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President **Herb Gillen** introduced the speaker, Gene Smith.

Gene Smith is in his 13th year as director of athletics at The Ohio State University. Smith was named the Buckeyes' director of athletics March 5, 2005 and was elevated to senior vice president and Wolfe Foundation endowed athletics director in May of 2016. He previously served as director of athletics at Arizona State, Iowa State and Eastern Michigan universities.

Before opening the floor for questions, Smith quickly outlined the Ohio State Department of Athletics Mission Statement for student-athletes:

1. Get degree and find career – OSU student-athletes have an 86% graduation rate and need support to go pro, go to grad school or get a job
2. Be part of a championship program – provide a winning experience
3. Be an extension of the student-athletes' family – be there for them

Quick hits from the Q & A:

1. Pay for Play – does not support directly paying student-athletes but does support finding ways to provide additional benefits such as cost of attendance payments and helping families get to bowl games
2. Name, Age and Likeness Benefits – supports the concept, wants Federal legislation and is concerned about is how the opportunities to receive those benefits could impact recruiting, and he believes that's an important distinction between college and professional sports that needs to be understood.
3. Friday Night High School Games – with apologies to Ohio high school coaches, supports the concept, not for OSU, but for programs that need opportunities to be on television. Would not want OSU to have a home game but willing to play at Northwestern, Purdue, Illinois, etc. on Friday every few years. Plus, OSU share of new television package that includes Friday games went from \$41,000,000 to \$52,000,000.
4. Bucks Go Pro – Internship program that provides a flexible work experience to progress student-athletes toward their career goals. OSU partners with over 50 companies and offers 85+ paid internships to build student-athletes' resumes with work experience that is directly applicable to their respective majors and interests.



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GREETERS

December 10

Bill Hosket
Sandra Cotter

December 17

NO REGULAR WEEKLY
LUNCH MEETING

December 24

NO REGULAR WEEKLY
LUNCH MEETING

REGISTRATION DESK

December 10

Don Leach
J.D. Dickerson

December 17

NO REGULAR WEEKLY
LUNCH MEETING

December 24

NO REGULAR WEEKLY
LUNCH MEETING

CALENDAR

December 10 | *Confluence Boathouse*
UAHS Vocal Ensemble
Performing
Host: Theado

December 17 | *Scioto CC*
NO REGULAR WEEKLY
LUNCH MEETING

December 24 | *Scioto CC*
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OUR NEXT MEETING

December 10th
Confluence Boathouse

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The Meeting



Joe Valentino gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance

No Visiting Rotarians

Guests: **Jim Ayers** introduced his guest, **Joe Ayers**, **Jim Nicklaus** introduced his guest, **Dr. Stuart Ludsin**, **Jeanine Hummer** introduced her guest, UA Finance Director **Brent Lewis**

Notes and Announcements



Next week's meeting will be at the Confluence Boathouse, NOT Scioto Country Club and NOT Raymond, featuring the UAHS Vocal Ensemble.

President Herb announced that \$3,150 was collected for the Holiday Wish program, which the club matched. As a result, \$6,300 will be divided among Homeless Families Foundation, the YWCA Family Center, and the Van Buren Center.

Holiday Coat Drive is underway. Contact **Bob Long** if willing/able to have drop box at your business.

Doug Godard announced a separate Coats for Kids campaign with a specific goal of providing EVERY student at West Broad Elementary with a new coat. Sponsorship cost is \$20/student and can be billed to your Rotary Club account.

Reminder, UA Rotary Holiday Party is Tuesday evening, December 17 from 5:30-7:30 at Scioto Country Club. There will not be a noon meeting on that day. Drink tickets should be purchased prior to the event.



Annual Meeting:

The club elected **Connie Aschinger**, **Doug Godard**, **John Krauss**, **Jim Nicklaus** and **Jaime Sisto** as new board members for 2020-2022.

In addition, **Debbie Johnson** will become President, **Joe Valentino** Vice President and **Milt Lustnauer** will become Secretary and President Nominee.



UA ROTARY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tuesday, December 17th 5:30 – 7:30 PM at Scioto Country Club

All Rotarians and their guests are invited to attend the Upper Arlington Rotary Annual Christmas Party December 17th at Scioto Country Club. The gathering will feature heavy hors d'oeuvres and drinks. As last year, the charges for regular paying members will be \$10, for pay as you go members \$26, and for spouses/guests \$15. We will be using drink tickets at the bar. For your convenience, payment for any tickets that you purchase will be included on your club charge. Tickets will be available at meetings and at the event. As in past years, valet parking will be available. 'Tis the season – let's dress up! Members should have received a Punchbowl email invitation or you can RSVP with Anne Croskey or register at a meeting. To avoid confusion, please only RSVP via a single method. Contact Anne at acroskey@columbus.rr.com for more information.

