



MADDIE AND JASON FINE OVERCOMING TOURETTE'S SYNDROME

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John Ness introduced the father and daughter team of **Jason** and **Madeline Fine** and their program Living with Tourette Syndrome. They have spoken to many groups around Central Ohio and the US. Maddie is going to be a Senior at Upper Arlington this Fall. Jason was Principal at Barrington, and then at Jones Middle School. He is leaving the district to be the new Superintendent for Bexley City Schools.

Jason was raised in Tipp City, OH. He recalls meeting with a doctor in the 3rd or 4th grade and hearing, "Kids with this condition do not play sports or go to college". Tourette symptoms include uncontrollable body movements and vocal outbursts. His parents were his advocates and spoke to coaches and teachers to inform them. Despite this, he told of a teacher that put him in a closet so that he would not be a disturbance to the class. During his Jr year, an opposing basketball team had homemade shirts that mocked his condition. After an article in The Dayton Daily News, the team came to his school for an apology.

He played college football at Ohio University to encounter similar treatment by a professor that asked him to leave a lecture. Jason credits the support of those around him that encouraged him to keep trying. He received his Graduate Degree from Miami.

For him, life turned a full circle when he became a parent of a child with Tourette Syndrome. Maddie was diagnosed in

the second grade, but her doctor asked her what she wanted to do? Her condition is being controlled with a blood pressure medication that had no benefit for her father.

Maddie discussed behavior therapies that transfer body "tics" to other body parts. She also shared that nutrition is essential to control the condition. Maddie is a National Tourette Syndrome Youth Ambassador. Support and encouragement are essential for those affected. Compassion goes a long way, and it is not a joke.

Q&A:

- Tourette Syndrome is a genetic condition. About 1 in 100 have it, but most are never diagnosed.
- An observer can help those by offering compassion. Offer assistance or care, but without being too overt.
- Genetic Therapies are being tested. Many options are becoming available.
- Pharmaceuticals are also being developed to control symptoms.



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GREETERS

June 22

Larry McVey
Rudy Whipps

June 29

Joe Berwanger

July 6

Brian Bainbridge

REGISTRATION DESK

June 22

John Hansel
John Cleland

June 29

Tracy Harbold
Jim Hyre

July 6

Tracy Harbold
Jim Hyre

CALENDAR

June 22 - Scioto CC/ZOOM
Changing of the Guard

Host: Milt Lustnauer

June 29 - Scioto CC/ZOOM
Jordan Davis, Director –
Smart Columbus

Host: Phil Glandon

July 6 - Scioto CC/ZOOM
TBA

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OUR NEXT MEETING

JUNE 22ND
SCIOTO CC/ZOOM

Upper Arlington
Rotary
Club



THE MEETING



Upper Arlington Rotary's June 15, 2021 hybrid meeting was held at Scioto Country Club.

Approximately 70 members were in attendance, with additional members joining via Zoom. President **Debbie Johnson** opened the meeting with Prayer and Pledge led by Dave Hammond.

John Ness was joined by his wife, **Emily** and their daughters **Natalie** and **Ellie**. He also introduced **Meredith Fine**, wife and mother of our program speakers. **Price Finley** introduced his wife **Alice**, who was joining via zoom.

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Brent Jackson announced that the Scholarship Committee has awarded four Upper Arlington High School Seniors for efforts with Community Service. The recipients are **Isabelle Fisher**, **Tally Angelis**, **Abigail Ali**, and **Chris Fisher**. They will be invited to a club meeting next month. UA Rotary has awarded over \$10,000 this year.

Chip Knoop needs three to five volunteers to help this Saturday at 9:00 AM with Bed Brigade at Upper Arlington Lutheran Church at Mill Run. He also announced an application for a District Grant to help with increased lumber prices. Cost has risen from \$540 to \$1640 per build session.

The Virtual RI Convention is this week. **EVERYONE CAN ATTEND**. This is a great opportunity to see the influence of Rotary worldwide.

Milt Lustnauer announced a meeting of the Fundraising Committee after the regular meeting.

Steve Sandbo reminded everyone that Night of Zucapa dinner and social event will be on July 29th. UA Rotary will cover the event for new members and offer a bus from First Community Village. Steve also announced that UA Rotary has a trip to Guatemala scheduled for this Fall. The trip will be from 10/31 to 11/5 and everyone is encouraged. Our club will update past project efforts and focus on malnutrition in the village.

There is a District Volunteer opportunity in need of 25 people. Look for email regarding this event.

Dave Dewey, after removing 7-8 masks, led his post-Covid harassment to members that have recently been in news.

