## **Upper Arlington** Rotary



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**IMAGINE ROTARY** 

**UPPER ARLINGTON ROTARY CLUB** 

District 6690, Columbus Ohio, USA Club 3694, Chartered 1972

## **JESSICA GRISEZ**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - UA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION** 

#### **OFFICERS**

2022-2023

Milt Lustnauer

Andy Livingston

Angela Lanctot

John Adams

Joe Valentino

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

2021-2023

Anne Croskey

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2022-2024

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#### **ROTARY**VIEW

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#### **ON THE WEB**



Mary Ann Krauss introduced Jessica Grisez, Executive Director, Upper Arlington Community Foundation.

The Foundation was formally established in 2007 but the seeds of its creation date back to 2003 when the late Jane Davis Ferger made an initial contribution to help establish an Upper Arlington Community Center – a cause she felt passionate about. That contribution was ultimately the basis for the creation of the foundation.

The Foundation serves as a grantor, a connecter and home for philanthropy. We saw a slide presentation which offered insight into Foundation activities in each of these areas.

Recent impact grants include \$20,000 for the UA Public Library branch at Lane Road to create a second early learning play area; a \$12,000 grant to Upper Arlington Safety Town to expand sidewalks to provide a realistic setting for crosswalk safety training and a \$25,000 grant to the UA Lacrosse Association to fund the 3132 family sports courts at Sunny 95 Park. The "3132" name is in honor of UA Lacrosse players #31 Ned Smith and #32 Kyle Vesper – both of whom passed away from cancer at an early age.

Other grants over the years have supported the library's Tremont branch, the UA Commission on Aging, the high school legacy campaign, the UA schools lunch program during COVID, the Amelita Mirolo Barn, the veterans memorial on the mallway and the city's parks and pools.

A grant committee comprised of three to four members reviews and recommends requests which are then presented for approval to the Foundation board. Over the years the Foundation has approved over \$3 million in grants.

Currently, the Foundation is partnering with the city to support the development of the community center. The Foundation is the non-profit entity behind the project with a goal of raising \$8 million. Jessica noted that they are well on the way to meeting that goal. There is a contribution match up to \$5,000 available through the end of the calendar year. Groundbreaking for the center is expected in Spring, 2023. Part of the support for the center is the \$75,000 pledged by UA Rotary for the multi-activity gym at the center. There is a capital campaign committee overseeing the fundraising drive for the community center.

In its role as a connecter, the Foundation strives to connect people to various organizations in the community.

The Good Neighbor Fund, established in 2017, helps community members (individuals and small businesses) in need. There is a \$2,500 maximum contribution and over \$90,000 has been granted so far. Source organizations which can provide input to the Foundation about potential grantees include UA school counselors, the Commission On Aging, UA Fire and UA Police.

Jessica also highlighted the Foundation's Fund for Veterans and the Anne Royce Moore Authors Series.

In its role as a conduit for philanthropy the Foundation manages various family funds and community/organizational funds. A Legacy Society encourages and supports community members who establish vehicles for lasting impact in Upper Arlington.

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#### **GREETERS**

December 19

NI/A

December 20

N/A

December 27

N/A

#### **REGISTRATION DESK**

December 19

NT / A

December 2

N/A

December 27

N/A

### CALENDAR

December 13 - NO REGULAR

UA Rotary Holiday Party, 5:30 – 7:30 pm, Scioto CC

December 20

No Rotary Weekly Meeting

December 27

No Rotary Weekly Meeting

#### **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**

JANUARY 3RD Scioto Country Club/Zoom



### THE MEETING



President **Milt Lustnauer** called the meeting to order and asked **Joe Valentino** to offer the invocation and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Dick Stone** and **Jessica Grisez** introduced guest **Margie Pizzuti** and

visiting Rotarian **Steve Heiser**.

Schedule reminders:

No regular meeting on December 13. The Christmas party is that evening at Scioto.

No meetings on December 20 and December 27.

Next regular meeting is Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

**Jim Ayers** bid a fond farewell to UA Rotarians as he heads to Park City, Utah to take up permanent residence. He thanked club members for their friendship and support during his 51 years as a member of UA Rotary – where he served as club president in 1991-92. He was sent on his way with a standing ovation from all present. Jim will join us via Zoom when he can.

## **NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**



**Anne Croskey** noted that there are 93 positive replies for the Christmas party to date with a good number of folks yet to respond to the invitation. Please reply with you plans (yea or nay) by Friday, December 9.

**Angela Lanctot** encouraged members to provide her with speaker recommendations for the upcoming year.

**Barri Jones** announced that club members contributed \$2,500 to the Holiday Wish program this year. That amount was matched by our foundation.



**Andy Livingston** thanked the Ross Family Foundation and Bill Loveland for a generous gift of \$4,400 to the UA Rotary Foundation.

**Jack Cotter** thanked **Richard Barth** for his presentation and dialogue with members at today's Rotary Roundtable.

**Dave Shelby** happily announced the return of Charity Newsies to central Ohio street corners on Saturday, December 10.

## **PAYMENTS NOT RECEIVED**

As Of December 06, 2022

Gross, David B. ....... \$1,027.00 Hall, Jeffrey A. ...... \$279.00 Hansel, John E. ..... \$435.00 Harper, James E. .... \$279.00 Jenks, Jaymes ...... \$1,056.00 Lupton, Benjamin .... \$1,098.00 Meyers, Matthew ..... \$261.00 Nutter, Charles R. .... \$279.00 Penrod, Matt ....... \$542.00 Schuman, John D..... \$542.00 Sidari, Telanda .......... \$853.00 Sugar, Tom........... \$279.00 Tierney, Brian X....... \$871.00 Tuttle, Sean ............... \$913.00

Zid, Stephen ...... \$822.00