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**Jaime Sisto** hosted today's program which looked at background information relating to the Christopher Columbus statue which stood for many years at Columbus City Hall and is now in storage. Jaime is a member of the Columbus Italian Club which has an interest in assuring that the statue is not forgotten and in finding a rightful future for it. His co-presenter today was **Doreen Uhas-Fauer**.

Jaime began by sharing some important dates along the path of history that preceded the removal of the statue in Columbus in 2018 – dates which signify how Italians were perceived and treated in the United States as well as some milestones in the evolution of thought about them.

- In 1792 the first Columbus Day was celebrated in New York City by the Italian American community.
- In 1891, in an example of how Italians were discriminated against, 11 innocent Italians were hanged by a mob who believed they were involved in the murder of the police chief in New Orleans.

- In 1892 President Benjamin Harrison called for celebrating famous Italians and their contributions.
- In 1937 a national Columbus Day holiday was established
- In 1955 Columbus Mayor M.E. Sensenbrenner accepts the Christopher Columbus Statue from the City of Genoa, Italy.
- In 2018 the statue was removed from its base at Columbus City Hall and placed in storage.

The City of Columbus announced that it would no longer recognize Columbus Day and instead celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day. Franklin County announced that the Columbus Day holiday would be replaced by the Juneteenth holiday on its calendar.

Jaime is now a member of the Columbus Arts Council's Christopher Columbus Statue Committee. Doreen is also a member of that committee and Jaime noted that she is a Columbus historian and has added important depth to committee conversations. She is a member of the Columbus Landmarks Foundation.

Doreen noted that an early consensus that the statues should have stayed was reached by the committee. This might be surprising given the fact that there Native Americans and Italians together in the group. The Native Americans noted that without the statue "there would be no conversation". Their presence in central Ohio would fade into the background.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view this meeting and all previously recorded Rotary meetings



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There are also many other stories in the city of Columbus' background. One of those stories is simply the question of where the city's name came from. In fact, in early American history Americans were looking for their roots. They were looking at a wide spectrum of explorers – none of whom were the perfect heroes they were often portrayed to be. These names started popping up with actually no specific story behind them.

In 1812 the idea of establishing the state capital in a settlement across the river from Franklinton was hatched. A name was needed. A boatman named Joseph Foos suggested the name "Columbus" since his place in history as a sailor synched up nicely with Foos' career as a boatman.

From late in the 19th century on Columbus began using the name as a branding strategy. The Lazarus department began its Columbus Day sales and the Columbus Dispatch cartoonist Billy Ireland made Christopher Columbus characters a regular part of his work.

In the early days Columbus, situated as it is on an east-west axis, became a crossroads for many people with many different stories and cultures. The sum of all these interactions helps define Columbus. The city is not defined solely by its relationship with Christopher Columbus' history and accomplishments.

Since the early 90's there has been a movement to portray things like genocide that occurred over time as a conscious, one-off, act by historic figures – including Christopher Columbus. In fact, this is not the case.

Ultimately, the Christopher Columbus statue, while a gift from the city of Genoa, has come to symbolize Columbus – the capital city of Ohio. That includes all of the many stories, from multiple cultures and experiences, that have molded the community into what it is today.



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Vice President **Milt Lustnauer** presided over today's meeting. He asked **Michele Hoyle** to offer the invocation and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Keith Schneider** noted that there were no visiting Rotarians and asked **Mary Ann Krauss** to introduce her guest **Lou Sauter**.

**J.D. Dickerson** offered heartfelt comments about his good friend **Bob Whetzel** who passed away recently. Bob was a charter member of UA Rotary. J.D. referred to him as his great friend "Banker Bob". He reminisced about their long friendship, watching their families grow, watching their careers unfold and, ultimately enjoying the births of their grandchildren. Visitation for Bob is Sunday, September 12 at Schoedinger NW Chapel from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. A celebration of life will be held on Monday September 13 at 11:00 AM at First Community Church on Dublin Rd.

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:



**Jeanine Hummer** promoted the fundraiser raffle again. She offered up her cell phone number again (614-595-0099). Text her your raffle ticket order along with your name and badge number if you know it.

**Milt** thanked **Bill Kraft** and **Anne Croskey** for providing their sponsorships at the upcoming fundraiser.

**Eric Stoll** promoted the use of online bidding for fundraiser auction items. Bidding is now open. He took us through the process of accessing the bidding website and highlighted its features. Interested members worked along with Eric on their phones. You may give him a call if you need help – or simply want him to handle it for you. In any case... please bid! The bidding website can be found at [www.32auctions.com/uarotary2021](http://www.32auctions.com/uarotary2021).



**Jack Cotter** announced two upcoming Rotary Roundtables. September 14 will be at Scioto Country Club and hopefully with Zoom availability. We'll get an update on Afghanistan. Start time is 10:00 AM. On October 12 we'll have a wagon tour of Waterman Farms – including a look at the new greenhouse. Jack needs to know if you're interested to determine the feasibility.

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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](#)