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Herb Gillen introduced Ohio Lieutenant Governor **Jon Husted**. Husted has had over 20 years in public service including stints as a State Representative, Speaker of the Ohio House and Secretary of State. He is a native of northwest Ohio from Montpelier in Williams County. He is a graduate of the University of Dayton.

Jon acknowledged that he was in the presence of a number of other assistant governors today.

At the outset, Lieutenant Governor Husted noted that service is essential for the health of all communities from the most local level to the national level. He cited a quote from Gandhi that if you want to find yourself, lose yourself in the service of others. You need to find a mission that is bigger than yourself and throw yourself into it.

During travels throughout the state for the past few weeks he has participated in ribbon cuttings and announcements which reflect the state of Ohio's growth. We are creating jobs faster than we can find people to fill them. There are currently over 210,000 job openings in the state and 116,000 of those jobs pay \$50,000 per year or more. Employers are struggling to find people to fill the positions. One part of the shortage of candidates is the fact that people are not trained to fill the available slots.

Ohio is arguably the go-to state in the Midwest. No state has matched the number of expansions two years in a row. Ohio was selected number one by Site Selection Magazine for the number of new expansions and business investment in the nation. Two reasons for the state's rise are the trend toward re-shoring businesses and also the high cost of doing business on the coasts.

Husted recalled how Ohio has come a long way since he was growing up in NW Ohio. His father worked in a factory which employed 400 people in a town of 4,000 when the factory shut down during the advent of globalization. Globalization's impact on many communities was difficult to deal with. Husted's family had to move to find employment elsewhere. This was not an unusual situation in many small communities throughout the state.

In this atmosphere, John took his first post-graduate job in economic development with the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce. Selling Ohio as a place to do business was not easy. In meetings with business site selectors he was told that they believed Ohio was a post-industrial, dying, rust belt state with high taxes and no growth.

When Lieutenant Governor Husted was Speaker of the House in 2005 the Ohio tax code was targeted for reform. Taxes on inventory, a corporate franchise tax and the tangible personal property tax were all eliminated. Over many years and under the leadership of several governors and legislatures the Ohio tax code was modernized into a moderate to low tax state. During this time the budget was balanced.

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As companies can no longer afford to do things on the coasts they are turning to Ohio – and Central Ohio is winning a disproportionate share of those moves. Just in the past two years 27 companies have picked Ohio over California and east coast locations. Other examples of Ohio's resurgence include Peloton building their U.S. manufacturing facility in Wood County, Amgen coming to Central Ohio, Google spending over \$1 billion in Central Ohio (New Albany, south Columbus and Lancaster) and First Solar coming to Ohio as the only non-Chinese solar panel manufacturer.

Underlying all of these positive trends is one problem which needs to be addressed. The problem is that we do not have enough people with the skills to fill the jobs that are being created. We need to do a great job, not just a good job, of educating the next generation of Ohio workers. Technology is a common thread in all of the industries and their respective employee needs. Tech is everywhere.

More money has been committed by the state to help high schools educate more students with career technology credentials. Emphasis needs to be placed on getting students into the right kind of career programs. Depending on the year, approximately 40% of all students in Ohio graduate from high school with neither a career credential that will lead to a job nor a college-ready education.

The existing workforce also has tools available to adapt to changing times. A program called Tech Credit will provide a credential that will make people more employable. It is available at no cost to the worker. The credential-focused training sometimes come with college credit attached. Apprenticeships and internships are important

components of workforce development. In addition, apprenticeships and internships can serve as tools to keep students in the state after graduation. If we couple these programs with quality places to live and great schools we increase the probability that well-trained workers will stay in Ohio. Cash payments and tax breaks are not as persuasive as quality of life and great education in retaining talent in Ohio.

Lieutenant Governor Husted stated that we need more vocal advocates for the policies and programs which are available to promote workforce development and business growth in the state. We need to help folks navigate through the available opportunities. Too many people and businesses are simply unaware of what is out there.



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John Cleland introduced visiting Rotarian and Assistant District Governor **Wolf Lant**. **Herb Gillen** introduced his guest **Lou Sauter**. **Angela Lanctot** introduced her guest **Katie Hegarty**, Executive Assistant to Lieutenant Governor Husted.

Joe Valentino announced that our September 7 meeting will be at Schmidt's Reception House at Raymond Memorial.

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Milt Lustnauer promoted the fundraiser and had a supply of Crew shirts to distribute to folks who could answer fundraiser-related questions. **Chip Knoop** was volunteered to quarterback the shirt distribution process with the following results:

- Completion percentage: 33.3% (1 for 3)
- Three table pass to Clary – short and incomplete
- Two table pass to Hoyle – dropped pass
- Dink and Dunk pass to Long – complete
- NCAA QB Rating - 75.333

Everyone was encouraged to provide an auction item and folks were encouraged to consider a sponsorship. The fundraiser is scheduled for Friday, September 17 at the new Crew stadium – Lower.com Field.

Jeanine Hummer encouraged participation in the fundraiser raffle. Sign-up sheets were on the tables. It's simple. Provide your name, badge number and the number of tickets you want. She asked folks to stop texting her about the pricing scheme – pointing out that there is a free ticket if you buy five... it's not a mistake!

Tom Davis asked members who are interested in tutoring this fall at West Broad Elementary School to contact him. As it stands now masking will be mandatory at the school.

Assistant District Governor **Wolf Lant** promoted the District Fall Conference. He also announced that the Rotary International convention will be in Houston starting on June 4, 2022.

Steve Sandbo reported that over 70 Rotarians and five or six potential Rotarians attended the recent Night of Zacapa. Over \$4,000 was raised for the UA Rotary Foundation.

Price Finley thanked **Wolf Lant** for his extensive service over three years as an Assistant District Governor. **Dave Dewey** and **Ned Clark** will serve as Assistant Governors beginning in 2022 and **Steve Sandbo** will serve as a Zone Coordinator beginning in 2022.

Steve Lichtblau, reporting for the Sunshine Committee, announced that **Bob Whetzel** was hospitalized recently at University Hospital.



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2021 U.A. Rotary Fundraiser | September 17, 2021
NEW Lower.com Field | COLUMBUS, OH

96 Columbus Crew Way | Columbus, OH 43215
Friday, September 17, 2021 | 5:15pm - 10:00pm

It's going to be a great time for "our crew" to hit our fundraising goal this year! Please come with your spouse or significant other, and we hope you'll bring your friends. Group tours are available from 5:15-6:15.

Members and spouses participate free of charge; the guest charge is \$100.00 each. All charges are billed through your Club Charge, except for the cash bar.

Free parking/valet parking is available on the north side of the stadium. Dress is business casual/casual – after all it is a soccer stadium!

We look forward to seeing you there!

[Members RSVP here!](#)

UA Rotary 2021 Silent Auction

This year's silent auction will be held online and in-person. Bids will be accepted beginning Friday, September 10th at noon and bidding will be closed the night of our fundraiser Friday, September 17th at 9:00 PM.

[Donate a silent or live auction item or sponsor the event here](#)

[Visit our silent auction site here](#)