

# Upper Arlington Rotary Club



# ROTARYVIEW

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UPPER ARLINGTON ROTARY CLUB

District 6690, Columbus Ohio, USA

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## BETH HATCH DIRECTOR - UA LIBRARY

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Upper Arlington Rotarian Beth Hatch became UA Library Director 2.5 years ago and was faced immediately with the challenge of providing service during the Covid Pandemic. She is a proud Rotarian and enjoys the opportunity to give back to the community.

Beth's presentation detailed the Upper Arlington Public Library's Levy issue upcoming on May 3, 2022. "Remember 53 on 5/3," she stated. The 2 mil renewal levy generates 53% of the Library budget. The remaining funding is from variable state funding that fluctuates with the economy. The UAPL is seeking an additional 1 mil to provide funding for cost increases associated with staff and building needs. Their revenue budget has not changed since 2007. Despite budget cost efforts, there is simply not enough revenue to support their programs. 70% of Upper Arlington residents have a library card - a very high percentage compared to similar communities.

UAPL has a Dedicated Research and Reference Staff that assists small businesses, genealogy research, and even stamp collectors. The library also supports Kids Programs, Study Time and Play Areas. "We're beyond books," and offer gathering spaces for anyone to use.

During the pandemic, the UAPL implemented curbside service to provide circulations to residents. The Ohio Department of Health requested their assistance to distribute 33,000 Covid Test kits. The UAPL provides \$33 million to users in terms of non-paid items and services. And wages increase, they are losing staff to other neighboring communities that offer higher compensation. Major needed building improvements include of roof on the Main Tremont Library and an elevator at Lane Rd. The tax increase will result is \$3.00 per month (\$36/year) per \$100,000 of home value. The resulting budget would be consistent with Westerville and other neighboring communities.

#### Q&A:

With e-books and electronic media, library circulations continue to remain consistent year to year. The gathering and meeting opportunities also are a continuing need.

The request of levy support is projected to fill a 10-year funding need.

Dublin and Hilliard are part of the Metropolitan Columbus Library and do not operate independently.

Levy revenue does not increase with property values. The tax is fixed based on current year value and does not increase for the duration of the 10-year levy.

The 2 mil renewal and additional 1 mil actually impact the taxpayer less.

UAPL now offers Passport Services

Volunteers are always needs. Sign-up available on UAPL website.

Additional information regarding the UAPL Levy can be found at [protectyourlibrary.com](http://protectyourlibrary.com)

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## GREETERS

**March 22**  
Telanda Sidari  
Beau Taggart

**March 29**  
Matt Kirby  
Wade Giffin

**April 5**  
Steve Frame  
John Barth

## REGISTRATION DESK

**March 22**  
Andy Livingston  
Tom Westfall

**March 29**  
Jim Winfree  
Kevin Brown

**April 5**  
Larry McVey  
Milt Lustnauer

## CALENDAR

**March 22 - Scioto CC/ZOOM**  
Ohio Lt. Governor Jon Husted –  
Intel and the Impact for Ohio  
Host: Herb Gillen

**March 29 - Scioto CC/ZOOM**  
Lauren Morosky, Manager of  
Community programs and  
partnerships for Ruling Our  
eXperiences, Inc. (ROX)

**April 5 - Scioto CC/ZOOM**  
Kelly S. Broeg, Marketing Coor-  
dinator for Central Ohio – Her  
Song, Tim Tebow Foundation  
Host: Connie Aschinger

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## OUR NEXT MEETING

**MARCH 22ND**  
Scioto Country Club/Zoom

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## 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. President **Joe Valentino** began the meeting with the traditional ringing of the bell with the Prayer and Pledge led by **Don Leach**.

**Brad Frick** introduced his guest, **Jay Babbitt**. Jay is a UA resident and retired attorney considering Rotary membership.

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:



**Price Finley** and **Milt Lustnauer** displayed our club's prize trophy for leading District 6690 with the "My Very Own Blanket" campaign. Our members contributed over \$1000 with a matching gift by the club. Interact club members also contributed by making blankets.

**Dave Dewey** announced that our club now has a total of 72 Rotary \$125 Club Members and read a list of the latest 20 to join that list. QR codes are available on each table and joining has never been easier. There is still time to join, so please consider a gift of \$125.

