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Our speaker today was **Chris Hamel**, President and CEO at Gateway Film Center and the Gateway Film Foundation. The non-profit Gateway Film Foundation owns the Gateway Film Center.

Chris created the film center 14 years ago. The center is a much smaller cousin of large chain movie facilities such as Cinemark and Regal. The Gateway is founded on the idea of increasing the quantity and quality of independent films – including those made outside of the United States.

Raising the profile of film as an art form here in the Midwest is a crucial part of accomplishing the center's mission. It is also important to support local film makers and aspiring film makers. Another focus is on prioritizing space for story tellers who, Chris feels, are underrepresented in our culture. A story told by an authentic voice can inspire new ideas. It has the power to entertain, push boundaries, spark new levels of empathy and ultimately advance social change.

Chris highlighted the diversity of options that Gateway Film Center provides. While multiple streaming services provide endless programming options those offerings are not curated. The Foundation and the center curate stories, some of which you may not be as aware of and which might enrich your life.

The Gateway Film Center is the result of a partnership between Ohio State and the City of Columbus. The center evolved from the Gateway Theater to the Gateway Film Center over a number of years. Improving the quality of life in the university district was the initial impetus of its creation. The theater was originally managed by the Drexel group of theaters. Early returns were disappointing and management was eventually turned over to Landmark Theaters – a chain dedicated to exhibiting and marketing independent films. A further transition occurred after continued performance struggles and the Gateway Film Center was born in 2009.

The newly constituted Film Center focused on creating curated experiences similar to a major film festival; blending mainstream and independent movies; providing a vibrant five star facility and adapting the facility to resemble a nightclub atmosphere. The programming model was adjusted to adhere to the curatorial habits of successful art galleries.

In 2008, before the Film Center was launched, annual attendance hovered round 110,000 people. Since 2009 attendance has grown to an average of nearly 300,000 people per year.

In addition to current programming the center holds many public events and programs each year. Many programs are designed to connect the artist with the audience – to encourage dialogue and create a sense of community. In 2017 the Gateway Film Center was honored as one of the top 20 such centers in North America by the Sundance Film Festival.

Given the attendance level and the average spend of attendees it is estimated that the Gateway Film Center contributes seven to ten million dollars to the local economy annually.

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GREETERS

March 7
Tim Kellogg
Joe Ayers

March 14
Allison Russo
Beau Taggart

March 21
Wade Giffin
Steve Zid

REGISTRATION DESK

March 7
Jim Winfree
Rudy Whippis

March 14
Keith Schneider
John Cleland

March 21
Don Leach
Brian Bainbridge

CALENDAR

March 7- Raymond Memorial/ Zoom

Theresa Flores –
SOAP Project: Update
Host: Mike Kull

March 14- Raymond Memorial/ Zoom

Sarah Douglas, “The War in Ukraine: Origins, Course, and Potential Solutions
Host: Sandra Cotter

March 21- Scioto CC/Zoom

Vickie Thompson-Sandy
President & CEO, Buckeye Ranch
Host: Chip Knoop

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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

MARCH 7TH
Raymond Memorial/Zoom

Upper Arlington
Rotary
Club



THE MEETING



President **Milt Lustnauer** opened the meeting and asked **John Krauss** to offer the invocation and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tom Westfall introduced visiting Rotarian **John Jaynes** from the Dublin/Worthington club and our newest member **Jennifer Alvord**.

Members voted unanimously to approve revisions to Section 6 of the club bylaws to clarify eligibility for Sustaining Member status and to establish UA Rotary's Sustaining Member category as a sub category of Rotary International's honorary classification.

Milt reported the sad news of the passing of UA Rotary founder and charter member **Carl Stallard**. Carl was also the club's first president. **Mary Ann Krauss** paid tribute to Carl and recognized his place in the club's history.

Bill Hosket provided harassment focused on famous quotes by various coaches. Unfortunately, with the exception of one table, correct answers were nowhere to be found. On the upside, Bill raised some cash to support club programs.



NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Our March Roundtable will be held on Tuesday, March 14 at 11:00 AM and will take place at Schmidt's Reception House at Raymond Memorial. The Roundtable will feature **Veeramani Karappuchamy** from the Ohio State University Dept of Food Science and Technology. The topic will be Agricultural Biotechnology & Food Sustainability. Please join the Roundtable to hear what is happening in this important area.

John Huneck announced that we will soon have open dates for club meal service at the YWCA Family Center. We'll need six or seven Rotarians per date. He will have details soon.

Chip Knoop reported on a Bed Brigade delivery to two homes that occurred on Saturday, February 25. Seven beds were delivered.

There will be a Community Service Committee meeting on Monday, March 6. There are currently no funding requests and, with \$26,000 available, members were encouraged to recommend potential projects. We'd like to find projects that provide hands-on service opportunities.

Mike Kull asked for five volunteers to help with registration duties at a meeting to review the results of a three year Ohio State research project evaluating the effectiveness of the Move to Prosper program. The meeting will take place at the Huntington Center downtown at 3:00 PM on March 28.

Mike also gave us a heads up about upcoming volunteer opportunities at the Highland Youth Garden. Volunteers will be asked to help over a period of several months on Saturdays and some afternoons.



UPPER ARLINGTON ROTARY FOUNDER AND CHARTER PRESIDENT PASSES

We learned this week that Carl Stallard has passed. Carl was one of the 33 charter members of our club and he served as our club's first president in 1972-73.



PAYMENTS NOT RECEIVED

As Of February 28, 2023

Babbitt, Gerald Jay ..\$100.00
Bracco, Robert A.....\$164.00
Cloyd, Bill\$279.00
Dusseau, Chris.....\$279.00

Fenner, Robert L.....\$279.00
Greenhill, Francis C.\$279.00
Gross, David B.\$279.00
Hare, Matthew\$212.00

Harer, Wayne B.....\$299.00
Sisto, James E. P.\$279.00
Tuttle, Sean \$212.00
Vlasidis, Nick\$279.00