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**Brad DeHays** introduced **Denise Robinson**, CEO of Alvis, Inc. Denise has held this position for 17 years and during her leadership, Alvis has experienced five-fold growth. Brad explained that his organization has provided Housing to the organization and has direct experience with their community impact.

Denise is an OSU graduate with an extensive background in community service and volunteerism. Her Board positions include Lifecare Alliance, Reeb Ave Center, United Way and American Correctional Association. She has received multiple local and national awards including a Presidential Recognition by Barack Obama.

Denise explained the mission of Alvis is to grow and adapt to meet community needs. Alvis began in 1967 to facilitate men leaving Ohio's penitentiary system and provide job training assistance. In 1981, it expanded to include treatment programs and help the needs of women. Today, Alvis has 1000's of beds with locations in Chillicothe, Lima, Dayton and Toledo.

"A community that relies on a person's potential is more important than their past," is their mission

statement. 79% of her clients never return to the criminal justice system, compared to 50% nationwide. "Treatment needs to be at the root of their program," she added. Robinson explained that there is a drug arrest every 25 seconds in this country and one in three adults has a criminal record. There are 100,000 deaths annually due to overdoses and 37% in the Ohio prison system have a mental disorder. She insists that her team treats each client as a person.

Alvis has assisted with workforce development since 1977. They pre-screen for employers that do not want to be identified as Alvis supporters for obvious reasons, but the list is extensive. Alvis also implemented programs for women. Second chance programs have grown 700% in 40 years. Victims are typically subject to abuse and have children. Human trafficking can begin at age eight, and the recovery for these people is typically long and extensive. Alvis offers safe, supportive, and secure housing for these programs.

Robinson proudly announced the groundbreaking for their Alum Creek facility that will connect to their existing building. All men in Columbus will be housed here and they will no longer need to utilize the they YMCA resulting in savings of more than \$500,000 per year.

She concluded simply by saying, "It is my passion."

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## GREETERS

### February 22

Telanda Sidari  
Beau Taggart

### March 1

Mike Zieg  
Tina Husted

### March 8

Eric Stoll  
Benjamin Lupton

## REGISTRATION DESK

### February 22

Dick Stone  
Janine Hummer

### March 1

John Cleland  
John Hansel

### March 8

Jim Hamilton  
Rich Simpson

## CALENDAR

### February 22 -

#### Raymond Memorial/Zoom

John Lowe, CEO –  
Jeni's Splendid Ice Cream  
Host: Joel Lilly

### March 1 -

#### Raymond Memorial/Zoom

Stephen White, Vice President  
of External Affairs, Strategic  
Initiatives, and Business  
Development, COSI  
Host: Tracy Kirby

### March 8 - Scioto CC/ZOOM

John Ness, CEO – ODW Logistics  
"Supply Chain & Logistics"  
Host: Phil Glandon

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## OUR NEXT MEETING

### FEBRUARY 22ND

Raymond Memorial/Zoom

Upper Arlington  
**Rotary**  
Club



# DENISE ROBINSON

## CEO - ALVIS, INC.

### Q&A:

\$34 million budget is funded by Ohio Department of Rehabilitation, Federal Department of Justice, Medicaid and philanthropy.

Alvis employs 550 people and is short 120. Facing same hiring challenges as most businesses.

Women typically experience more traumatic issues. Their treatment programs usually involve psychologists and psychiatrists. They are reluctant to accept help.

Affordable housing is a huge issue. As the area grows, rental properties have been sold, renovated or no longer interested in being part of their program.



## THE MEETING



The February 15, 2022 Upper Arlington Rotary Meeting was held in person at Scioto Country Club with online access to members available via Zoom. Vice-President **Milt Lustnauer** began the meeting with the traditional bell chime and Prayer and Pledge was led by **Tracy Kirby**.

**Tracy Kirby** introduced **Gloria Ianucci** and **Andrea Plant**, part of the Alvis team. Also, Program Speaker **Denise Robinson** is a member of the Columbus Rotary.

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:



**Milt Lustnauer** reminded all members that our next club meeting on February 22 will be held at Raymond Memorial Golf Club.

**Milt** also announced that the Upper Arlington Rotary Board will meet on Monday February 21 at Trinity United Methodist Church. All members are welcome to attend.

**Dave Dewey** sent a reminder that District 6690's conduct of a February Matching Points Campaign to increase your points towards your next Paul Harris Fellow recognition. The District will match your contributions to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund (SHARE) or Polio Fund through February 28th with up to 1,000 points (on a one-point-for-each-one-dollar basis).