



Bloomington Rotary Club News

July, 2019

The gavel passes...

Summer has finally arrived, and with it, a new Rotary year.



Immediate Past President
Mike Johnson

New officers were installed across the district in a ceremony at the Brown Ballroom on June 30, and here at the Bloomington club, we are pleased to welcome Mary Ann Webb as our President for the 2019-20 Rotary year.

As we welcome Mary Ann, we also send a huge thank you to Mike Johnson for stepping up and serving as President these past six months. Mike (and lots of others) stepped up to demonstrate the true meaning of Service Before Self at a time of difficult transition for the club, and did a great job getting us re-organized and making sure that we finished the year building goodwill and better friendships and continuing to serve in a way that was beneficial to all concerned, as we have for more than 100 years. Many thanks for your leadership, Mike!



Incoming President
Mary Ann Webb

Vocational Service Awards – May 30, 2019

It is a Bloomington Rotary Club tradition to honor local first responders at our Vocational Service Awards Day each year. Organized by Lyn Hruska, our 2019 awards were presented on May 30 to Bloomington Police Department Detective Jared Bierbaum and to McLean County Sheriff's Deputy Aaron King for outstanding service to our community.



(l) BPD Detective
Jared Bierbaum

Detective Bierbaum was chosen for the Rotary Club award for his excellent detective work in 2018. He was assigned to many of the most serious crimes in Bloomington, including homicides, burglaries, and armed robberies. In early 2018, Detective Bierbaum was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma. He fought cancer and won, all while coming to work and investigating these serious cases.



(l) McLean County Deputy
Aaron King

Deputy Aaron King was chosen for the Rotary Club award for his continued work in helping victims of domestic abuse, elderly crimes and as the Sheriff's Department Safe Passages Officer, a role in which he connects those with addiction issues to services in our community.

The Rotary 4-Way Test:

Is it the truth?

Is it fair to all concerned?

Will it build goodwill and better friendships?

Will it be beneficial for all concerned?



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Pork Chop Day 2019!

Pork Chop Day was on June 13, 2019 and, as usual, our club came together to sell lots of tickets, cook lots of chops and **RAISE LOTS OF MONEY** to fund our service projects for the upcoming year. Special thanks to Van and Gaye for heading up the event and to everyone who helped throughout the day. If this was your first Pork Chop Day, congratulations. **NOW** you're officially a Bloomington Rotarian!

Congrats and a special THANK YOU to John Tarvin, Terry Dodd and David Haynes for selling nearly 500 tickets between them, to Paul Murphy for delivering 1,000 lunches and to everyone who contributed baked goods to supplement the 18 PIES that Mary Ann made for us to sell!

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Other Important Rotary News

SHOUT OUT to Jane Chamberlain for working on the committee that organized the District 6490 Installation Banquet. Over 200 Rotarians attended, and she helped to manage it all.

Rotary Family Day at the Ballpark - Cubs v Cardinals - Sept 28 - Busch Stadium
(ticket sales are now closed, but save the date if you bought tickets!)

Placemats are for sale now! Craig Queen is in charge, so renew your ad today or buy a new one. If you want in on the Cubs ad, talk to Paul Murphy; if you want to back the Cardinals, talk to David Haynes.

Second 'semester' dues are payable by July 31. You should have received an invoice in your e-mail. Send a check to PO Box 171, Bloomington, IL 61701-0171 or bring your check to a meeting during July.