student-hosted international dinner will be forthcoming. Students will serve as waiters. Tickets are \$50 each.

Dave reminded those members who are attending



the District Assembly in Zanesville on May 19 to see him about having the club pay for your registration fee.

The April 10 visioning session coordinated by **Debbie Johnson** was very fruitful. Details will be forthcoming. Dave thanked Debbie for her work on the program.

There will be a club social event/"friendraiser" on May 3 at Gallo's. Details to follow.



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# Notes and Announcements



**Tom Davis** was a fountain of information today. He updated us on the upcoming centennial tree planting program. At the time of this meeting we still needed a couple of additional folks. Flyers with a list of the locations and the volunteer needs for each were on the tables. Folks who participate were encouraged to take pictures and share them with the club.

Tom also noted that UA Rotary has a table at the upcoming Catalyst for Positive Change breakfast at the Macoy Center in Hilliard. The breakfast is on May 4 from 7:30 to 9:00 AM. We have room for eight more Rotarians. Let Tom or Steve Lichtblau know if you're interested.

Finally, he also reported on the upcoming (at the time) Mid-Ohio Foodbank breakfast on Thursday, April 19.

**Peggy Concilla** noted that 80 members have yet to pay for the Fundraiser. Please do so if you haven't. Also there are some third quarter payments still outstanding – and fourth quarter bills have been distributed in early April. If you haven't received your email or have questions let Peggy know.

**Andy Livingston** reinforced Peggy's point to pay your fundraiser fees. Checks should be made out to the UA Rotary Foundation and sent directly to Andy at his home.

**Herb Gillen** reported that we're at 225/230 registrants for the May 19 Fundraiser with room for a few more. Please register if you haven't – and register guests to accompany you. Silent auction forms were on each table again this week. He also showed a video about the Rotary experience and the value of Rotary featuring **Tracy Harbold**. This video – and several others – is available on the UA Rotary Facebook page. Check them out and be sure to "like" and share them with others you know.



**Bill Kraft** offered a big "thank you" to members who have stepped up with live auction items and sponsorships for the fundraiser and reinforced the notion of attending the event and bringing guests with you.



## UA ROTARY HAPPY HOUR • THURSDAY, MAY 3

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