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**Alan Yarletts** led today's program about the UA Rotary Interact Club and the Next Generations Committee. Alan quickly pointed out that the club's successes have been the result of efforts by Rotarians who have stepped up to the plate to drive the program forward. Ned Clark, Jim McGovern, Angela Lanctot and Herb Gillen have taken leadership/advisory roles in UA schools.

The primary focus of Interact is to help students develop a focus on gratitude and appreciation for the opportunities they have and the situation in which they live. Rotary's Four Way Test comes into play also. It is gratifying to see the students' growth and their interest in service as they work on club projects.

Alan mentioned Bed Brigade builds and bed deliveries, Santa's Silent Helper, food service at the YWCA Family Center and preparing and distributing sandwiches for Ronald McDonald House as four examples of high school Interact projects.

During his year as UA Rotary president, Ned Clark asked Alan to consider taking on the Interact program. In its first year the high school club had 5 members at the outset and ended up with 17 members by the end of the year. There are currently 44 UAHS students in Interact. There is a cap of 50 members.

Interact middle school programs were started in the second year. Ned became our representative for the program at Jones and Jim McGovern stepped up for Hastings. Alan is currently attempting to launch programs at UA's elementary schools. That project is on hold until a new superintendent is in place.

The establishment of programs in the middle schools, and ultimately in the elementary schools, will begin to provide a feeder system for the high school program – making the transition from one level to the next smoother.

The high school club has done as many as 50 community service projects in a year. The COVID pandemic slowed that number considerably. During that slowdown club members mounted a food drive for needy families.

We saw slides highlighting the clubs and some of their activities.

Angela Lanctot is a co-representative with Alan at the high school. She mentioned the Ronald McDonald House sandwich project, Honor Flight, Meals On Wheels, Holiday Happiness at the library, cards for memory care residents at First Community Village and Senior Service Saturday as key projects for the club. The Honor Flight project seems to be the most impactful to the students.

Jim McGovern works with Interact members at Hastings Middle School. He focuses on trying to put the service bug in the students. The club currently consists of 7th and 8th grade students. There are 10-12 kids from each grade currently involved. Plans are being considered to begin bringing in 6th grade students in the second half of the year. School counselors will be resource for 6th grade student membership recommendations. Students write cards for nursing home residents, work on My Very Own Blanket projects and write on various topics. Middle schoolers are more limited in the types of projects they can take on since they are more reliant on other family members for transportation, etc.

Ned Clark co-represents the club along with Herb Gillen at Jones Middle School. The club currently has 50+ members – about 35 of whom are active participants. Their projects and activities are similar to those at Hastings. Ned noted that the social aspects of Interact participation are important components of the program. The clock had ticked measurably past 1:00 PM so Ned abbreviated his comment lest there be a wholesale rush for the exits.

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## GREETERS

January 17  
N/A

January 24  
N/A

January 31  
N/A

## REGISTRATION DESK

January 17  
N/A

January 24  
N/A

January 31  
N/A

## CALENDAR

January 17 - Scioto CC/Zoom  
Shelly Casto, Executive Director  
of Highland Youth Garden  
Host: Mike Kull

January 24 - Scioto CC/Zoom  
Beth Weinstock, Co-Founder  
of BirdieLight  
Host: Brian Hall

January 31 - Scioto CC/Zoom  
TBA

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## OUR NEXT MEETING

**JANUARY 17TH**  
Scioto Country Club/Zoom

Upper Arlington  
**Rotary**  
Club



## THE MEETING



President **Milt Lustnauer** called the meeting to order and asked **Steve Rish** to offer the invocation and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Jim Winfree** announced that **Richard Barth's** guest today was his wife **Jesse Barth**. Jesse presented today's Rotary Roundtable.

Milt announced a club social event designed to introduce club members to newer members. We'll gather at Sow Plated on Lane Avenue on Thursday, January 26 from 5:00 to 6:30 PM. Let Milt know if you plan to participate. Newer members will be personally invited to attend.



He also reported that the Board met on January 9 and approved a leave of absence for Rudy Whipps. Rudy has accepted an opportunity to be a visiting dentist in Alaska until May of this year.

The board also approved the cancellation of memberships for six people who are consistently delinquent in their payments and who had rarely, if ever, participated in club meetings or activities.

The club has added 10+ new members since the beginning of the 22-23 Rotary year.



Assistant District Governor **Bryan Lane** announced new members of the 125 club and noted that UA Rotary is at a 32% participation rate at this time with a goal of 100% this year.

**Debbie Johnson** was recognized for achieving Paul Harris Fellowship+3.

**Mike Turnbull** shared a "get-to-know-you" segment with us. He has been married for 39 years and has five children. Mike is semi-retired, plays golf (badly, he says) and enjoys traveling. Two of his favorite trips have been to Istanbul and to St. Barts. He would like to travel to Viet Nam in the future. Mike likes to sing – in church and in a couple of pubs in NYC and Cleveland. His father was his inspiration that led to his commitment to service.

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:



**Chip Knoop** announced a Bed Brigade build on Saturday, January 14. Thanks to Interact members and Rotarians who stepped up at today's meeting the volunteer quota has been met.

Chip also encouraged everyone to think hard about potential funding opportunities for the Community Service Committee. Currently there are no requests in the pipeline. **Barri Jones** also stressed that such opportunities should also include opportunities to get our hands dirty in the process – not just providing funding.



**Sandra Cotter** thanked Jesse Barth for her roundtable Presentation and noted that she has published a book focusing on "Single Speak".

**Angela Lanctot** reminded us that a Fundraiser Committee meeting would occur immediately following today's meeting.