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Tracy Harbold and Greg Comfort presented today's program about the Upper Arlington Community Foundation.

Greg led off by providing an overview of the Foundation and its activities. The Foundation was established in 2003. It was put together to foster collaboration and enhance the quality of life in Upper Arlington through various philanthropic activities and financial support of various projects. Citizens come to the Foundation with proposals for projects which might enhance the UA community.

Last year the Foundation took in about \$400,000 in gifts and granted out about \$72,000. At the present time the Foundation's corpus is just over \$800,000.

Some of the big picture things that the Foundation has been involved in include the Centennial project – in cooperation with the City of UA. The foundation served as the fiscal agent for the project. The Jack Nicklaus park is also one in which the Foundation has played a key role as

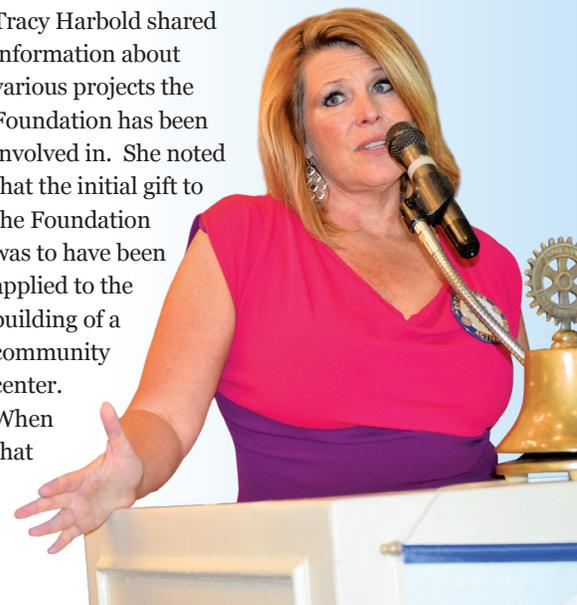
fiscal agent. The Centennial project funding was around \$300,000 – with UA Rotary the largest contributor. The Jack Nicklaus Park project funding is around \$100,000.

One other item which the Foundation has been looking at and working on for a number of years with the city is the need for some sort of community facility. The most recent input received calls for some sort of indoor recreation. The form and shape that such a facility might take is unknown – but the question remains something that the Foundation is interested in. The Foundation will support such an effort down the road if the idea begins to move forward.

Greg commented on the number of UA Rotary members who have been involved in projects like the above and a number of others. He recognized those members who have served on the Foundation's board.

We saw a brief marketing video about the Foundation.

Tracy Harbold shared information about various projects the Foundation has been involved in. She noted that the initial gift to the Foundation was to have been applied to the building of a community center. When that



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initiative failed the funds were re-designated to do something good for the community. The original gift of about \$250,000 has yielded gifts of \$1.7 million over the years.

She noted that the Foundation collaborates with partners to get things done. The Foundation doesn't do anything by itself.

She highlighted a few of the grants given recently.

- Alzheimer's Balance Class
- Every playground in UA has received funding. The Foundation works with UA Schools on projects outside the buildings.
- Working through the Fitzpatrick Fund for UA youth sports – including equipment and scholarships for youth who cannot afford to participate.
- Partnering with UA Fire for new, more effective, thermal imaging cameras and for an ultrasound machine for one of the medic vehicles. UA Fire is the first in the state of Ohio to have such equipment.
- Beautification in concert with UA Parks and Recreation. She called out **Joe** and **Marlene Berwanger** for starting a fund in 2014 to fund beautification projects in the city. Over \$40,000 has been granted from that fund to beautify the Mallway so far.
- The Amelita Mirolo Barn has been the largest funding project to date for the Foundation. Since its opening in 2011 the

barn has generated over \$300,000 in net revenue for the city.

- In partnership with the UA Library the Foundation helps bring a world renowned author to the library each year.
- UA Police have been partners. The Foundation has helped with Safety Town facilities and with the acquisition of a new D.A.R.E. vehicle.
- The Good Neighbor Fund is near and dear to Tracy's heart. Research found that there are people in need in Upper Arlington – with 6.5% of the population making less than \$20,000 per year. The goal of the fund is to help eligible people meet their basic needs.

The Foundation helped develop a project involving high school students in a program aimed at discussing strengths, weaknesses and opportunities in the UA community. The conversation turned to the notion of "growing up in the UA bubble" and how it might breed intolerance and the fear of the unknown. The idea of providing opportunities for the students to interact with other students from different backgrounds and perspectives grew out of these discussions. **Mary Ann Krauss**, through her fund, committed to help create such opportunities. Student groups were challenged to compete to come up with ideas about how to make the world a better place. The students built relationships during the project and those relationships have been maintained since.

Notes and Announcements

Dave Dewey and **Steve Sandbo** both proudly announced the arrival of a new grandchild.



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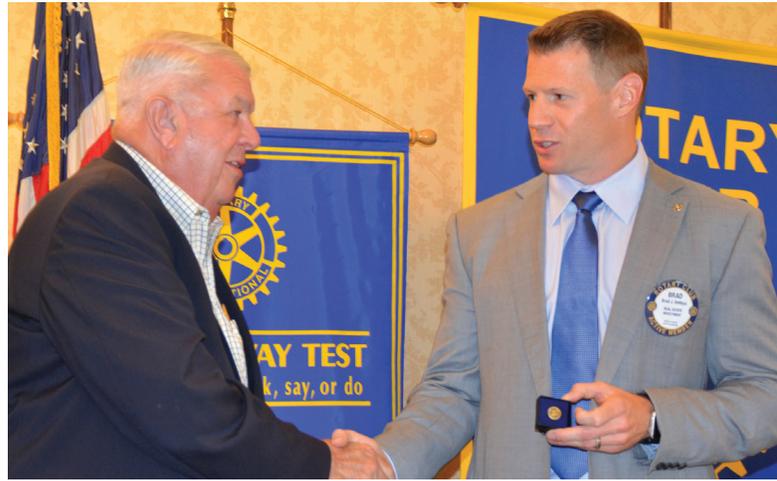


The Meeting

President **Brad DeHays** called the meeting to order and asked **Joe Valentino** to offer the invocation and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

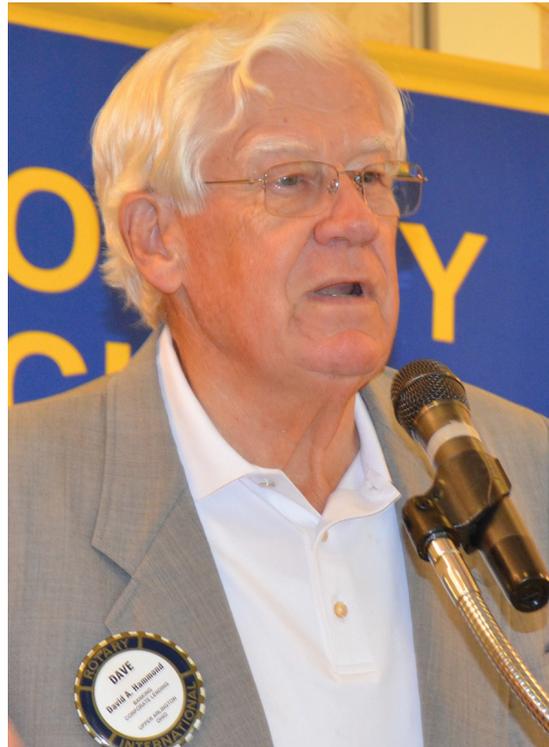
Assistant District Governor **Steve Heiser** from the Columbus club visited today. **Herb Gillen** introduced his guest **Samantha Hamilton**. **John Krauss** introduced guest **Rick Keeler**.

Brad announced that **Don Cook** is now an honorary member of the club. His proposed resignation due to health reasons was met with the decision to extend honorary membership due to his many years of service to the club. Don hopes to return.



Tom Davis was recognized for achieving Paul Harris Fellowship +1 status. **Jim Jones** was recognized for attaining Paul Harris Fellowship +2.

Brad noted that next week's program has changed. Chris "Beanie" Wells will now speak on August 14. An alternative program featuring the Columbus Landmarks Foundation is being pursued.



Dave Hammond conducted harassment.

Those without a pin paid a buck. A series of U.S. presidential and vice presidential history questions yielded only marginal returns. **Bob Edler** bailed Dave out by intentionally giving an incorrect answer to a "softball" question. (Where did Abraham Lincoln deliver his Gettysburg Address? Bob thought it might have been Akron.) As a result, everyone present paid a dollar.

We saw some pictures from the recent Rotary International Convention in Toronto. Brad reported that the speakers and facilities were phenomenal. Four thousand clubs from around the world were represented. Toronto is the third largest metro area in North America. The city was festooned with Rotary-related signs. Various pics from around the city were part of the presentation.

Brad also shared some photos from the recent UA Fourth of July parade. The club received an award and a proclamation at the ribbon cutting for the Centennial Plaza which led Brad to ask if someone could let him know where the club's various awards and presentations should be stored.