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Rotarians **Jessica Grisez** and **John Ness** collectively introduced ODW Logistics founder, **Bob Ness**. Jessica highlighted Ness family's support of the UA Foundation. John explained that his father has always possessed a clear and simple leadership style. In 2023, Bob published a book with all proceeds going to charity.

Bob Ness said the intent of his book is to encourage people to step out on their own. "We were motivated, but didn't have vision," he explained. His business was started from scratch. He and his partner, John Berand, worked for a company that was acquired. Neither liked the direction of new management and decided to try something on their own. They borrowed \$5,000 and leased 89,000 square feet of warehouse on Refugee Rd.

When John Berand wanted to retire, we had the proper agreements in place that made the transition seamless. To this day, John is still a good friend and this is rare in business partnerships. When son, John, joined the business and took over the leadership, Bob stepped back and let his son run the operation. John Ness developed his own Executive Team to take the business to the next level.

The book details the transition of Generation 1 to Generation 2. Bob explained this was difficult and they family ultimately hired a consultant. Transition is difficult and communication is essential.

Q&A:

- ODW Logistics now has 2500 employees in six states.
- Logistics as a term is now recognized through the supply chain crisis. It is still the shipping and storage of goods.
- In transition, you have to step back and get out. You have to let go.
- I had a ghost writer for the book. I told the stories and she wrote it -and just the way I said it.



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GREETERS

December 26
NA

January 2
NA

January 9
NA

REGISTRATION DESK

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NA

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NA

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CALENDAR

December 26 - Scioto CC/Zoom
No Meeting – Merry Christmas!

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No Meeting – Happy New Year!

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OUR NEXT MEETING

JANUARY 9TH
Scioto Country Club/Zoom

THE MEETING



The December 19, 2023 Upper Arlington Rotary Meeting at Scioto Country Club with online access to members available via Zoom. President **Andy Livingston** rang the bell to officially start the meeting with Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance led by **Glen Dugger**.

Guests:

Steve Turnbull was joined by his wife, **Amy** and his daughter **Evangeline** - a student at Wheaton College.

John Ness was joined by his wife, **Emily** and his mother, **Lynn**. John was also joined by his assistant, **Sherri Perry**.

Jack Cotter introduced Rotary Roundtable Speaker **Ed Circle**.

Bill Hosket was accompanied by his son, **Brad** - Managing Partner.

Jessica Grisez welcomed Past-President of the UA Community Foundation, and active UA Resident, **Mike Fitzpatrick**.

Visiting Rotarians:

Ken Robinson



NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Alan Yarletts updated the Interact Club. **Jim McGovern** has previously led the Hastings program, which will now be led by **Eric Stoll**. **Ned Clark** and **Herb Gillen** are continuing at Jones MS. **Angela Lancot** and Alan are leading the UAHS. The High School club has been involved in 32 community events with more than 821 hours of service.

Chip Knoop needs two to three Rotarians to help with Bed Brigade deliveries this Saturday December 23.

Debbie Johnson presented a Paul Harris Fellow +3 to **Joe Valentino**.

John Huneck thanked the club for supporting Santa's Silent Helpers. Our \$6000 contribution furnished 550 food boxes. 250 families received gift toys as well.

Bill Kraft announced that a ceremony for the Upper Arlington High School Athletic Hall of Fame will be on January 13. Look for more details.

President **Andy Livingston**:

Announced the passing of **Molly Stone**, wife of **Dick**.

Expressed thanks to **Glen Dugger**, **Whitney Logan**, and **Anne Croskey** for hosting the Holiday Party last week.

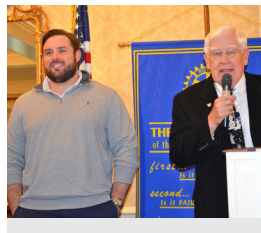
Thanked **Bill Loveland** on behalf of his family's Ross Foundation for a \$4600 gift to our Foundation.

Announced that the Nominating Committee, led by **Ned Clark** has presented a slate of Directors for the 2026 Year: **Rick Barth**, **Paul Germain**, **Michelle Hoyle**, **Kelly Marlow**, and **John Trapp**. **Glen Dugger** has accepted the nomination to enter the Chairs to be President in 2026.

Our next Board Meeting will be January 8th.

Raymond Golf Club has new Management and will undergo a renovation. It will no longer be able to host our meetings as the new design will not facilitate gatherings. **Sandra Cotter** and **Anne Croskey** are exploring alternative sites and will have a venue identified prior to our February 27th meeting.

Dave Hammond introduced new members **Rod Essig** and **Jim Henson**. Rod sold his business, Carr Supply and is currently working in the Natural Gas business. He has been with Charity Newsies for 18 years. Jim is a 2005 UA grad and is an Underwriter for Neighborworks Capital.



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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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Rotary International Foundation	\$125 Club, Paul Harris and Polio Plus	244 Daniel Burnham Sq. Columbus, OH 43215	Debbie Johnson	debbiejohnson33@gmail.com