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Joe Valentino introduced the speaker, Ben Mahlke, who serves as Director of Development for the Simon Kenton Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Ben described the extent of the Simon Kenton Council, which encompasses 18 counties in central and southern Ohio, and one county in Kentucky. This Council involves approximately 12,000 youth and 4,500 adult leaders. There are 4 year-round camps, and 450 partner organizations, including those that sponsor Boy Scout troops. Ben said that the partner organizations are key reasons for the Council's success and sustainability. Ben also noted that the long-term involvement of adult leaders, many of whom follow Scouts from early childhood to adulthood, are a feature that adds to character development.

Ben described how at least 1,000 youth participate in the Council's ScoutReach program. Through this program, youth in the most at-risk areas of central Ohio are delivered the full Scouting program at little to no cost to the Scout's family. Through stipend program aids, the ScoutReach program is delivered to Scouts after school in partnership with Columbus City Schools. This program includes time at Camp Lazarus, where these Scouts can engage in outdoor activities traditionally associated with Scouting.

Ben described the full range of programs available through the Council, including:

- Cub Scouts, for boys and girls in grades K-5.
- Scouts BSA, for boys and girls in grades 6-12.
- Venturing, a co-ed program for ages 14-20, with a high adventure aspect.
- Exploring, also a co-ed program for ages 14-20, focused on career exploration.
- Sea Scouts, another co-ed program for ages 14-20, focused on seamanship.

Ben noted that young women are now an established part of Scouting in the Council, with more than 1,000 participants, including 8 who have achieved Eagle status.

Ben ticked through how Scouts display the 12 characteristics defined by the Scout law: trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent. (Your editor remembers that once during his own Scouting career, when called upon to recite these characteristics, he left out "courteous", and has since wondered if that was inadvertent, or evidence of a character flaw.)

Ben also addressed the bankruptcy proceeding that Boy Scouts of America is going through, due to the multitude of what he termed justifiable claims by sex abuse victims. He noted that 95% of these claims predated 1980, and in the 1980s, Scouting instituted a protection policy it has followed ever since. Ben said that the bankruptcy proceedings are drawing to a close, at significant cost to the national organization and local councils, but Scouting is continuing, while doing justice, to the extent possible, to victims of abuse.

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

## GREETERS

### July 20

Angela Lanctot  
Tina Husted

### July 27

Eric Stoll  
Beth Hatch

### August 3

Michael Zieg  
Joe Ayers

## REGISTRATION DESK

### July 20

Jim Winfree  
Kevin Brown

### July 27

Larry McVey  
Milt Lustnauer

### August 3

Ted Foster  
Brendan King

## CALENDAR

### July 20 - Scioto CC/ZOOM Club Engagement

Host - Joe Valentino and Ginny Barney

### July 27 - Scioto CC/ZOOM Steve Stivers, CEO – Ohio Chamber of Commerce

Host - Angela Lanctot

### August 3 - UAHS Tour of New Upper Arlington High School

Host - Paul Imhoff

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## OUR NEXT MEETING

**JULY 20TH**  
SCIOTO CC/ZOOM

Upper Arlington  
**Rotary**  
Club



# THE MEETING



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

**Andy Schmidt** provided the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

There was a dearth of visiting Rotarians.

**Andy Schmidt** introduced his guest **Richard Barth**.

# NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:



**Joe Valentino** announced that the board approved 2 grants at its meeting the previous night: \$2,000 for the National Night Out party in the Hilltop neighborhood, and \$2,500 for the Vassar Pop-up Park behind the roll: bike shop on Lane Avenue.

Joe also noted that there is a need for additional notetakers for the publication that you are reading right now, Rotaryview. Those of us who are currently notetakers, including your editor this week, prefer the more elevated title of “editor”, but whatever, as long as we can include subversive notes like this one that no one will ever get around to reading, we are happy. The work is inside, with no heavy lifting, and there is no need to dig holes for fence posts. Editors can write up and submit their notes at any time of the day or night, so the job offers unlimited flexibility. The head of the Rotaryview Committee, **Jerry Woessner**, has a light touch; he has never so much as moved a semi-colon (let this not be the first time). Those who find this job description attractive may contact Jerry to offer their services.

**Price Finley** noted that our Club will host the District Conference in 2023, and asked for volunteers to join a committee that will plan for that conference. Volunteers are desired, but Price is not afraid of also seeking “voluntolds”.

**Milt Lustnauer** announced a meeting of the Fundraising Committee after the Club meeting.

**Jack Cotter** announced that he and his wife Sandra are chairing the Roundtable Committee for the 2021-22 year, and noted that a survey will be sent to members on the Roundtables. He asked members to share ideas for speakers and topics.

**Molly Fontana** introduced new member **Tim Irwin**, and **John Trapp** introduced new member **Nicholas Green**.

# IT'S ROTARY DIRECTORY UPDATE TIME!

We are in the process of updating our UA Rotary Directory and need your help. Please visit [this link](#) and reply with any new contact information (new in the last year) to be updated in the Rotary Directory. Please reply by 7/28/21. Thanks!

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