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**Ryan Miller, Founder and Amy Hoying, Executive Director,** gave an update on the Second & 7 Foundation. The Second & 7 Foundation was founded in 1999 by OSU Football players Luke Fickell, Ryan Miller and Mike Vrabel. Their first year, they were able to read to second graders in seven schools -Thus the name origin of the foundation. Their first school was West Broad Street Elementary. Despite each of the founders taking different career directions, their mission continues to grow and impact both Student-Athletes and young readers.

OSU Athletic Director Gene Smith facilitated athletes reading in Columbus Public and Southwestern City Schools. This effort now includes 35 sports and 1000's of athletes. When OSU Lacrosse Coach Joe Breschi left to Coach at North Carolina, he contacted Second & 7 to expand their cause at UNC. Through coaching hires and reassignments, Second & 7 now has 200 programs in 26 states.

As costs for books increased, Second & 7 started their own book series. OSU Football Coach John Cooper referred to their Offensive Linemen as "Hog Mollies" and this was adopted as the foundation for the book series. Characters included "Harley, Hoppy, Duke and Sprout." Themes for the stories include Kindness is

Contagious, Practice to Your Best, and Respect. Each year, a new story is published and they are currently on their 15th edition.

Amy Hoying describes her effort as the ideal way to give back to the community. She gets to combine her love of reading with a passion to help others. In the early years, they did not track their numbers well, but today it is measured precisely. Their mission is simple: Read to kids and give them a free book. The group stays focused on this mission and it has served them well through the growth.

She told the story of a young student that had moved around the country several times and ultimately back to Ohio. His Second & 7 book had survived all of these moves and was still in pristine condition. While many of us have loads of books in our homes, it is not the case for everyone. Their group has made an impact on young people.

During Covid, Second & 7 put all of their books online. However, they still want kids to have their own books. Paper is now in short supply and is challenging their mission. They continue their book series with ideas from schools and teachers.



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## GREETERS

**April 26**

Amberly Windisch  
Brian Bainbridge

**May 3**

N/A

**May 10**

N/A

## REGISTRATION DESK

**April 26**

Dick Stone  
Jeanine Hummer

**May 3**

John Cleland  
John Hansel

**May 10**

Jim Hamilton  
Rich Simpson

## CALENDAR

**April 26 - Scioto CC/ZOOM**

Former State Rep **Jim Aslanides**,  
President of Ohio Oil and Gas  
Association, MFC Drilling, Inc.  
Host: John Krauss

**May 3 - Scioto CC/ZOOM**

**Beth Gibson**, CEO/Founder  
*Buddy Up For Life*  
Host: Andy Livingston

**May 10 - Raymond Memorial/  
ZOOM**

**Connie Strebe**, Tolles Director  
and **Ava Riley**, UAHS/Tolles  
student *Tolles Career and  
Technical Center and  
Experience of a UAHS student*

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## OUR NEXT MEETING

**APRIL 26TH**  
Scioto Country Club/Zoom

Upper Arlington  
**Rotary**  
Club



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## SECOND & 7 FOUNDATION

### Q&A:

Their foundation impacts 26 states with 200 programs. One staffer manages Ohio and one manages all other states.

For a Student-Athlete, their commitment to read is approximately 30 minutes per session.

The Student-Athletes find their effort very rewarding. For many, they never realized their impact to young people.

They receive no public funding. Fundraising is a non-stop effort that includes 8-Ball Tournaments, Bourbon Tasting and Golf Outings. They also have a Super Bowl fundraising effort that where sponsors agree to a contribution for every 2nd & 7 down during the game.

More information is available at  
[www.secondandseven.com](http://www.secondandseven.com)

## THE MEETING



The April 19, 2022 Upper Arlington Rotary Meeting was held in person at Scioto Country Club with online access to members available via Zoom.

**Milt Lustnauer** led the meeting for a vacationing President **Joe Valentino**. Prayer and Pledge was led by **Steve Rish**.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: UA Councilman and Tri-Village Rotarian **Jim Lynch** was in attendance.

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:



**Milt Lustnauer** informed the group that April 19 is the birthday of Paul Harris and being a Paul Harris Fellow is a great way to support Rotary's mission.

**Herb Gillen** led harassment that cost members a dollar for missing Rotary pins. His UA Rotary history questions revealed that **Doug Sandbo** is our only remaining Charter Member, **Ginny Barney** was the club's first female President, and the NW Woman of the Year award began in 1974.

After gathering dust for a couple of years, the birthday wheel reappeared and April Birthdays were spared from expense, but all others contributed their dollar.

