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Herb Gillen introduced Ohio State Senator **Bill DeMora**. They met each other while at OSU. Bill was President of College Democrats and Herb President of College Republicans. They were also Senate Pages. Herb explained, that even with their political differences, they have remained very good friends.

DeMora grew up in Euclid where his father was a member of the City Council. He is a “larger than life” OSU fan describing his OSU themed office, and displaying OSU tie and socks. As State Senator for the 25th District, his constituents include Upper Arlington then North and East through the Linden area almost to Westerville.

Current issues at the State include a Special Session called by Governor add President Biden to the Fall ballot. The Legislature is adjusting ballot procedures. Ohio has 90-day certification requirement, due August 7, and the Democratic Convention is scheduled after this date.

The State Senate is currently evaluating Property Tax Valuation for review and revision. As prices have increased, taxes have escalated as well. There is an effort to freeze rates for Seniors that pass a means test of income, owner’s age, and ten years as a homeowner. Homestead exemption limits are being discussed as well.

DeMora is also working to revamp Liquor Licensing. Currently, there are two different requirements where signatures needed from 50 to 10% of precinct depending on the type of license. He explained that his campaign required 50 signatures for him to be candidate for the Legislature.

Senator DeMora has also introduced legislation to protect full time election workers. Judges and police officers have public records hidden. There have been incidents where people have knocked on doors and demonstrated at residences. There have been “Swatting” incidents as well.

The Legislature is responsible for approving the General Operation Budget (passed with bipartisan support), the Transportation Budget (Passed) and the Capital Projects Budget. Capital Projects has yet to be approved because the State Senate and State Representatives can not agree on legislation. As a result, only 16 bills have been passed this year. As bills move through the legislative process, items get added changing impact and purpose that ultimately end consideration. DeMora explained that there is not much Legislative discussion because there is not much being done.

Q&A:

Gerrymandering issue led by Citizens, not Politicians will probably be on the November ballot. It will address the Redistricting issue through the formulation of a Citizen Committee.

Could possibly see a \$15 per hour Minimum wage bill in November.

Locally, COTA is working to have a “Link Us” ballot issue.

Housing Issues/Home Rule issues have started in Committee. He is not a proponent of Statewide zoning, but density requirements need to be reviewed to address changing housing needs.

Capital Budget was due in April. No voting yet. Nobody knows the schedule.

DeMora feels leadership needs to meet and have discussions. He has a “Bourbon Caucus” that meets to discuss issues.

CLICK HERE to view this meeting and all previously recorded Rotary meetings

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OUR NEXT MEETING

JUNE 4TH

Scioto Country Club/Zoom

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THE MEETING



The May 28, 2024 Upper Arlington Rotary Meeting at The Boathouse with online access to members available via Zoom.

President **Andy Livingston** rang the bell to officially start the meeting with Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance led by **Steve Turnbull**.

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Night of Zacapa Dinner is scheduled for July 25. Cost for this fundraising event is \$175. New members are invited at no charge. Look for email registration.

Peggy Concilla coordinated a playground build at Lower.com stadium last Thursday. UA Rotarians were helped construct one of 14 playsets built at the project.

Chip Knoop thanked **Ned Clark** and others that participated in Senior Service Saturday. Two yards were cleaned. Community Service Committee will meet on June 3 to review three requests. **Barri Jones** needs 8-10 Rotarians for a Furniture Bank project on June 8.

Jack Cotter announced the next Rotary Roundtable will be on June 4. **Rick Barth** will continue discussion of the JFK assassination beginning at 11:00AM.

Bill Hosket reminded the club that Grad Day is June 4th. Please submit a photo and details regarding your graduate to herb@herbgillien.com ASAP.

Milt Lustnauer detailed our next Club Social -June 10 at Sow Plated. We will then have a dine around at Lane Avenue. Sign-ups are on the tables or contact Milt.

John Huneck announced the birth of a new granddaughter, **Willa Louise**.



JOIN YOUR ROTARY FRIENDS FOR ROTARY DINE-A-ROUND

Join your fellow Rotarians and guests as we dine at several of our area's top establishments. This is a great opportunity to enjoy fun times with your Rotary friends and is also a great opportunity to introduce your friends to Rotary. Contact Milt Lustnauer for more information or to RSVP at 614-209-2337 or milt@miltssellshomes.com.

Schedule:

6:00 PM Apps and cocktails at SOW Plated compliments of your UA Rotary Club

7:15 PM Dinner time - you will be assigned to either Rusty Bucket or SOW Plated. Dinner assignments provided at that time

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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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