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Price Finley introduced our Program Speakers, **Laura Moore** and UA Rotarian **Andrew Theado** to highlight the functions of the Innovation Lab at Upper Arlington High School. Price reminded us that UA Rotary has had a longstanding relationship with the Upper Arlington School District and supported many projects.

Andrew is a 1997 Bishop Watterson graduate and is currently in his 8th year as Principal at UAHS. His education includes Wright State, OSU, and Ashland University. He is currently working on his PhD at University of Dayton. He lives in UA with his wife, Natalie, and their four children.

Laura is a 1996 Upper Arlington graduate currently in her 15th year at Upper Arlington. A High School All-American in Softball she serves as the Innovation Leader at UA. Her collegiate experience includes Dartmouth and John Carroll.

Laura is currently in her sixth year as lab instructor. She explained that the goal of this mission is to combine and bridge synergies between Optimism, Connection, and Growth.

Optimism: On each table were a series of quotations citing optimism. "Walls turned sideways are bridges." A theme of the lab is to find opportunity in every problem.

Connection: The space at UAHS is designed to gather people. Andrew highlighted that this lab is one of the first, if not the only, lab in existence. Interaction between students is promoted inherently by design.

Growth: Growth occurs through innovation. Processes are continually evaluated and updated. There are drafts that exist open forum for constant improvement. Smaller parts are combined to create an overall project, with attention to details. This approach also incorporates Student Life, Advanced Programs, and even Special Needs Programs.

The project is currently offered to Sophomores as it is a two-year commitment for Juniors and Seniors. Communication is analyzed as to effectiveness, proper amounts, too much or too little. Problem Solving challenges are a primary focus to allow expanded learning through the collaboration experience.

Q&A:

Challenges for the program are inherent because of traditional curriculum and expected high school experience. Narratives that involve change can be very difficult, especially when not available to all students.

Kids learning remotely has been difficult when trying to focus on collaboration. There is an effort to involve community opportunities outside of the normal 48-minute class period to learn outside of the classroom.



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GREETERS

January 25
N/A

February 1
N/A

February 8
N/A

REGISTRATION DESK

January 25
Jim Winfree
Kevin Brown

February 1
Larry McVey
Milt Lustnauer

February 8
Ted Foster
Brendan King

CALENDAR

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

February 8 - Scioto CC/ZOOM
Kenny McDonald, CEO –
One Columbus
Host: Debbie Johnson

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OUR NEXT MEETING

JANUARY 25TH
Scioto CC/Zoom

Upper Arlington
Rotary
Club



THE MEETING



The January 18, 2022 Upper Arlington Rotary Meeting was held in person at Scioto Country Club with online access to members available via Zoom. President **Joe Valentino** signaled the start of the meeting with the traditional bell chime and Prayer and Pledge was led by **Ginny Barney**.

Sue Coady and **George Norris** of the Dublin-Worthington Rotary Club were in attendance.

Price Finley introduced his wife, **Alice**, Director of the UA Education Foundation.

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Angela Lanctot: As follow up to last week's meeting, she is looking for Honor Flight Applicants if you know someone who is eligible.

Joe Valentino: As a representative for **Dave Dewey**, he minded all Rotarians the contributing to the 125 Club is as easy as capturing a QR Code that are on the tables. Our goal is for all UA Rotarians to join the 125 Club this year.

Joe also noted that next week's meeting will include an amendment to our club's bylaws regarding membership classifications. A quorum is required to make these modifications and he is requesting attendance either in person or online. More details will be sent.