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**Herb Gillen**, who is a board member of the Homeless Families Foundation, introduced our speaker, **Beth Fetzer-Rice** their Executive Director since 2017.

Beth stated that their mission drives everything they do. They focus on Family and Youth Stability because even one night of homelessness is destabilizing for a child. We face a big battle in Columbus but we are not alone. Due to the housing market and poverty more than 6,000 households make use of emergency shelters last year. That is made up of 1,026 families, 1,694 women and 3,505 single men. The Homeless Family Foundation is on the frontlines trying to prevent people from entering shelters.

They helped more than 12,000 people last year in Franklin County through Outreach, Prevention, Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, Rapid Re-Housing & Permanent Supportive Housing.

They have started some new programs in the last few years including Homeless Prevention for Pregnant Women. They move families into housing to avoid shelter and including move in assistance, beds, house hold items. They provide service for them f or 8 months.

Rapid rehousing helped 185 families per year by moving them as quickly as possible to permanent housing from shelters. Families sign their own lease.

Other core services include Education Services like Afterschool & Summer Enrichment and SPARK, a Kindergarten Readiness Reading Program.

They receive funding from Foundations, Rotary and Government funds. They also seek private dollars to be able to provide programs that are not covered by funding strings for specific services. These can be for Material Resources, Emergency Financial Assistance, Behavioral Health, Life Skills Training, Housing/LL Advocacy Assistance, and Case Management.

They were involved in a recent Youth Homeless needs assessment of adults aged 18-24. This is a growing issue. They don't come into shelters. Over 3000 youth aged 24 and younger were homeless in Columbus last year. Broken relationships is the #1 reported reason for homelessness. Many struggle with mental health issues. And they are disproportionately African American and LGBTQ.

HFF is at the forefront of planning for this population. Using a HUD Grant, they will be conducting a Demonstration Program with 100+ youth. Not just housing but also providing permanent connection and social, emotional and physical well-being. This will be launching at the end of August or beginning of September.

There are many opportunities to help including raising awareness, advocating, volunteering and donating.

**Chip Knoop** shared an exciting UA Rotary project with the Homeless Families Foundation. The Community Service Committee approved \$8,000 to build a new storage facility. They are purchasing a precut shed kit and construction will take place in August 2019. The goal is to finish by Labor Day. We are looking for a club member with construction knowledge to step forward to take the lead on the project. Let Chip know if you are interested.



## GREETERS

### August 6

Steve Frame  
Jim Nicklaus

### August 13

Bill Hosket  
Matt Kirby

### August 20

Joe Valentino  
Larry McVey

## REGISTRATION DESK

### August 6

John Hansel  
John Cleland

### August 13

Chris Taylor  
Traci Harbold

### August 20

Andy Livingston  
Tom Westfall

## CALENDAR

### August 6

No Lunch Meeting  
Northwest Volunteer Reception  
Amelito Mirolo Barn - 5:30pm

### August 13 | Scioto CC

Rotary 6690 District Governor  
Gary Vaughn  
Host: Gillen

### August 20 | Scioto CC

Congressman Steve Stivers  
Host: Frick

## 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

August 6th  
Scioto CC

Upper Arlington  
Rotary  
Club



# The Meeting



**Herb Gillen** called the meeting to order. **John Cleland** gave the invocation and led the pledge. **Jim Hamilton** introduced visiting Rotarian **Wolf Lant** our new Assistant Governor from the Dublin AM club.

# Notes and Announcements



**Bari Jones** thanked everyone for signing up for Meals on Wheels. We are now covered through January.

**Peggy Concilla** reminded us that the NW Volunteer Appreciation event will take place next week on August 6 at 5:30 at the Amelita Mirolo Barn. There will be no luncheon that day. Members may bring a guest for \$15. Please RSVP to **Traci Harbold**.

**Chip Knoop** gave an update on the previous week's Community Service Committee Meeting. **Kim Emrich** gave a presentation about Son Ministries and the projects in development such as a UA Summer Camp for kids in need. We're looking at this to be a Pinnacle project. Funding was also approved for the Ronald McDonald House.

**Ned Clark** entertained us with Harassment. He concentrated on UA Rotary History such as our Club charter date (July 27, 1972), who was the first president (**Carl Stallard**), how many members were there (33) and how many are still members (3). He quizzed us on who our only honorary member is (**Jack Nicklaus**). And finished with asking who was the club's the last Rotarian of the year (**Alan Yarletts** in 2016/17).

**Herb Gillen** presented Paul Harris Fellow awards: with the help of Assistant Governor Wolf Lant to: **Don Leach, Andy Livingston, Chris Taylor** and **Mike Kull**.

Herb mentioned that he would be bringing back some of our Club's History this year. **Bob Whetzel** gave us our first installment. He shared a series of photos of members and our involvement with the Homeless Families Foundation since 1989. He talked about how we started with just 10 families to provide presents for Christmas. **Sandy Clary** now coordinates the collections of funds to be used to purchase Gift Cards for families in need. He shared photos of Rotarians helping renovate a building at Glenwood and West Broad for Homeless Families Foundation in 1991.

