JOHN PEREZ
VISTA VILLAGE

Vista Village has identified land off Refugee Road that it is planning to develop into a neighborhood that includes a community center, transitional housing in the form of 41 small modular homes, and programs that will help residents improve their lives, become and remain sober, gain skills and employment, become self-sufficient, and eventually buy their own homes. This approach will be innovative and could have a significant impact on how homelessness is addressed nationwide.

Ned Clark announced our speaker, **John Perez** with Vista Village, a group that is working to create innovative solutions to homelessness in the Southwest side of Columbus. The concept of Vista Village was initiated in 2019 when John and his group began to research what the City of Columbus was doing about homelessness.

Like most cities, Columbus was offering low-income housing, but no safety net. John's group then looked across the country for models and ideas for providing homeless people with opportunities to improve their lives, including acquiring well-paying jobs that allow them to eventually buy their own homes.

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THE MEETING

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

Tim Kellogg provided the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

Visiting Rotarians: **Sue Cody**

Guests: **Katie Oberlin**, guest of **Steve Schoeny**

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Steve Sandbo: Updated the Club on the outstanding Zacapa event held last week at Steve's home, which netted $5,000 for the Guatemala project. From Steve, thank you to everyone who attended, and to Steve, thank you for your generosity hosting this event again this year, and for all you do for Guatemala and our Club.

Peggy Concilla: Reminded the Club that there will be a Community Service meeting at 5:30pm next Monday at Trinity United Methodist.

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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Upper Arlington Rotary Club	Club dues	P.O. Box 12013 Columbus, OH 43212	Peggy Concilla	plc@columbus.rr.com
Upper Arlington Rotary Foundation	Annual $250 and some other club funding requests	1704 Sundridge Dr. Columbus, OH 43221	Andy Livingston	andy.w.livingston@gmail.com
Rotary International Foundation	$125 Club, Paul Harris and Polio Plus	244 Daniel Burnham Sq. Columbus, OH 43215	Debbie Johnson	debbiejohnson33@gmail.com