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**Milt Lustnauer** introduced today's speaker **Theresa Flores**. Theresa shared information and updates on the Rotary supported SOAP project which helps victims of human trafficking. Theresa herself was once a victim of human trafficking and is now a survivor. Human trafficking is the 2nd leading crime in the US, yet it is rarely discussed in mainstream media. Human trafficking was not criminalized until 2002. It mostly starts with missing and runaway kids, who if not found within 48 hours, very likely end up victims of human trafficking. These children are groomed with attention and kindness, then convinced to leave their family, drugged, and forced into prostitution. Victims are fed drugs to make them become addicted, and the victims become completely dependent on the traffickers. They are also blackmailed to prevent escape. It is a very violent world for the victims, who are physically abused every day.

Theresa shared her story, which is one that can happen to anyone. In addition to traveling the country and writing books on the topic of human trafficking, Theresa founded the Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution (SOAP) project, which distributes tens of thousands of bars of soaps with helpline numbers they can call for assistance, as well as missing person posters that directly help victims be rescued and perpetrators be arrested and prosecuted. Again, human trafficking is the 2nd leading crime in America and must be discussed and addressed. What can we do?

1. Go home and tell people about human trafficking (13 years of age is the average and 45% of victims are brought into trafficking by a family member).
2. Please look for ways to donate to and support organizations like SOAP that are fighting human trafficking and educating the public.

For more on Theresa's story, you can read her book *The Slave Across the Street...*



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## GREETERS

### March 14

Allison Russo  
Beau Taggart

### March 21

Wade Giffin  
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### March 28

Ben Lupton  
Matt Rule

## REGISTRATION DESK

### March 14

Keith Schneider  
John Cleland

### March 21

Don Leach  
Brian Bainbridge

### March 28

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Jim Nicklaus

## CALENDAR

### 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

### March 28- Scioto CC/Zoom

TBA

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reminder to [herb@herbgillen.com](mailto:herb@herbgillen.com) for  
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## OUR NEXT MEETING

### MARCH 14TH

Raymond Memorial/Zoom

Upper Arlington  
**Rotary**  
Club



## THE MEETING



**Milt Lustnauer** opened the meeting, which was held in person at Scioto Country Club and also via Zoom.

**Brian Bainbridge** provided the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

Visiting Rotarians: **Marie Nemes-Crawford** (Circleville)

Guests: **Brian Trottier** (San Diego), Guest of **Don Trottier**

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:



**Price Finley:** Announced he can help anyone who wants to join the fight against human trafficking get involved. Also, Andy Livingston will be attending PETS weekend starting this Friday morning, leadership training for our Club.

**Barri Jones:** Announced there are flowers and tee shirts for sale with proceeds benefiting UA Rotary. Please follow links to place order.

Combined Flower Sale Flier: [Click Here](#)

UA Rotary Wearable Order Form: [Click Here](#)

UA Rotary Wearable Catalog: [Click Here](#)



**Jack Cotter:** Announced next Roundtable will be at 11am next week, **Sarah Douglas** will be speaking on the war in Ukraine.

## 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