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For make up locations, check the club web site or call the make-up hotline at (614) 470-1002.



At the invitation of **Bob Edler**, **Sherry Ems** was the program speaker. The USO of Central and Southern Ohio covers 65 Counties in Ohio, West Virginia and Northern Kentucky. The mission of the USO is to strengthen military service members by keeping them connected to family, home, and country throughout their service to the nation. Their most visible presence is at airport lounges at John Glenn, Dayton, and Cincinnati airports. They also have a facility at the Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS) and recently opened the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base USO Center. The Central and Southern Ohio District was chartered in 1966 and the United Service Organization was found in 1941 by Franklin D Roosevelt.

The lounges exist to support our military and military families to have a place to relax when traveling. Patrons have access to food, non-alcoholic beverages, wi-fi, computers, television and the opportunity to relax. She stated many of the younger military do not have experience traveling the USO staff assists them with flight connections, airport

security, travel suggestions. These USO lounges are staffed by volunteers, including our own Bob Edler every Thursday at John Glenn.

The USO offers support for families of enlisted as well. They host a summer camp for children of the military. They have programs for teenagers of servicemen and woman that provide the opportunity to get together and share life experiences -frequent moves, parents away, etc. She said that it is comforting for young people when they realize they are not alone and there are others with same experience.

Sherry highlighted a few success stories including clothing help for newborns of military. "The USO is more than Bob Hope" she stated several times. In this area, the USO served over 150,000 members of military. They rely solely on In Kind donations and fund raising. 91% of the budget goes directly to their programs. They have over 500 volunteers that donate nearly 44,000 hours of time. Ems answered questions from the group and potential volunteer/financial support opportunities.

For more information Sherry can be reached at: [sherry@usocso.org](mailto:sherry@usocso.org)



## GREETERS

**July 23**

Allisson Russo  
Wade Giffin

**July 30**

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**August 6**

Steve Frame  
Jim Nicklaus

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**July 23**

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## CALENDAR

**July 23 | Scioto CC**

Ted Foster, Sara Foster  
& Jaeleen DeHays  
*UA Rotary & West Broad Street  
Elementary*  
Host: Foster

**July 30 | Scioto CC**

Beth Fetzer-Rice, Executive  
Director – Homeless Families  
Foundation  
*Homelessness in Central Ohio*  
Host: Gillen

**August 6 | Scioto CC**

N/A

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Submit your volunteer opportunity to [herb@herbgillen.com](mailto:herb@herbgillen.com) for inclusion in the Rotaryview Newsletter.

## SOCIAL EVENTS

Please submit your social event reminder to [herb@herbgillen.com](mailto:herb@herbgillen.com) for inclusion in the Rotaryview Newsletter.

## OUR NEXT MEETING

**July 23th**  
Scioto CC

Upper Arlington  
**Rotary**  
Club



# The Meeting



**Debbie Johnson** substituted for President **Herb Gillen** and began the meeting. **Tim Kellogg** gave prayer and led pledge.

**Rick Keeler** introduced **Rud Whipps**, DDS and prospective new member.

# Notes and Announcements



**Barri Jones** is still needed volunteers for Meals on Wheels. See below for details.

**Steve Sandbo** reminded those attending that Night of Zacapa is Thursday. He is looking forward to the event and the potential antics that are likely to occur.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**MEALS ON WHEELS.** We need volunteers to deliver on the second Saturday of every month. It takes about two hours from 10:30 to 12:30. I'm hoping we can fill these dates and continue participating in the program. Otherwise, we may have to discontinue our support.

**2019-2020 dates:** October 12, November 9, December 14, January 11, February 8, March 14, April 11, May 9, June 13

Please email Barri Jones at [twinsmom911@yahoo.com](mailto:twinsmom911@yahoo.com) or call her at (614) 679-3831 to pick up a shift.

***Rotarian members have stepped up to cover three dates already!  
Let's fill these last few dates.***