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**Tom Davis** introduced today's program. He reviewed UA Rotary's past support for the Salvation Army's Christmas Kettle program. Tom introduced **Kristin Hampton-Harmon**, Public Relations Coordinator for the Salvation Army of Central Ohio. Kristin has a degree in public relations and journalism from Ohio State. She was accompanied today by intern Courtney Dugan.

Kristin opened by thanking the club and its bell-ringing members for the support for so many years. That program is their largest fundraiser of the year. She noted that there are many programs offered by the Salvation Army that benefit from such fundraising efforts.

The Columbus Salvation Army chapter was founded in 1885. Each local chapter is totally dependent on its local funding to sustain its operations. There is no overarching national entity that provides base or ongoing funding. The primary service area for the local chapter covers Franklin, Delaware and Union counties.

She reminded us that the Salvation Army serves anyone who comes to them seeking help in one or more of their programs.

Example programs include help for people who need housing assistance, career enhancement/development help, food help and assistance with escape from sex trafficking.

**In 2018:**

- Over 515,000 meals were served to people in need.
- 177,000 lodging nights were provided.
- 1,388 trafficking victims were helped.
- Over 22,000 people received Christmas assistance including 11,500 gifts for children.

While statistics are interesting and important to have, Kristin emphasized that each case is unique as is each person who comes to them for help. She prefers to look at the work they do from that perspective.



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In the past year they have seen a 14% increase in need at their food pantries. Fortunately, Central Ohio has proved to be a very generous community. When the Salvation Army's call for help with the pantry food supply went out the response was substantial. Within a week they received \$40,000 in cash donations and 13,000 pounds of food.

The Salvation Army does a lot of work with children through its learning centers. Currently there are centers in the near east side, the Hilltop, London and Worthington. Worthington has a large population of people new to the country. The learning centers are a safe place for kids. Children who attend the centers see improvements in the math and reading scores over time.

With respect to career enhancement almost 70% of the people that go through the program achieve full time employment and are able to maintain it.

In the housing and homeless services arena they see a lot of veterans as well as young people.

Most people do not realize how deeply involved the Salvation Army is in helping to defeat human trafficking. The Army is the manager of the Central Ohio Rescue and Restore Commission (CORRC). The commission consists of about 100 different agencies who come together to join the fight against trafficking.

The thrift store operation devotes all of its proceeds to the adult rehabilitation center. A fact that many people do not know is that next door to the South High Street thrift store is a 120 bed residential treatment center for people struggling with addictions. Clients are served at no cost and are there for an average of about six months. They are required to be sober and they are required to work. About half stick with the program and about 40% of those who stay will never be back.

The Christmas gift program is the largest in Central Ohio. They take over the Lausche Building at the fairgrounds for one week and set up a toy store and a food distribution center. More than 6,400 families were served last year.

Finally, Kristin mentioned the Salvation Army's Lemonade Stand program for children. They provide a special kit which includes a sign indicating that stand is a fundraiser for the Salvation Army, stickers for the customers and a badge for the seller. A finale event in late July at the Columbus Zoo is an opportunity for the kids to bring their proceeds and pour them into a giant kettle. They then get a free t-shirt and a day at the zoo. One hundred percent of the proceeds from this program go toward children's programming.



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# The Meeting



President **Brad DeHays** opened the meeting and asked **Yvonne Perotti** to offer the invocation and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Kevin Brown** introduced visiting Rotarian **Jim Lynch** from the Tri Village club.

We have a cluster of Rotarian birthdays this time of year. Celebrating recently (or soon) were **Bill Cloyd** on June 5, **Christine Taylor** on June 6 and **Dick Stone** on June 8.

Brad reported that he has heard from **Susan Moffatt-Bruce** who is currently attending the RI Convention in Hamburg, Germany. She is enthusiastic about the experience and has a new interest in the World Service Committee. He shared a couple of photos sent by Susan from the convention.

# Notes and Announcements



**Steve Sandbo** reminded us that the 2020 Rotary International convention will be held in Hawaii and that early registration opportunities were expiring on June 5.

**Herb Gillen** informed us about an upcoming benefit for the Homeless Families Foundation. The “Ridge Runner Ramble” featuring bicycling routes of 25, 50 or 80 miles will be held on June 29. All routes start and end at New Albany High School. To register or to get more information go to [HomelessFamiliesFoundation.org/RRR](http://HomelessFamiliesFoundation.org/RRR). Flyers were on the tables. Herb can field questions also.



Next week’s program will feature Assistant District Governor **Steve Heiser** and **Suzanne Kull** talking about the “Move to Prosper” program.

**Dave Hammond** conducted harassment. First however, he thanked the members of the ‘18-’19 Sergeant-At-Arms committee and invited any member who is interested in joining for ‘19-’20 to let him know.



Dave then quizzed various tables with a variety of trivia questions with wrong or missing answers paying the piper. Among the questions... What is the current motto (‘18-’19) for Rotary International? (“Be the Inspiration”) Who is the photographer and what is the picture on the current cover of Rotarian magazine? (George Steinmetz and the sand dunes in Brazil) What will be the significance of the date July 27, 2022? (50th anniversary of the UA Rotary club) How about July 2, 1865? (The founding of the Salvation Army) Where was the Salvation Army founded? (London, England) Which Rotarian is wearing a suit today that was purchased at the Salvation Army Thrift Shop? (allegedly, but not actually, Brad DeHays). Members without a Rotary pin also lost money.