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Assistant District Governor **Brian Lane** introduced our speaker, District 6690 Governor **David Uhl**. David is a member at Lancaster Rotary and served as the club's President in 2017-18 – the club's 100th anniversary year.

David acknowledged UA Rotary's service activities including, among other things, West Broad Elementary tutoring and coat distribution, bed brigade and activities in Guatemala. He pointed out the club's \$36,000 in contributions to the Rotary International Foundation in the past year, \$6,995 to Polio Plus, 23 new Paul Harris Fellows, and 82 members of the 125 Club. He also noted that since inception UA Rotary has contributed \$1,036,769 to the Rotary International Foundation.

The focus of Governor Uhl's comments was on District 6690's six priorities during the '23-'24 year.

1.) **Membership:** Rotary membership is an ongoing priority. Presently membership is basically staying level across the Rotary world. We have an ongoing need to recruit new members not just in District 6690 but throughout Rotary. David promoted the notion of an "Each One Bring One" program in October and November. Clubs who mount such a campaign will compete for a \$500 happy hour compliments of the District Governor.

2.) **Club leadership:** Clubs need to develop a deep leadership bench. David emphasized the importance of that depth and addressed two myths about club leadership. First, leadership does not take too much time and second, leadership does not involve too much training.

3.) **Peace:** Clubs throughout District 6690 are placing Peace Poles in their communities. David acknowledged UA Rotary's recent installation of two Peace Poles – one at UAHS and one at the Municipal Services Center. Peace is the foundation upon which hope is built. He cited Dolly Parton's Imagination Library project as a vehicle which advances the prospects for peace by helping to create a literate and engaged community. Some Rotary clubs support this project as part of their focus on peace.

4.) **Empowering girls:** David cited studies that suggest that, at the current post-pandemic rate of change, it would take 116 years to close the gender gap which exists in today's world. There is statistical evidence and academic research that indicates that girls begin to lose confidence between the ages of 10-14 and do not fully recover that confidence even into their thirties. This raises the question and the challenge to work to address the situation. Clubs are encouraged to consider initiatives to foster confidence and mentor young women.

5.) **Mental health:** Mental health is a Rotary initiative promoted by current RI President Gordon McNally. McNally's family was directly impacted by this issue. The issue of mental health has become even more prevalent since the pandemic. Unfortunately a stigma still remains around this issue. Dave encouraged clubs to consider programming to help folks recognize the signs of mental stress and the options available for someone experiencing such stress.

6.) **Polio Plus:** We are, quite possibly, less than three years away from realizing Rotary's long term goal of eradicating polio from the face of the earth. To achieve that milestone Rotarians must continue to support the effort. Rotary's ongoing campaign is

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currently active in over 100 countries around the world – working hard to assure that every child is immunized. Polio Plus has raised over \$2 billion over the years which has been leveraged to over \$10 billion. District 6690's goal in the current Rotary year is \$250,000 toward Polio Plus. This is an aggressive goal – substantially higher than in past years. Rotarians who provide a sustaining contribution of \$100 per year will enter the Polio Plus Society.

David also gave a shout-out to the return of “Socktober” – the campaign to donate socks to be provided to those in need is returning this year.

Finally he closed with the notion of hope – a concept which underlies so many of RI's initiatives. He noted that “Hope has two sisters”: Anger and Courage. We should be angry when we see humanitarian issues which are not right and should be corrected. We need to have the courage to work to address those issues.

THE MEETING



President **Andy Livingston** called the meeting to order and asked **Jack Cotter** to offer the invocation and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mike Brady introduced visiting Rotarians PDG **Steve Heiser**, President **Manana Fribley** and Club Manager **Margo Plaskovich** from the Columbus club; ADG **Brian Lane** from Olentangy and **Tony Wolters** from Bergh Holland. Tony was a Rotary exchange student in West Jefferson in 1993.



Debbie Johnson encouraged contributions to the Rotary International Foundation. She acknowledged past and ongoing contributions of club members – particularly those major donors who continue to contribute at the highest levels. She asked **Bill Kraft** to share why he chooses to support the Foundation. Bill shared two reasons. First, he is motivated by the fact that fate put him in a position to help others who have not been provided the same advantages. Second, when he joined Rotary he was encouraged and motivated by club leaders **Don Cook**, **Len Zane** and **John Miller**. Their passion and commitment to the cause have stayed with him.

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Milt Lustnauer thanked **Jaime Sisto** for organizing the recent Bocce Ball social outing at the Columbus Italian Club.

Steve Heiser thanked the UA Rotary members who stepped up and contributed to a charitable project that he and **Bob Long** worked together on.

Doug Goddard reminded us that November 9 is “coat day” at West Broad Elementary School. Fundraising is now underway on the Bonzi website or via a check payable to the UA Rotary Foundation. Our club's total commitment is \$12,500 with the club's ultimate contribution being determined by how much is contributed directly by individual members.



John Trapp announced that our membership drive will be rolling out in October.

Visiting Rotarian **Tony Wolters** presented club flags from his home club in Holland to **Andy Livingston** and District Governor **David Uhl**. Andy welcomed him and spontaneously created a new member category for Tony – “foreign member”.

ROTARY ROUNDTABLE

Our next Rotary Roundtable on October 17 at 11 am will feature Scott Lerdon, Colonel, ANG, 121st Wing Commander, Air Refueling and his wife Elena (Lt Col, USAF, retired) sharing their experiences and showing our tax dollars at work!

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BOCCE AT COLUMBUS ITALIAN CLUB

UA Rotary members enjoyed a night out at our bocce social event at the Columbus Italian Club on September 21st. Thanks to all members who came out!



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	concillapl@gmail.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