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**UA Chamberlain** introduced **Joshua Doran**, President and CEO of Veteran Companion Animal Services. His organization, "Rescues Dogs to Rescue Veterans." Joshua's background includes joining the US Army in 2008 and serving in Afghanistan in 2011 with the 37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team. When he returned, he felt lost in the transition to civilian life. He was struggling and was admittedly in a dark place. His dog, Scrappy, was lifeline when he needed one. He ultimately graduated from Indiana University.

Doran founded VCAS to enrich the lives of Veterans and Military Families. Veterans are currently committing suicide at a rate of 22 per day. This is far more than casualties of combat. The organization coordinates placement of Rescue Dogs to applicants based on an interview, home visit, and one year placement assistance (pet food and vet care).

Dogs give our Veterans structure and purpose. Applicants are not required to demonstrate any type of diagnosis (PTSD, etc.) to be part of the program. They are required to complete a seven-week training program and agree to follow-up home visits.

The program has transferred into social gatherings for members that includes cook-outs, com-

munity events, and family gatherings. They have placed 34 dogs impacting 85 families. Currently, they are placing nearly three dogs each month.

Feedback from their Veterans includes, "I don't have a pet, I have a family member in my apartment." Another commented, "He helps keep things calm."

VCAS is constantly looking for financial support and is a 501c3. They are also having a golf outing on September 10 at Safari Golf Course. More information is available at [vcascharity.org](http://vcascharity.org) or contact Joshua: [Joshua.dolan@vcascharity.org](mailto:Joshua.dolan@vcascharity.org)

Phone: 740 722 3011.

### Q&A

- "Service Animals" (with identification) should serve a specific purpose and yes, some people display their dogs inappropriately.
- A neighbor, Vietnam Veteran, was transformed by his dog. It did amazing things for him.
- Most of the candidate dogs pass their evaluation. Only one placement has not worked as planned.
- Most of their dogs are sourced from the Humane Society of Delaware County.



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## OUR NEXT MEETING

### JULY 25TH

Scioto Country Club/Zoom

Upper Arlington  
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## THE MEETING



The July 18, 2023 Upper Arlington Rotary Meeting at Raymond Memorial Golf Club with online access to members available via Zoom. President **Andy Livingston** rang the bell to begin the meeting with Invocation and Pledge led by **Dave Dewey**.

Guests: There were no Guests.

Visiting Rotarians: There were no visiting Rotarians.

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:



President Livingston extended a special thanks to **Anne Croskey**, **Don Trotter**, and **Dave Shelby** for making the arrangements to mobilize our club meeting to Raymond.

**Chip Knoop** thanked Rotarians that assisted with the Furniture Bank Build.

**Mike Kull** needs 6-10 Rotary Volunteers for an event at Home for Families. They are sponsoring a walk, Not One Child, Not One Night, to end homelessness on Sunday, July 30th. He is looking for help from 2:30 to 4:00 to assist with clean-up.

**Jessica Grisez**, on behalf of the Upper Arlington Community Foundation, is seeking 10 volunteers to staff a water station during the Grandview Yard Half & Quarter Marathon on Sunday, August 6. Please contact her at [jessica@uacommunityfoundation.org](mailto:jessica@uacommunityfoundation.org) 614-451-0700

**Alan Yarletts** announced that plans at UAHS for Interact are happening now. This year, two students will attend our meetings as guests each month.

Please respond to an email request for updated UA Rotary Membership Directory information.

Andy reminded members of our club objective to attend three outside activities per year.



## 2023-24 ROTARY DIRECTORY UPDATES

It is time for us to update our annual membership directory. If you've changed addresses, jobs, contact information, etc., you need to be sure that your information gets updated with the club. Please visit [https://uarotary.org/wp-content/uploads/documents/2023-24\\_Rotary\\_Directory\\_updates\\_form.pdf](https://uarotary.org/wp-content/uploads/documents/2023-24_Rotary_Directory_updates_form.pdf) or email Tanya Westerviller, Rotary Photographer at [twesterviller@twc.com](mailto:twesterviller@twc.com) with your updates.



## UA ROTARY VOLUNTEERS AT FURNITURE BANK

Our club and several members from the UA High School Interact Club volunteered at Central Ohio Furniture Bank on Saturday, July 15th. Thanks to everyone who helped!

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# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: UPPER ARLINGTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Grandview Yard Half & Quarter Marathon, 5K | Sunday, August 6, 7am

The OhioHealth Grandview Half & Quarter Marathon and 5K runs through Upper Arlington. Proceeds from each registration benefit the Upper Arlington Community Foundation. The Foundation seeks volunteers to staff a water station located in Upper Arlington.

Sign up [HERE](#)

About the race: [rungrandviewyard.com](http://rungrandviewyard.com)

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: HOMES FOR FAMILIES COMMUNITY WALK

Volunteers needed for Homes for Families Community Walk

**Where:** Wolfe Park

**When:** Sunday, July 30, 3:00-4:30 p.m.

10 Volunteers needed to help Homes for Families staff cleanup Wolfe Park after Community Walk.

**Contact:** Mike Kull: [cmkull180@gmail.com](mailto:cmkull180@gmail.com)

# 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.

ORGANIZATION	DONATION DESIGNATIONS	ADDRESS	MEMBER CONTACT	EMAIL
Upper Arlington Rotary Club	Club dues	P.O. Box 12013 Columbus, OH 43212	Peggy Concilla	<a href="mailto:plc@columbus.rr.com">plc@columbus.rr.com</a>
Upper Arlington Rotary Foundation	Annual \$250 and some other club funding requests	1704 Sundridge Dr. Columbus, OH 43221	Andy Livingston	<a href="mailto:andy.w.livingston@gmail.com">andy.w.livingston@gmail.com</a>
Rotary International Foundation	\$125 Club, Paul Harris and Polio Plus	244 Daniel Burnham Sq. Columbus, OH 43215	Debbie Johnson	<a href="mailto:debbiejohnson33@gmail.com">debbiejohnson33@gmail.com</a>