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Brendan King introduced **Kristin Greenberg**, Executive Director of the UA Historical Society. Kristin presented and discussed slides which took a look back 100 years and what we would have found in Upper Arlington in 1924.

UA Historical Society's mission features three key points: Discover, Preserve and Celebrate. The Society works in cooperation with the UA Public Library to make information and resources available to the public at the library's uaarchives.org.

Kristin referred to the UA History Walk at Northam Park as a source of information for community members. She shared a growth map which depicted the various growth points for the city over the decades. The History Walk presents information about these developments.

In 1924 OSU football coach John Wilce lived on Tremont Road. He might have been reading The Community News which was a weekly newspaper produced for the Tri Village area (UA, Grandview and Marble Cliff). The paper was produced at First Community Church and included a gossip column.

The papers at that time (1924) included ads for the Upper Arlington Company which was managing the development of the new community. There were about 300 homes in Upper Arlington at that time.

The ads offered only single family homes and growth was slow but steady. Among the original deed restrictions we would find requirements for green space, parks and building setbacks. Kristin noted that restrictions focused on who could live in the community did not begin to appear until 1926.

The addition of the large tract of land south of Lane Avenue which came to be known as the University District originally included ownership restricted to people who worked for Ohio State University.

In 1924, what is now Miller Park Library was the village hall. The building also doubled as the sales office for the Upper Arlington Company. It was also a trolley stop for folks heading into downtown Columbus.

The developing school system in Upper Arlington featured the brand new Jones School – named for its first principal. The new school only had students in the first through sixth grades when it opened. The building opened on March 17, 2024. Older UA students attended class in a log building which had been moved from its original location near Miller Park to land which is now occupied by Devon pool. Interestingly, students who wanted to graduate from high school had to finish their high school years in Grandview. The first class of students to graduate from Upper Arlington high school did so in 1925. This makes the UAHS class of 2024 the 100th graduating class for the community.

There were originally four rural schools in the area which ultimately fell within UA's footprint.

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GREETERS

January 23

Jay Babbitt
Jen Alvord

January 30

Richard Barth
Rod Essig

February 6

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REGISTRATION DESK

January 23

Jim Winfree
Dave Shelby

January 30

John Cleland

February 6

Rick Barth
Cameron Box

CALENDAR

January 23 - Scioto CC/Zoom

Steve Stover –
Dining in Columbus
Host: Rich Simpson

January 30 - Scioto CC/Zoom

Beth Johnson –
Honor Flight Columbus
Host: Jessica Grisez

February 6 - Scioto CC/Zoom

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OUR NEXT MEETING

JANUARY 23RD
Scioto Country Club/Zoom

Upper Arlington
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Club



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Those schools were consolidated into the new Fishinger Elementary School. (now Wellington School.)

Field Day was a Tri Village event held each summer and was the precursor to the UA Fourth of July parade and festivities. In 1924 enthusiasm was fading a bit for Field Day and on June 27, 1924 Upper Arlington announced its first plans for an Independence Day celebration.

There was discussion of a merger between Upper Arlington, Grandview Heights and Marble Cliff in

1924. The negotiations were lengthy and eventually became contentious. Financial consideration and potential cost efficiencies were among the issues discussed by the parties. Kristin did not elaborate on the entire list of issues which ultimately scuttled the merger talk.

Kristin noted that the UA Historical Society focuses on the guide words Engaging and Relevant. The organization is striving to remain relevant and is always looking for new members.

THE MEETING



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

Tom Westfall asked **Richard Barth** and **Brendan King** to introduce their guests. There were no visiting Rotarians today.

Andy announced that our alternate meeting site will be The Boathouse at Confluence Park. He thanked **Anne Croskey** and **Sandra Cotter** for their work to investigate and nail down the arrangement.

NOTE: Our upcoming meetings at The Boathouse are as follows: March 5, March 12, May 28, July 30 and September 3.

Following the adjournment of our regular meeting the club's annual meeting took place. The previously announced slate of Director candidates was approved (**Rick Barth, Paul Germain, John Trapp, Michele Hoyle** and **Keith Marlow**). **Glen Dugger** was voted into the leadership chairs.

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Jim Nicklaus noted that the next Rotary Roundtable will be February 20. Details to follow.

Angela Lanctot reminded us about the annual UA Rotary Foundation contribution which supports club community projects. A letter was sent to each member with payment options.

John Trapp reported that the inventory of new member candidates is low at the moment. He will be following up to develop a list of potential new members.

SORTING OUT WHERE TO CONTRIBUTE

Where do your contributions go? There are three main organizations where we as Upper Arlington Rotarians direct our Rotary giving. Sometimes it can be confusing, so here is something to hopefully help keep things straight.

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