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Alan Yarletts introduced the speaker, **Beth Johnson**, Executive Director of Honor Flight Columbus (HFC) since May 2023. Beth has been involved with HFC since October 2015, when she worked as a volunteer and guardian. She joined the staff in 2019, and became interim Executive Director in Dec. 2022.

HFC is a nonprofit organization, established in 2007 and dedicated to honoring America's veterans with a trip to Washington, DC to visit their service and war memorials. These trips are free of charge to any qualified veteran. HFC strives to help veterans share their stories with future generations, as well as celebrate their service to our country with a proper homecoming that many of them never received. With the conclusion of the 2023 flight season, HFC has flown 128 missions with over 9,300 veterans. HFC is funded entirely by donations from various businesses, foundations, school organizations, and other grateful Americans.

HFC accepts applications from veterans age 65 and over, who served at least one day of active duty (outside of any basic training active duty). For scheduling, top priority is given to WWII, Korea and terminally ill veterans.

HFC's trips start and end all in one day, at John Glenn International Airport in Columbus, thanks to the fact that DC can be reached in a 55 minute flight. During the day, the following sites are visited:

- Iwo Jima Marine Corps War Memorial
- Arlington National Cemetery, including the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
- Air Force Memorial
- FDR Memorial, for lunch
- Navy Memorial
- World War II Memorial
- Korean War Memorial
- Vietnam War Memorial
- Military Women's Memorial, for dinner

At the end of the trip, family and friends greet each returning veteran at the airport.

Veterans are assisted during the day by volunteers called "guardians". Ten UA Rotarians have served as guardians.



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GREETERS

February 6

Rick Barth
Cameron Box

February 13

Mike Brady
Ali Carine

February 20

Jim Henson
Mike O'Sullivan

REGISTRATION DESK

February 6

Rick Barth
Cameron Box

February 13

J.D. Dickerson
Jim Nicklaus

February 20

Dick Stone
Janine Hummer

CALENDAR

February 6 - Scioto CC/Zoom

Tom Schmid, CEO -
The Columbus Zoo

Host: Jessica Grisez

February 13 - Scioto CC/Zoom

Ryan Miller,
2nd & 7 Foundation

Host: Jessica Grisez

February 13 - Scioto CC/Zoom

Michael Stinziano,
Franklin County Auditor

Host: Jeanine Hummer

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

FEBRUARY 6TH

Scioto Country Club/Zoom

Upper Arlington
Rotary
Club



THE MEETING



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

Connie Aschinger provided the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

Alan Yarletts introduced his guests **Hessel Kirk** and **Meredith McCormick**, who belong to the UA High School Interact Club.

There were no visiting Rotarians.

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Peggy Concilla asked members to make payment on their quarterly bills as soon as possible, best handled online or via snail mail to the Club's PO Box. Peggy shared that 88 members have paid so far, and 64 have not.

Angela Lancot noted that the speaker for next week's meeting had to cancel, so there is a need to line up another speaker. Please contact Jessica Grisez with any last-minute options.

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.

| ORGANIZATION | DONATION DESIGNATIONS | ADDRESS | MEMBER CONTACT | EMAIL |
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