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Jeanine Hummer introduced Franklin County Engineer, **Cornell Robertson**. Robertson has been the lead for the County since 2017, but has worked his way through the ranks since joining the office in 1992. He is an OSU Graduate, is a P.E., and he is also a registered Surveyor. He lives in Hilliard with his wife, Jill, and their three children. He is also a member of the Columbus Rotary.

The Franklin County Engineer has four branches: Engineering, HR, Operations, and Fiscal. Land Surveying is a critical function of the office. The origins of the office were "County Surveyor" in 1883. His office maintains land records, land maps, railroad Right of Way records, private maps, and tax maps. Surveys are verified and reviewed with every land sale in Franklin County.

The office also promotes Youth Programs. They have a Touch A Truck event scheduled for October 19th at the Hilliard Fairgrounds. The Engineer's Office has shadow and STEM events for elementary students, Mentorships for High School age, and Internships for college and beyond.

The Engineer's Office also maintains Transportation Infrastructure. As the county grows, the office is challenged to work with entities within the County to develop strategies to handle traffic. The office maintains 800 lane miles of roadway, 148 culverts, and 357 bridges. Bridges are inspected annually. 47 bridges are over 100 years old, and 96 over 75 years. 9 are in poor condition and will be scheduled for rebuilding/replacement.

Cornell Robertson is also the County Drainage Engineer -appointed by Franklin County Commissioners. This position maintains ditches, drains, and open water; again, working with various governments within the County.

The Engineer's staff is responsible for 1200 lanes miles of snow and ice removal. The additional lane miles are the result of Inter Government Agreements (IGA). They sell rock salt and fuel at pass through pricing to their community partners. Robertson stated that they are an agency of action, working with ODOT, Townships, Cities and Villages within the County.

Q&A:

- Mounds exist in the middle of Round-A-Bouts in order to deter drivers from looking through the intersection so that they may focus attention to their left. They also shield headlights at night.
- Typically, Round-A-Bouts require less Right of Way than a traditional intersection. Traditional intersections typically have turn lanes that require additional land. They benefit of the RAB is that all traffic must slow to enter the intersection and this results in a more efficient traffic movement.
- The Intel Project is going to require a lot of staff resources in the NE part of Franklin County. The 20-minute drive corridor includes much of this area. 605 and Walnut Street have just received \$5 million from ODOT.
- Bike Trails and Walking Trails are included in all project designs. We have a "Mobility Department." UA has a trail system from Lane Ave to the Trabue Rd bridge that is an example of this commitment.
- Former County Engineer, John Circle (Kevin Brown's FIL) envisioned and "Outer, Outer Belt." Robertson believes that anything like this will be completed in sections where needed.
- Wilson Bridge Road is not a County Project. (Follow-up email: ODOT expects this project to complete on 8/25. Deterioration was more severe than anticipated)

He concluded his presentation with a picture from 1988. Cornell Robertson was a recipient of the Pike County (Waverly) Rotary Scholarship winner.

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GREETERS

August 22
Sandra Cotter
Scott Emch

August 29
Steve Frame
Jessica Grisez

September 5
Bill Hosket
Tim Irwin

REGISTRATION DESK

August 22
Dick Stone
Janine Hummer

August 29
Kevin Brown
Brian Hall

September 5
Ted Foster
Brendan King

CALENDAR

August 22 - Scioto CC/Zoom
Tim May – Ohio State
Football Update
Host: Wayne Harer

August 29 - Scioto CC/Zoom
Tracy Ensign – Executive Director
of After School All Stars
Host: Jessica Grisez

**September 5 -
Raymond Memorial**
Alexis Ledezma and Beth
Buehler – Young Lives

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SOCIAL EVENTS

Please submit your social event reminder to herb@herbgillen.com for inclusion in the Rotaryview Newsletter.

OUR NEXT MEETING

AUGUST 22ND
Scioto Country Club/Zoom

Upper Arlington
Rotary
Club



THE MEETING



The August 15, 2023 Upper Arlington Rotary Meeting at Scioto Country 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 **Michelle Hoyle**.

Steve Schoeny welcomed **Jackie Thiel**, Upper Arlington Assistant City Manager; and **Carla Odebralski**, UA City Engineer.

President Livingston welcomed **Rod Essig** -neighbor, friend and prospective member. **Jeanine Hummer** was joined by **Nick Soulas**, Government Affairs Liaison with Franklin County Engineer's Office.

Visiting Rotarians: **Brian Lane** - Olentangy Club, Assistant District Governor
Marylin Mason -Worthington AM

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Kevin Brown - Has a stray kitten looking for a new home. Contact him if you are interested.

Rich Simpson - He has UA Cheerleader Car Wash Tickets.

Brian Lane - District 6690 is having a Rotalk Event in Lancaster on September 30. He promised that, "You'll be a better Rotarian" if you attend.

Dave Dewey - Three Rotary Peace Poles will be placed (2 in UA, 1 in Grandview). These are eight sided poles that simply promote World Peace. The events are scheduled for 5:30 on September 11 at the High School and 6:30 at the Municipal Building. More details to come.

Marylin Mason - Promoting Worthington Club OSU Football Ticket Raffle for all home games. Tickets are \$20 each or 3 for \$50.

Alan Yarletts - Interact will kick off its 10th year at the High School. Students will assist with Bed Brigade, they have a picnic later that day. 28 kids are registered this year.

Andy Livingston - **Jack** and **Sandra Cotter** will be hosting Roundtable beginning in September.

Board Meeting was held Monday August 14th. Approved \$12,500 for West Broad Street Coat Drive. Setup will be November 9, coats distributed November 10. The club has three new members: Transfer Member Susan Coady, and new members Devon Henry and Robert Hunt. Board also accepted the resignation of David DeCapua.



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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