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Herb Gillen introduced **Kristen Easterday** and **Casey Denny** from the Columbus Regional Airport Authority (CRAA). Kristen is Director of Communications and Public Affairs. Casey is Chief Operations Officer of CRAA.

Kristen shared background on the current terminal – noting that it was built in 1958 and has reached the end of its useful life. The building is inefficient by today's environmental and operating standards. The terminal is also situated in such a way (sandwiched between the two runways) that future growth is limited.

Planning for a new terminal is about 30% completed with the expectation that planning will be at the 60% level by January, 2024. The new terminal will be built where the existing Blue Lot is located – near the current terminal building. This will place the new terminal directly across from the recently completed rental car center. The entire project is designed around the notion of creating a good passenger experience. We saw several slides showing renderings of the new facility.

Casey noted that to upgrade the current terminal to modern standards would cost \$1 billion. The new terminal project will cost approximately \$2 billion and bring with it a more efficient facility with greater flexibility in the types of aircraft it can handle and also provide room for future growth. Funding for the project will come from three sources. The CRAA has set aside \$240 million accumulated over

the years in anticipation of the new terminal. Grants from the FAA in the area of \$140 million will be secured. Airport revenue bonds will provide the remaining funding – backed by parking revenue, concessions and airline fees. Casey emphasized that the CRAA does not levy taxes.

There are currently 8 million passengers per year traveling through John Glenn International. The new terminal will have a capacity of 13 million passenger – a number which addresses anticipated growth in the region.

The new terminal will have 35 or 36 gates in a single concourse. This compares to the current 30 gates spread across three concourses. The new gates will be capable of handling various sizes and types of aircraft. Currently, many gates are limited in the type of plane they can handle. This situation limits flexibility for airlines as their needs change. Two of the new gates will be designed for potential direct international flight which Casey believes will be coming in the future.



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With a single concourse the new terminal will eliminate the need for three security checkpoints. Additionally, all concessionaires at the airport will be together in one area.

During Q and A Casey noted the following:

- Airline fees supporting the revenue bonds could indirectly effect airfares. Fortunately, in Columbus there is not one dominant carrier that dictates fare levels at the airport.
- Major construction should begin in 2025.
- Two gates could be configured to accommodate wide body planes and the runways are currently capable of handling such traffic.
- Most of the existing parking garage will stay and a new 5,000 car garage will be built.



THE MEETING



President **Andy Livingston** opened the meeting and asked **John Ness** to offer the invocation and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Andy Livingston introduced his guest **Ron Essig**. **Dave Hammond** introduced **Jim Henson** and **John Wiseman** introduced his daughter **Meredith**.



Bill Hosket conducted harassment. Pin-less members and members sitting at a single gender table paid a dollar. Bill fined himself for calling **Brendan King** the wrong name (Rich) recently. Some UA history questions followed – leading us to learn that the community had a football team before it had a police department. Bill also clarified for us that the last OSU graduate to receive the Heisman trophy was... Joe Burrow.

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NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Dr. Jonas Salk, looking suspiciously like **Price Finley** in disguise, happily announced that UA Rotary and Westerville Sunrise Rotary raised \$2,300 for the Polio Plus campaign through the sale of 92 boxes of donuts from Buckeye Donuts (42 boxes UA, 50 boxes Westerville). When combined with the double match from the Gates Foundation the total comes to \$6,900.



Norm Essey distributed signup sheets to for two opportunities help Divine Dignity with the packing and distribution of hygiene bags for this UA Rotary-supported organization. Assembly takes place on Wednesday, November 8 at 11:00 AM. Delivery to distribution centers takes place during the week of November 13 at the convenience of the volunteers. Contact Norm at 614-638-7384 or normessey@gmail.com.



Debbie Johnson distributed sign-up sheets for the A Kid Again annual Holiday Adventure at the Ohio Expo Center. The event takes place on Saturday, December 9th. Volunteers are needed from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. We'll be helping with registration, gift distribution, arts and crafts, photos with Santa, bounce houses and more. Contact Debbie at debbiejohnson33@gmail.com.

Angela Lanctot shared pictures from the recent Trunk or Treat event which included UA Rotary Interact members providing a helping hand.

Glen Dugger shared a positive medical outcome for his granddaughter thanks to the tremendous research and treatment work going on at Nationwide Childrens Hospital.

Ned Clark promoted the upcoming Senior Service Saturday on November 11. Interact members will help and we need about 10 Rotarians to help also. Contact Ned if you can help.

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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