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**Brad DeHays** of ConnectRealty and **Tracy Kirby** of Alvis, both also members of the Club, were the speakers on the subject of Connect Housing Blocks (CHB). (Some of the following is taken from recent articles about CHB.)

Brad discussed how CHB has transformed the former and vacant 500,000 square foot warehouse on Westerville Road, which once served as a Schottenstein's distribution facility, into a modular home factory with capacity to build up to 1,700 modular housing units each year. These manufactured homes will play an important role in combating the critical housing shortage in Central Ohio and beyond.

In this process, steel framed units will emerge from the factory fully finished, including dry-wall, plumbing, wiring, insulation, windows, and fixtures. Steel framing allows units to be stacked up to seven stories high without additional support, and homes may then be assembled on a site within just weeks rather than the months typical of conventional construction methods.

CHB will counteract rising costs and other inefficiencies endemic to the traditional housing development industry by using technology and advanced manufacturing processes to reduce human error, reduce design and build time by 50%, and lower construction costs by 20%. Units are anticipated to use 50% less water and energy, provide 30% better thermal performance, and create 90% less construction and material waste than a traditional apartment unit.

The project will create approximately 300 new direct full-time jobs consisting of manufacturing line and prefabrication assembly workers, construction trainers, maintenance technicians, inventory specialists, quality control, HR, purchasing department personnel, health and safety personnel, IT personnel, engineers, equipment operators, general laborers, finance, and sales positions. All such jobs will pay rates above living wage for the project area.

CHB is partnering with local community groups to recruit employees locally. CHB hired automotive engineering experts to advise on processes being employed at the facility and adopted a training model that seeks to tear down barriers to entry in the industry.

Tracy shared a video about Alvis' work with women and children trying to find affordable housing. She described Alvis' relationship with CHB in particular, to provide modular and affordable apartment units for Alvis clients.



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## GREETERS

### September 19

Tim Kellogg  
Matt Kirby

### September 26

Don Leach  
Kelly Marlow

### October 3

Matt Hare  
Yvonne Perotti

## REGISTRATION DESK

### September 19

Jim Winfree  
Dave Shelby

### September 26

John Cleland

### October 3

Don Leach  
Brian Bainbridge

## CALENDAR

### September 19 - Scioto CC/Zoom

**Anthony D. Pierson – Officer**  
**Involved Shootings**  
Host: Jeanine Hummer

### September 26 - Scioto CC/Zoom

**David Uhl – Rotary District 6690**  
**District Governor**  
Host: Andy Livingston

### October 3 - Scioto CC/Zoom

**Andy Livingston & John Trapp –**  
**Membership Drive**

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## OUR NEXT MEETING

**SEPTEMBER 19TH**  
Scioto CC/Zoom

Upper Arlington  
**Rotary**  
Club



## THE MEETING



**Andy Livingston** opened the meeting, which was held in person at Scioto Country Club and also via Zoom.

**Brian Bainbridge** provided the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

**Tracy Kirby** introduced her guests **Jason Clayton** and **Nick Bankston**.

There were no visiting Rotarians.

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:



**Debbie Johnson** spoke about giving to Rotary International. She handed out envelopes to all attendees containing a letter with full details, including the global work that RI does, plus personalized information about current donation levels and the amount needed to reach the next Paul Harris Fellow level. The letter also explains the various ways to make a gift.

Debbie also announced members who had reached specific Paul Harris Fellow levels and/or 125 Club memberships, including **Barri Jones**, **Chris Aschinger**, **Connie Aschinger**, **John Cleland**, **Anne Croskey**, **Michelle Hoyle** and **Jim Winfree**.

**Andy Livingston** described the ceremonies for the presentation of new Peace Poles at UA High School and the Municipal Services Center, both of which were well attended by Club members, plus Interact members. Andy thanked **Dave Dewey** and **Ned Clark** for their work on these projects.

Andy also announced that **Tom McClain** will be rejoining the Club, and that **Ua Chamberlain** is taking a 6-month leave of absence in order to pursue further education. Ua's temporary departure creates a vacancy on the Club's board, and Andy is taking names of members who are interested in filling the vacancy, through June 30, 2024.

Andy also noted that **Whitney Logan** and **Glen Dugger** are preparing for the Dec. 12 holiday party, and there will be no regular meeting that day. Also, there will be no meetings on Dec. 26 and Jan. 2.

Three new members were inducted: **Brent Jackson** introduced **Devon Henry**, **Sandra Cotter** introduced **Sue Coady** and **John Trapp** introduced **Bob Hunt**. Andy thanked **John Trapp** and **Eric Stoll** for their efforts in recruiting and orienting new members.

Andy also noted that the Club's board has approved grants from the UA Rotary Charitable Foundation for these charitable programs: Bed Brigade, Santa's Silent Helpers, Women-to-Women, Upper Arlington Education Foundation and Divine Dignity.



## 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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Rotary International Foundation	\$125 Club, Paul Harris and Polio Plus	244 Daniel Burnham Sq. Columbus, OH 43215	Debbie Johnson	debbiejohnson33@gmail.com