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**Don Leach** introduced his wife **Jane Leach**.

Jane is a recognized community leader in early childhood education. She is currently Executive Director and CEO of FutureReady Columbus.

FutureReady Columbus is a public/private partnership that exists to make sure that all children in Franklin County begin kindergarten prepared for success. The focus is on prenatal to age five children. Children who are, in fact, ready for success at this level are more likely to succeed at the third grade reading level and, from there, more likely to succeed through high school.

Jane shared a list of Board members and community leaders who are engaged and committed to FutureReady Columbus and its mission.

We received a handout which highlighted the vision, mission and goals of the organization along with its core principles. FutureReady hopes to be the backbone entity that organizes and coordinates efforts to improve early childhood education. To date there has been no such entity.

Jane shared a slide that highlighted six key factors that need to be addressed to achieve the goal of kindergarten readiness for Franklin County children.

- Provision of basic needs
- Health and mental health facilities
- Access to early childhood professionals
- Access to early childhood services and opportunities
- Family and community engagement tools and opportunities
- Strong commitment to focus on the first five years of life

FutureReady Columbus also is focusing on the whole child - not just their academic success. Making sure they're also socially, emotionally, physically prepared for life is important also. All of these things matter to the success of an individual. Focusing on just the academic won't work.

The "heavy lifting" necessary to achieve these goals requires partnerships and cooperation. Business, non-profit and public sector partners must all come to the table.

The quality of the teacher is a huge determinant in a child's success in life. So we have work to shore up that profession - including the professional educators who work with our young children, those who worked in childcare settings and those who work in daycare and home care settings. Another point to focus on is families who are raising the children - the parents, godmothers, Grammys, aunts, whomever the solid adult is in a child's world.



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Jane cited studies which point to eight “adverse childhood experiences” (ACE’s) as being critical determinants of a child’s likelihood of difficulty or failure to be ready for early success. They are:

- Divorce/separation of parent or guardian
- Death of parent or guardian
- Jail or prison of parent or guardian
- Living with a mentally ill or suicidal person
- Alcohol or drug issues in the home
- Adult violence in the home
- Child as a victim of violence
- Economic hardship

FutureReady Columbus is working toward building resiliency within our children and the adults with whom they interact, which will spill over into the families, which will spill over into neighborhoods and communities, which will spill over into our county. We have to address the trauma that exists in our community.

Studies are underway to determine the location of child care/day care services throughout the county. We know they exist but there is no central repository of that information which would enable someone to look at pockets and areas that are underserved or not served at all.

Bringing various entities together under one umbrella increases enhances the ability to coordinate activity, share experiences and share resources.

The kindergarten readiness assessment is a widely used, widely valued, widely accepted method of assessment when children enter kindergarten to see if they’re ready. When we look at the data across the county with all of our children, we see that children who come from homes that are not disadvantaged have a huge leg up before entering a kindergarten classroom. 60% are demonstrating readiness. They’re well on the path to successful school experiences. But we also know that of those children who come from disadvantaged homes, only 28% of those enter kindergarten ready for success. There’s work to be done.

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# The Meeting



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

**NOTE:** Dave had predicted prior to his invocation that it would be “inspirational and exceed all expectations”. Afterwards, he declared that it had been just that.

**Tracy Harbold** asked **Doug Godard** to introduce his guest **Cheryl Turnbull**. **Don Leach** introduced his guest **Matthew Nordman**.

There were a number of late June birthdays in the club. **Jim Jones** partied on June 23. On June 25 **Brad Britton** and **Celia Crossley** celebrated.

**Jaime Sisto** enjoyed his day on June 27.



We were thrilled to learn that club member **Wendell Ellenwood** was recently honored, during D-Day commemorations, by the French government and was presented with the Legion of Honor at the French embassy in Washington DC. The Legion of Honor is France’s highest military award. Wendell’s service in the cause of freedom during WWII was recognized. He is a highly decorated member of Patton’s artillery unit where he served as a forward observer. President DeHays immediately fined Wendell for not wearing his Rotary pin in any of the photos of the ceremony. He then immediately used his presidential authority to pardon Wendell and told him to keep his money.



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# Notes and Announcements



**Herb Gillen** distributed sign-up sheets for member participation in the Fourth of July parade. Members will walk or ride with the District 6690/UA Rotary fire truck. Contact Herb at [herb@herbgillen.com](mailto:herb@herbgillen.com) or 614-488-2828 if you would like to participate.

**Dave Dewey** encouraged last minute donations to the RI Foundation. Members can have their desired donation amount billed to them from the UA Rotary Foundation. The Foundation will, in turn, cut a check to the RI Foundation. Contribution details will be sent to the RI Foundation so individual members will receive appropriate credit. Dave turned the microphone over to **Jim McGovern** for a special giving opportunity revolving around the upcoming Major League Baseball All Star game in Cleveland.

**Jim McGovern** is donating 2 MLB All-Star Mini Strips (referenced below) for bid. The face value is \$1,279. The highest bid (over \$1,000) received before 11:59 PM on June 29 will receive the tickets.

The tickets are for:

- All-Star Futures Game and the All-Star Legends & Celebrity Softball Game (Sunday July 7th at 5 pm in Cleveland / Section 330 Row N, Seats 1 and 2)
- All-Star Workout Day featuring the T-Mobile Home Run Derby (Monday July 8th at 8 pm in Cleveland / Section 328, Row D, Seats 9 and 10)

The strips also include commemorative programs and admission to a fan fest style event in Cleveland that runs during the entire All-Star week / weekend.

The tickets for the July 7th and 8th events are Club Seats that include food and non-alcoholic beverages.

If you want to bid, please email Jim McGovern at [jamesmmcgovern@yahoo.com](mailto:jamesmmcgovern@yahoo.com). All funds received will be donated to Rotary in your name.

**Eric Smith** expressed his sincere gratitude to club members and the Upper Arlington community for their moral support and prayers for his son as he battles a serious and inoperable cancer.

**Milt Lustnauer** proudly announced the birth of his third grandchild.

