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Jack Cotter introduced program speaker **Sarah Douglas**. Sarah is an OSU graduate for both her M.A and PhD. She has received multiple awards from the College of Art & History for her work with Military History, Disease History, and World. She currently teaches history at OSU from the Crusades to the Vietnam War.

Dr. Douglas presented insight and analysis on the War in the Ukraine. This massive international conflict is in many ways unprecedented. She indicated that many thought the invasion would only take a few days to a week because of the relatively small population of Ukraine vs. Russia.

However, there are outlying factors that influenced the invasion. Russia has a population of 144 million people, but GDP that is less than the State of Texas. Ukraine is by comparison very small and outmanned. Russia has 4173 Military Aircraft compared to Ukraine's 318. She explained that Russia is a "Paper Tiger" with a large land mass, relatively weak economy, and does not value sovereignty or individual rights. Russia is willing to lose casualties at a greater rate than any other Western country.

Each country has different military command methods. Ukraine adopted Western military management that utilizes commanders that relay to field commanders, then to troops. Open dialog and feedback are encouraged. The Russian model utilizes a Commander, but orders are never questioned. When seven of their 12 Commanders were killed, the troops had no contingency plans and did not know what to do.

Ukraine destroyed bridges and flooded areas to force the Russians advancement to specific areas. Russian encryption didn't work and communications have been easily intercepted. Drone usage has been important in this war to supply information. Supply lines have been interrupted and that has been a problem for the Russian military.

What is the solution? The conflict has lasted longer than anyone expected. This has been taxing to Putin and Russia. Perhaps an exchange of the Crimean Peninsula for the Eastern area of Donbas could be a possibility.

Q&A:

Putin is vulnerable. The far right in Russia want to utilize Nuclear methods to secure the area and this would be a radical takeover.

Putin initially only wanted total victory. The longer this war progresses, he needs to salvage some type of win.

Austria could facilitate and broker a peace agreement. The US is probably not a reasonable option.

Hypersonic missiles have been used. They are very expensive and not very effective. Russia is running out of resources and it is estimated that their munitions have 60% failure rate. They are bringing old units into service in attempts to keep their efforts progressing.

Parts and supplies are coming from around the globe, but mainly from China and Iran.

A timeline to wind down may occur by September? Ukraine does not have the resources to continue long term and Russia has personnel, but is struggling to manage. The economic impact and military impact to Russia will last for more than a decade.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view this meeting and all previously recorded Rotary meetings

GREETERS

March 21

Wade Giffin
Steve Zid

March 28

Ben Lupton
Matt Rule

April 4

Scott Emch
Brian Close

REGISTRATION DESK

March 21

Don Leach
Brian Bainbridge

March 28

J.D. Dickerson
Jim Nicklaus

April 4

Dick Stone
Janine Hummer

CALENDAR

March 21- Scioto CC/Zoom

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

March 28- Scioto CC/Zoom

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April 4- Scioto CC/Zoom

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OUR NEXT MEETING

MARCH 21ST

Raymond Memorial/Zoom

Upper Arlington
Rotary
Club



THE MEETING



The March 14, 2023 Upper Arlington Rotary Meeting was held in person at Raymond Memorial Golf Club with online access to members available via Zoom. President **Milt Lustnauer** rang the bell to start the meeting with Invocation and Pledge led by **Jack Cotter**.

There were no guests.

Visiting Rotarians: **Jerry Douglas**, Olentangy Rotary Club and father of our Program Speaker.

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Andy Livingston introduced and welcomed new member **Jennifer Alvord**. “Jen” is a Cincinnati native and comes to Upper Arlington after living in Southern California. She has two adult children -a daughter in Virginia and a son in Columbus. She chose UA Rotary after witnessing the impact of a local club in her previous city.

Andy also provided a summary of the Statewide PETS (President Elect Training Seminar) that attended the previous weekend. The Friday session was with District clubs and Saturday was all Ohio clubs.



President Lustnauer gave a recap of Monday’s UA Rotary Board meeting. He also announced a planned Social Event at Chill & Pickle (Pickleball) that is being planned for April. The club is also planning a dine around event that is being planned for restaurants near Lane Avenue.

Our Club President reminded all that bills are due. Still have a few members that will be impacted by our new payment policy. Names have been posted in Rotaryview and further action may occur if not resolved by our next billing cycle in April.



Also, a reminder that club meetings return to Scioto Country Club next week. Attendees of next week’s meeting will be assigned a table number to meet and interact with members.

District Governor **Price Finley** reminded members of a standing invitation to attend the District Assembly and District Conference on April 28 and 29th. UA Rotary members will not be charged an additional fee to attend, but reservations are required. If you reserve a place, please make every effort to attend as we incur fees for each attendee. This will be a great event and please make plans to attend.



Eric Stoll gave a reminder regarding our Club Fundraiser scheduled for May 23. Please be thinking about auction items for this event.

President Milt presented a Paul Harris Fellow +4 to **Steve Lichtblau** and a +2 PHF to **Mike O’Sullivan**. Milt also shared a short video highlighting Rotary International’s involvement with food, water, housing and transportation in the Ukraine.

Rotary t-shirts are available and we’d like to submit the club’s order by April 4. Follow the link to place your order, UA Rotary Wearable Catalog: [Click Here](#)