

## Roundabout ~ January 5, 2021

### Next meeting



Our January 12 celebration of service will include a program on “The Cinderella Strategy: The Game Plan Behind Butler University’s Rise to Prominence.” Graham Honaker, executive director of principal gifts at Butler University, and Jerry Logan, director of academic operations at Butler University, will share their insights about this *other* fine Indiana institution of higher education.

### This Week’s News

#### Rotarian greetings and wishes for the new year

President **Ashley Wesley** recently created an uplifting video of greetings from our Rotary family. Click on this link or paste it into your browser:

<https://www.wevideo.com/view/1986250518>

#### Thanks to our Salvation Army Bell Ringers

Thank you to the Bloomington Rotarians who rang the bells in one-hour shifts on four different Saturdays at Kroger stores in Bloomington. The money raised for the Bloomington Salvation Army all goes to help children in need in our community so that they receive some warm clothing and toys at Christmas.

The 2020 ringers were:

Owen V. Johnson	2 shifts
Jim Bright	2 shifts
Art Oehmich	2 shifts
Tina Swanson	1 shift
Joe King	1 shift
Sara Laughlin	3 shifts
Steve Ingle	1 shift
Jim Sims	2 shifts

Mike Baker	1 shift
Jerry Pagac	1 shift
Jeff Baldwin	2 shifts
Leslie Green	1 shift
Steve Moberly	4 shifts

Many thanks go to our dedicated Ring Leader, **Steve Moberly!**

### **Rotarians in the News**

In a front-page *Herald-Times* article before the holiday, Rotarian **Glen Steenberger** was quoted in a story about BHSS Senior Sydney Anderson, one of the nation's first female Eagle Scouts.

For her Eagle Scout project, Sydney worked on the meditation trail at the Tibetan Mongolian Buddhist Cultural Center in Bloomington. Her project included building a bridge, trailblazing to mark the trail and working on erosion control.

### **Rotary Events**

**District to host Friends of Rotary Foundation event honoring the memory of Judy Bush.**



Rotary District Governor Jessika Hane joined the meeting to give an update on upcoming events. The district is planning a Friends of the Rotary Foundation event on February 26 at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. The district will honor the life and legacy of past District Governor Judy Bush. The event will also mark the launch a matching campaign with details about how to establish your own legacy with the Rotary Foundation.

### **RI Convention in Taiwan is still on!**

As of January 5, the RI Convention in Taipei is on schedule for June 12-16. The decision whether it will be in person or virtual will be announced in mid-February. Early registration, which ends Feb. 15, is only \$365. Jessika will be one of the presenters.

### **Our Program**

**Club President Ashley Wesley** introduced **Von Welch**, chair of the Community Service Committee, and Past President **Sara Laughlin** to share updates on community service and interactive discussion.



Sara said service is at the heart of Rotary. Our club has been doing community service even during the pandemic. The club picked up trash along Pete Ellis Drive in the spring. In December, Rotarians rang bells for Salvation Army at Kroger. Steve Moberly has reported that Rotarians' scheduled time brings in the most money for the Salvation Army during its kettle campaign. Rotarians packed 600 backpacks at the United Way office, using \$3,000 from the club's Toast proceeds matched by \$3,000 from the district. Teachers Warehouse—an ongoing Bloomington Rotary project and its own 501(c)(3)—is staffed by Bloomington Rotary Club volunteers on the second Saturday of every month.

Sara shared her thoughts about how to create a successful service project for a Rotary club:

- Address a priority community need that is important and has an impact.
- Work with a unit of local government when at all possible to strengthen the project.
- Recruit volunteers from outside of the club.
- Leverage more than one source of money.
- Strive for sustainable results that live on beyond a day of service.
- Create public awareness of Rotary to connect the project with Rotary.

Von opened the floor to Rotarians to discuss ideas for the community service committee.

**Marilyn Wood** said how much the opportunity to volunteer has meant to her, and she encouraged Rotarians to participate. **Owen Johnson** pointed out that posting to our own social media sites can amplify awareness of Rotary and service projects. **Charlotte Zietlow** suggested that supporting infant care in our community would be an ongoing, wonderful opportunity, as would an opportunity for Rotarians to mentor children.

Regarding volunteer partnerships, **Hank Walter** pointed out that IU now has dedicated a service day for staff. **Susie Graham** said that Area 10 Agency on Aging is always seeking opportunities to reduce isolation and loneliness among seniors, and they may welcome an opportunity to serve alongside Rotarians. **Sandy Keller** echoed that Area 10 is a great partner for volunteers. **Glenda Murray** thanked everyone who has volunteered this year, especially when it has been more difficult for some members to get out during the pandemic. Glenda said that the Fairview PTO is working to develop an outdoor classroom.

**Judy Schroeder** suggested that in this time of great division there is an opportunity for Rotary to bring a diverse group of people together for conversation. **Ann Wrenn** agreed it would be an excellent idea.

Sara reminded the club that the district grant applications will open soon, and it is not too early to start thinking about agencies to partner with on our next large project. **Liz Feitl** asked if the committee might look at recent applications for consideration in the upcoming cycles. Sara said resubmissions would be welcome. Matching the type of service with the work that fits Rotarians is one major consideration.

**Ann Wrenn** said that the community needs to get more men involved in different kinds of service. Ann asked about engaging art students with projects. **Alain Barker** confirmed that there are student service organizations that engage in activities locally.

Von thanked everyone for their feedback, and Ashley thanked Von and Sara for today's program. She mentioned that Community Kitchen and Helping Hands were other service engagements for 2020.

Ashley said the organization for the next quarter's speaker recognition contribution will be Shalom Center, now a program of Beacon.

To view a recording of this week's program, click on this link: <https://youtu.be/3AhVzLwU7r8>.

### **Our January 5 Weekly Gathering**

**President Ashley Wesley** presided and offered the reflection. She reminded Rotarians of the inspiring resource, the *Rotarian* magazine. A feature in this month's issue is on the topic of the future. She encouraged everyone to pick up a copy and check out what other clubs and RI are doing. "Laughter always gets more laughter" is one quote from a featured Rotarian that resonated with Ashley as she tried his recommended laughter exercise.

**Ashley** introduced **Jessika Hane**, District governor, guest of the club

**Matt Stitsinger's** birthday is January 8/

### **Membership Anniversaries**

- **Gus Shakalis**, 5 years
- **Owen Johnson**, 6 years
- **Scott Shackelford**, 3 years
- **Kyla Cox Deckard**, 9 years
- **Jim Shea**, 9 years

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