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**Brad Frick** introduced the speaker, Congressman **Steve Stivers**. Steve is a member of the House Financial Services Committee and Rules Committee.

Steve paid tribute to the efforts of Governor DeWine and Ohio Department of Health Director Amy Acton. He expressed the need for more virus testing and faster results from testing.

Steve focused mainly on the CARES Act that Congress passed at the end of March, also known as “Phase 3” of the federal government’s stimulus efforts.

The Act includes support for health care providers, including hospitals and community health centers. It also provides relief for small businesses through provisions such as the Payment Protection Program and Economic Injury Disaster Loans.

Steve also described the payments being made to individuals with adjusted gross income up to \$75,000 (\$150,000 for married couples). Such payments are \$1200 for such individuals, and \$2400 for those married filing jointly. There is also a \$500 payment per dependent child. The payments are phased out gradually for those at higher income levels. Steve also described the enhanced unemployment insurance benefits under the Act.

Steve noted that an immediate focus of the federal government is the implementation of Phase 3. He would like the federal government also to work on a blueprint for states to follow toward reopening the economy, while recognizing that states have the power to decide exactly what to do. He also anticipates new spending on infrastructure.

Steve encourages any constituent with questions or feedback to contact his central Ohio office at (614) 771-4968. He can also be reached via his website, [stivers.house.gov/contact/](http://stivers.house.gov/contact/).

Steve then addressed a number of questions from members, including these responses:

- He does not foresee the U.S. House of Representatives allowing remote voting any time soon.
- He understands the issue of a child who is listed as a dependent on his parents’ tax return and therefore cannot receive a recovery payment, even though he is working. He suggests that such a child not be claimed as a dependent and file a 2019 income tax return.
- He is aware of the lack of clarity on Economic Injury Disaster Loans and the difficulty of tracking processing of applications for such loans. He suggests a call to his office to help with this issue.
- He thinks that the 2020 US census might be subject to delays. Many people are responding online and by mail, but there will still need to be census takers who make in-person contacts with those who do not respond.
- He anticipates additional relief for hospitals which cannot now perform elective surgeries.
- He has not conducted any campaign events or fundraising since early March. He noted that it’s up to the state legislature to determine if November’s election will be conducted by mail.
- He described conversations with Dr. Anthony Fauci about what the reopening of the economy will look like. He noted that a precondition to such reopening will be widely available and free testing with results that are reported quickly.



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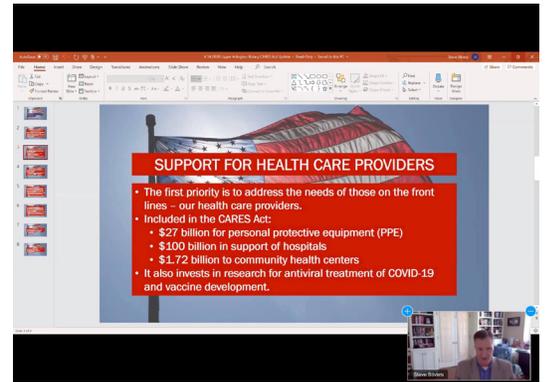
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- He addressed the role of the military during the crisis. He anticipates the National Guard continuing to be of assistance with distributions of needed goods at places such as food banks. He does not foresee martial law being imposed, contrary to some rumors.
  - He anticipates that Phase 4 of the federal government's stimulus will include bond-related provisions that allow for advance refundings.
  - He sees the need for additional government spending to provide economic stimulus during the crisis, but remains concerned about the national debt.
  - He recognized that the state of Ohio, and not the President, has authority over reopening businesses and other activities in Ohio. But he noted it will be good to have a suggested federal framework for this purpose.
  - He is aware of the incongruity of farmers plowing under crops and doing away with other commodities because of the lack of demand from restaurants, while food banks are experiencing shortages. He has talked to the US Department of Agriculture about purchasing commodities and getting them to food banks.
  - He noted that Congress will conduct oversight of the new government programs, as will various agencies' Inspectors General, regardless of any actions that the President takes or doesn't take.
  - He supports term limits for members of Congress, including himself.
- Herb concluded the meeting by asking members to let him know if they or anyone in their families are struggling during the crisis, so that the Club can provide assistance.



## UA ROTARY PURCHASES HEALTH MASKS FROM MAYAN FAMILIES

Upper Arlington Rotary has purchased 500 health masks from Mayan Families. These masks will have the Rotary logo embroidered on them and are handmade by former students at the trade school our club built and supports. These masks are in transit from Guatemala and will be available to us by 4/24. They are available to any club member who would like them and what is left over will be donated to our local service partners in need. Matt Rule has personally donated towards the purchase of an additional 150 masks that our club will match for a donation of 300 masks that will be distributed to front line staff (service coordinators/property managers) in National Church Residences Ohio housing communities. Please contact Milt Lustnauer at [milt@miltshellshomes.com](mailto:milt@miltshellshomes.com) if you would like a mask or have questions.

## The Meeting

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, **Herb Gillen** opened the Club's first ever virtual meeting, which 86 members attended via Zoom. Herb thanked **Price Finley** for hosting the meeting.

**Tom Davis** provided the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance. Tom's invocation included a thanks for those who are helping others during the crisis. The importance of a member-participant using the mute button on a Zoom meeting was apparent.

As far as your editor knows, there were no visiting Rotarians nor were there any guests, except for members' shut-in family members and some bored pets.

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# Notes and Announcements

**Herb** noted that this virtual meeting was the first full Club meeting in more than a month. He expressed pride in how the Club and many members have sprung into action to help the community. This includes donations to help needy families at West Broad Elementary School, plus Mid-Ohio Foodbank, YWCA Columbus, and Homeless Families Foundation, as well as deliveries for the Meals on Wheels program. Herb noted that the Club is learning and adapting as the crisis goes on. He welcomes any suggestions.

Herb provided a reminder that the May 1 fundraiser has been postponed.

**Joe Valentino** has obtained a new date for the fundraiser of August 14, still at the National Veterans Memorial and Museum. Joe will send an invitation for a Zoom meeting of the Fundraising Committee. Herb noted that the fundraiser is still critical to the Club's efforts to gather funds for its charitable work, and encouraged each member to donate or secure at least one silent or live auction item, and to provide sponsorships.

Herb also summarized Monday night's board meeting:

- The board approved the new member application of Ua Chamberlain, whose name alone seems to be enough to qualify him for membership.
- The Rotary March Membership Madness program has been paused, but will resume for a month after in-person meetings are held again.
- The board approved the purchase of 500 health masks made by Mayan Families in Guatemala, at the trade school that the Club has supported. These are available to Club members. Please contact Milt Lustnauer to obtain one.
- The three lunches that were cancelled in March due to the pandemic will be credited to future lunches, and there will be no billing for future lunches until in-person meetings restart.
- The board approved a payment of \$5,000 to District 6690 to support food banks in the District.

Harassment was conducted via a slide show prepared by **Brian Hall**. Brian was said to be unavailable to present the slide show himself, because he had raced to Kroger on Henderson Road in anticipation of a rumored new shipment of toilet paper. The slide show consisted of photos allegedly of various Club members using dubious homemade personal protective equipment. Fines are owed by everyone, and can be paid as gifts to local charities which the Club is supporting and which are doing good work serving the needy during the current crisis.

Those wishing to "pay fines" and help our local partner organizations in need could choose to support any of these local partner service organizations who are desperately needing support right now:

### Homeless Families Foundation:

<https://homelessfamiliesfoundation.org/give/in-kind.html>

### YWCA Family Center:

<https://www.ywacolumbus.org/get-involved/donate-now/make-a-material-donation/>

### Mid-Ohio Food Bank:

<https://give.midohiofoodbank.org/default.aspx?tsid=14708>

### Meals on Wheels (donate or volunteer to deliver meals):

<https://lifecare.mowscheduler.com/helpwanted>

## ROTARIANS STAYING SAFE: PHOTOS FROM THIS WEEK'S HARASSMENT



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