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Chip Knoop introduced today's speaker, **Vicki Thompson-Sandy**, President & CEO of Buckeye Ranch. Vicki is the fourth CEO in the history of the organization. We saw a slide presentation about Buckeye Ranch and its many facets.

Buckeye Ranch has roots going back as far as 1950 when the Columbus Boys Choir Women's Service Board recognized the need for a way to help troubled boys in the community. Seventy five acres of land were finally purchased in Grove City in 1958 for the sum of \$27,000. The founding CEO of what was then Buckeye Boys Ranch was Les Bostic. Buckeye Boys Ranch was renamed Buckeye Ranch in 1992.

From the beginning, the organizations basic principle has been to restore hope and provide healing. Currently there are over 500 employees at Buckeye Ranch. Due to current hiring difficulties this is short of the fully staffed goal of 600 employees.

About one third of the employees are hourly workers on shift assignments. Another third are licensed clinicians. The remaining third are hybrid workers who work in the office or from home.

Buckeye Ranch's underlying values focus on care for children in a respectful, honest and collaborative manner. The Ranch believes in being accountable to its clients.

Dealing with youth violence, mental health issues and suicide are the primary drivers of Buckeye

Ranch efforts. The Ranch partners with businesses and other entities in pursuit of its mission.

In 1960 there were only 10 boys being served. Today, Buckeye Ranch provides services to 5,000 youth per year. The ranch currently has six locations in Franklin County with additional facilities in Licking County and the Cincinnati area.

Treatment methods include a scientific approach to helping clients with a focus on the various trauma that negatively impact children. Professional staff map the brain of a client child to determine the effect of the trauma then provide intervention services to effectively re-map the child's brain.

Sixty eight percent of Buckeye Ranch clients are over eleven years old with the vast majority (98%) coming from, or living in, low income households. The overall client population is about 50% male and 50% female.

The majority of work today is done in the context of family. Every effort is made to maintain the family/child relationship. The facility in Grove City is the only non-family residential component.

Same day services can be provided in the event of an emergency situation for people in crisis. Those services are provided through a referral or from a direct request by a family. Every effort is made to continue providing services as necessary after a client leaves the system. One example is providing medication management for clients whose regular healthcare providers are not familiar with the need.

The annual budget is \$62 million. Government entities provide payments for case management services, foster care services and the like. Most families are eligible for Medicaid services.

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March 28

Ben Lupton
Matt Rule

April 4

Scott Emch
Brian Close

April 11

Jay Babbitt
Barri Jones

REGISTRATION DESK

March 28

J.D. Dickerson
Jim Nicklaus

April 4

Dick Stone
Janine Hummer

April 11

Kevin Brown
Brian Hall

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March 28- Scioto CC/Zoom

Phil Washburn, Executive
Director – Furniture Bank
of Central Ohio

Host: Ralph Griffith

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TBA

April 4- Scioto CC/Zoom

Maddy Beck, Angel Flight East

Host: Angela Lanctot

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OUR NEXT MEETING

MARCH 28TH

Scioto Country Club/Zoom

Upper Arlington
Rotary
Club



VICKI THOMPSON-SANDY

PRESIDENT/CEO - BUCKEYE RANCH

Buckeye Ranch is on a journey to get into schools to help identify kids with mental health issues – rather than wait for the child to show up in need of help. The Ranch has two schools which provide an equal dose of mental health treatment and academic endeavors. The goal is to get the child back in their regular school as soon as possible.

Effort is also made to help children avoid the adult court system and remain in the juvenile system as long as possible.

Referrals come from far and wide. Forty four Ohio counties and several other states refer people to Buckeye Ranch.

In partnership with Nationwide Childrens Hospital a new mental health pavilion is planned. It will be a \$35 million project with a projected opening date in two years.

On Thursday, May 4 Buckeye Ranch will sponsor a fundraiser at Kemba Live. The program, entitled “A Positive Note” continues on the “journey of hope and healing”. Live music and stories of hope and healing from former clients will be featured.

THE MEETING



President **Milt Lustnauer** called the meeting to order and asked **Mike Turnbull** to offer the invocation and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Brian Bainbridge asked **Brian Hall** to introduce his guest.

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Price Finley quizzed us on the April 28-29 District Assembly and District Conference. The District assembly is on the 28th at Columbus State and the Conference is on the 29th at the National Veterans Memorial Museum. Information card were distributed. Registration is now open at this [link](#). Two important points...

- There is no registration fee for UA Rotary members. Look for the UA Rotary listing in the drop down box when registering.
- Certain program costs are billed based solely on the number of registrations received. UA Rotarians who register but do not attend may be assessed for those direct costs.



Mike Kull provided harassment with a Rotary trivia theme. Before beginning, however, he fined Milt five dollars for conducting business at the meeting.

Jay Babbitt, a recent new member, shared some facts about himself. He has been married for forty years and proudly talked about his four children. His heritage includes family members in Massachusetts in the 1620's, revolutionary war service, civil war service, WWI service (Jay's father) and WWII service (Jay's mother). He enjoys reading, traveling – including an upcoming trip to the Amazon - and hopes to travel to Africa in the future. Rotary offers him an opportunity to serve and to meet and interact with others.



Barri Jones encouraged members to support two current initiatives.

- We are currently readying an order for Rotary T-shirts. Our order will be submitted on April 5. Your order form with check made out to UA Rotary should be returned to Barri by April 4. Here is a link to the form: [Click Here](#)
- The assistance League of Greater Columbus is having its annual flower sale. Information is found in the following link. Orders and payments should be sent to the organization's Worthington address found on the form. [Click Here](#)