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Allen Yarletts introduced the speaker, **Bob Horner**, new Executive Director of Honor Flight Columbus. Allen described his own satisfying experiences as a “guardian” for numerous flights. He noted that 14 UA High School students have also served in this role.

Bob is new to the Executive Director role, but has served since 2008 as a guardian, sponsor, and board member. He is married and has 5 children. He has degrees from St. Charles Preparatory School, Xavier University (bachelor’s), OSU (law and MBA). He worked as a corporate attorney at the Kegler Brown firm and then at Nationwide Insurance, from which he is now retired.

Bob provided background on Honor Flight Columbus (HFC), which was established in 2007. Its mission is as follows:

- To honor America's senior veterans with a trip to Washington D.C. to visit the nation's memorials.
- To help them share their stories.
- To celebrate and affirm their service and homecoming.

HFC accepts applications from America’s senior veterans: Currently, anyone who has served on active duty prior to May 7th, 1975 (the end of the Vietnam War) inclusive of WWII, Korean, and Vietnam War years, as well as the Cold War periods prior to the Vietnam War. Veterans with at least one year of active duty beyond basic training

or guard/reserve service of 20 or more years are eligible.

The most senior Veterans, from World War II and the Korean War, and Purple Heart recipients, receive priority and are booked on the first available flight. Vietnam Veterans are placed on a waiting list and are booked in the order that their applications are received. It is HFC’s goal to transition veterans of wars by the sequence of the conflicts.

Through the end of 2021, there have been 112 flights and more than 8,000 veterans served by HFC. There was a waiting list of vaccinated veterans that has now been cleared, thanks to several flights at the end of 2021. HFC is still “scrubbing” Ohio for applications from any remaining World War II veterans.

HFC is funded by donations from grateful Americans, civic, fraternal, and social clubs, schools, foundations, and businesses in Central Ohio. Students from schools around central Ohio have held fundraisers, and are significant volunteers.

Flights take place all in one day, leaving from and returning to John Glenn International Airport. It is a long day, with visits to various memorials in DC.

Guardians are a key component of the program. There is typically an approximate 2:1 guardian to veteran ratio. Guardians pay their own way, which costs around \$400. The work is hard, often involving pushing and otherwise wrangling wheelchairs, but is satisfying.

There are 100 Honor Flight hubs in 45 states. HFC is one of the most active.

Bob welcomes inquiries about anything relating to HFC, and you can make contact, and submit applications, via HFC’s website.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view this meeting and all previously recorded Rotary meetings



GREETERS

January 18
N/A

January 25
N/A

February 1
N/A

REGISTRATION DESK

January 18
Andy Livingston
Tom Westfall

January 25
Jim Winfree
Kevin Brown

February 1
Larry McVey
Milt Lustnauer

CALENDAR

January 18 - Scioto CC/ZOOM
Laura Moore, UAHS teacher –
Innovation Lab
Host: Price Finley

January 25 - Scioto CC/ZOOM
Rotary Engagement
Host: Joe Valentino

February 1 - Scioto CC/ZOOM
Andrew Rigney, Former FBI
Counter-terrorism Officer
Host: Bob Long

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Submit your volunteer opportunity to herb@herbgillen.com for inclusion in the Rotaryview Newsletter.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Please submit your social event reminder to herb@herbgillen.com for inclusion in the Rotaryview Newsletter.

OUR NEXT MEETING

JANUARY 18TH
Scioto CC/Zoom

Upper Arlington
Rotary
Club



THE MEETING



Joe Valentino opened the meeting, which was held in person at Scioto Country Club and also via Zoom.

Joe also provided the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

JD Dickerson introduced his guest **Jack Tucker**. **Larry McVey** introduced his guest and his wife, **Millie McVey**.

There were no visiting Rotarians.

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Barri Jones, on behalf of the Community Service Committee, asked for ideas for service activities and for funding requests.

Jack Cotter recapped the Roundtable presentation by **Bill Hosket** that morning, on the subject of OSU basketball. The next Roundtable will be on Feb. 8, at 11 am, at Scioto Country Club.

On behalf of **Dave Dewey**, **Joe Valentino** encouraged members to review the flyer on each table about how to give easily to the Rotary Foundation for the 125 Club (\$100 for the Annual Fund and \$25 for Polio Plus). This information was also emailed before the meeting.

Joe recapped the prior evening's Board meeting actions, including;

Approval of a partnership with Jendco Safety Systems, where Jendco will contribute \$1000 to the UA Rotary foundation in conjunction with a West Broad Project.

Approval of a leave of absence for **John Hansel**.

Postponement of restarting the automatic lunch fee until April 1st due to the current COVID spike.

Approval of a transfer of \$880 to Polio Plus.

Joe also noted that in December, the Board unanimously approved a change to the club bylaws, establishing a new category of membership "Sustaining Member" and redefined and clarified Emeritus and Honorary members. Because these are bylaw changes, they were attached to an email sent out earlier in the day, and they will be discussed at the regular club meeting on January 25th in accordance with article XIII of the bylaws. View the proposed changes here (link to: https://uarotary.org/wp-content/uploads/documents/Article_IX_Amendments_Honorary_Emeritus_and_Sustaining_Members.pdf)

Herb Gillen introduced new member **Lou Sauter**.



WELCOME LOU SAUTER TO UA ROTARY

We were pleased to induct our newest Upper Arlington Rotary Club member at this week's meeting. **Lou Sauter** is president of Buckeye Donuts and is a member of the Upper Arlington Schools Board of Education. Lou has been very active in our community, especially with several youth sports organizations. Please join us in welcoming Lou to Rotary.

