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Brendan King introduced the speaker, **Tim Moloney**. Tim became Executive Director of the Franklin County Metro Parks in November 2014 and leads a seven county Metro Parks system. Tim was previously Upper Arlington's Parks and Recreation Director. Before his Upper Arlington experience, Tim held recreation management positions with the cities of Westerville and Columbus.

Tim noted that Metro Parks was founded in 1945, with the first park, Blacklick Woods, opening in 1948. Metro Parks' longtime policy was to buy land that became available. During Tim's tenure, the agency has focused more on creating parks that are close to where people live, such as the new Quarry Trails Park. This policy can be challenging to implement because the tracts that become available are typically not huge.

Tim spoke at length about Quarry Trails. He said this park is not finished yet, and is still sort of like a construction project acting like a park. Tim expressed appreciation for the passage of the 2018 levy which allowed for the funding of this park.

Quarry Trails has features that include trails, trees, natural areas where trumpeter swans, ospreys and eagles can breed, and the first urban via ferrata in the world. A via ferrata is a way to traverse a rock wall horizontally, and the version in this park has attracted national media attention.

Other popular activities at Quarry Trails include the use of stand-up paddleboards, aka "SUPs" and the sledding hill.

Tim also described the development of the new Great Southern Metro Park, which is behind the Great Southern shopping center. This park initially is only 60 acres, with wetlands and trails. Tim described the park as transformational for the neighborhood, which has a number of challenges. The expectation is for the park to expand to a nearby 1,100 acre quarry. Metro Parks is also working with AEP and the State of Ohio to extend the Scioto Trail to this park, from Scioto Audubon Park.

Finally, Tim described the development of the new Bank Run Park, which is south of Obetz and north of Lockborne. Metro Parks purchased the land from the YMCA, which for many years used the land for camps.

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GREETERS

April 16
Frank Pacetta
Steve Rish

April 23
Matt Rule
Lou Sauter

April 30
Eric Stoll
Tom Sugar

REGISTRATION DESK

April 16
Dick Stone
Janine Hummer

April 23
Kevin Brown
Brian Hall

April 30
Ted Foster
Brendan King

CALENDAR

April 16 - Scioto CC/Zoom
Ruchelle L Pride, Interim
Director, Economic Development
& Planning – Franklin County
Restorative Justice Programs
Host: Jeanine Hummer

April 23 - Scioto CC/Zoom
Emelia Sheeley,
Angelica Aguilar, Riverview
International Center
Host: Barri Jones

April 30 - Scioto CC/Zoom
Jeff Perrin, Kentucky Derby:
Jockeys, Horses,
and Qualifications
Host: Kip Greenhill

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OUR NEXT MEETING

APRIL 16TH
Scioto Country Club/Zoom

Upper Arlington
Rotary
Club



THE MEETING



Andy Livingston opened the meeting, which was held in person at Scioto Country Club and also via Zoom.

Ralph Griffith provided the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

Rich Irelan of the Olentangy Rotary Club was a visiting Rotarian, as was Assistant District Governor **Bryan Lane** of the same Club.

Norm Essey introduced his guest **Terry Starr**, who is also a potential new member, as is additional guest **Bob Nolan**.

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Sandra Cotter thanked **Jeri Diehl Cusack**, who was the morning's Roundtable speaker, on the subject of notable dates in April for US Presidents.

Milt Lustnauer announced that the next social gathering is on May 2 from 5-7 pm, at Pickle and Chill, 880 W. Henderson Road, for fun centered on pizza and pickleball. Club members, significant others, potential members and children aged 8+ are welcome. Please text or email Milt if you want to attend.

Assistant District Governor **Bryan Lane** offered his thanks for the opportunity to go on a Guatemala trip with Club members.

Eric Stoll encouraged sponsorships and gifts of auction items for the May 14 fundraiser, to be held at the Amelito Mirolo Barn. Please let Eric or **John Krauss** know of your interest in either.

John Krauss, dressed akin to the stars of the Yellowstone TV series, noted that the fundraiser will be western barn-themed, and admonished members that per the Barn's rules, there can be no swearing, fighting or cow-tipping.

Chip Knoop introduced **Dale Cory**, who manages the Bed Brigade projects that the Club has been involved in since 2018. Dale thanked the Club for both its volunteer efforts and its financial support of over \$20,000. He noted that over the years, 500 beds have been delivered to families thanks to the Club's work. Chip thanked **Jim Nicklaus** and **Tim Kellogg** for bringing the Bed Brigade to the Club's attention. **Andy Livingston** encouraged participation by members who have not volunteered previously.



FRIENDS OF UPPER ARLINGTON PARKS

The Friends of Upper Arlington Parks will be planting trees at Northwest Kiwanis and Thompson Parks on Saturday, April 20 starting at 9:00 AM. We will be planting approximately 200 native understory trees and bushes at each park, including dogwoods, plums, and hazelnuts.

When the tree planting at Northwest Kiwanis Parks is completed, we will move to Thompson Park to work on Habitat Restoration until 12:00 noon. Volunteers do not need to commit to the entire morning; they are welcome to participate for just a portion of the morning, as their schedule permits.

Some tools and gloves are provided, but feel free to bring your own. Volunteers should wear long pants and appropriate footwear. Volunteers planning to plant trees should bring a shovel.

SORTING OUT WHERE TO CONTRIBUTE

Where do your contributions go? There are three main organizations where we as Upper Arlington Rotarians direct our Rotary giving. Sometimes it can be confusing, so here is something to hopefully help keep things straight.

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Rotary International Foundation	\$125 Club, Paul Harris and Polio Plus	244 Daniel Burnham Sq. Columbus, OH 43215	Debbie Johnson	debbiejohnson33@gmail.com