

Roundabout ~ October 20, 2020

Next week's program



Josh Rawitch, senior vice president of content and communications for the Arizona Diamondbacks baseball team, will be our speaker when we meet via Zoom Oct. 20.

Among other things, Josh oversees player and media relations and corporate communications. He earned the 2018 Robert O. Fishel Award, which goes to an “active, non-uniformed representative of MLB whose ethics, character, dedication, service, professionalism and humanitarianism best represent the standards” of the longtime baseball public relations executive for which it is named.

A bilingual Spanish-speaker, Josh has overseen media relations during trips to Mexico (2020, 2015, 2003), China (2008), Taiwan (2010), and Australia (2014), in addition to goodwill tours of Japan, New Zealand, and the Dominican Republic. On three separate occasions he was venue press chief for the World Baseball Classic, most recently in South Korea.

Josh came to the D-backs following 15 seasons with the Los Angeles Dodgers, where he served as vice president of communications. An IU alumnus (1998), he majored in sports marketing and management. He earned an internship with the Dodgers after his freshman year, which he said got him started on the right path for his career.

He teaches at Arizona State University's Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication. He and his wife have two children and live in Scottsdale.

Join us at 11:45 for a visit in a breakout room before the program starts about noon.

This week's news

The Toast is coming



Sara Laughlin reports that 234 people have so far signed up for the Friday, Nov. 6, Toast honoring renowned sportswriter Bob Hammel (shown above at the Rotary flyover). Tickets, which start at \$25 per household for the virtual event, are available through <https://rotarytoast.com>.

Bob's chosen charity for toast proceeds is the Hoosier Hills Food Bank. Since mid-March, the food bank distributed the equivalent of more than 3.5 million meals. In July the pandemic forced the cancellation of the food bank's major fundraiser, the October Book Sale, which usually generates more than \$40,000. "We hope that this year's Toast can offset that loss," Sara said.

Toasting Bob will be son Dr. Richard Hammel; author Michael Koryta; legendary IU running back the Rev. Anthony Thompson; Cook Group President Pete Yonkman; and Carolyn Stewart Walters and Kay Stewart,

households typically have fewer books in their homes. Literacy Backpacks mean children now have a bag of their own in which to keep their possessions.

United Way agencies that provide care and education to at-risk children or those coming from low-income situations, including children of families harmed by homelessness, include Big Brothers Big Sisters, Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington, Girls Inc. of Monroe County, Middle Way House, Monroe County United Ministries, and New Hope for Families.

Rotarians in the news

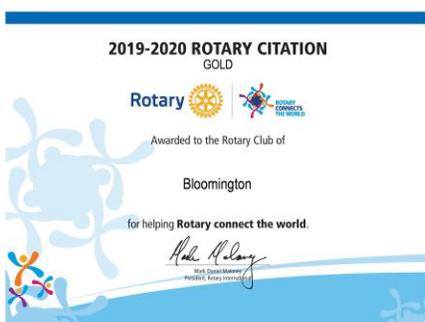
Efrat Feferman and **Jim Sims** are authors of essays in the latest (October-November) issue of *Bloom Magazine*. They join 21 others in writing about what's at stake for Bloomington and the country in the November elections.

Bob Zaltsberg will talk about the Rotary Toast on Wednesday, Oct. 21, at 8:10 a.m. on WCLS, 97.7 FM. Bob also did a 10-minute on-air interview on WGCL, 1310 AM/98.7 FM, on Tuesday, Oct. 13. A toast ad appears on p. 75 of *Bloom Magazine*, and a story about the toast is in the *Herald-Times'* online and print editions this week.

Sign up to clean up

Our club manages Pete Ellis Drive from E. Third Street to E. State Road 45. We will have a cleanup day on Saturday, Oct. 24, from 9 to 11 a.m. Thank you to the 10 Rotarians who already have signed up. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b054fabaa2da6fe3-adopt>

Club cited



Bloomington Rotary Club earned the Rotary Citation, the most significant award a Rotary club can achieve, for 2019-20. During a year that was challenging for many Rotarians around the world, our club demonstrated a commitment to achieve its goals, which helps strengthen Rotary and shape our future. Julia Donohoe, Recognition and Service Awards Specialist, wrote Past President **Earon Davis**, "Once again, congratulations on a successful year as club president!"

This week's speaker: Trey Hollingsworth



Trey Hollingsworth, currently U.S. Representative for Indiana's 9th District, said he fervently supports diversity and inclusion; term limits; development of a vaccine against the novel coronavirus; training and other education in the interest of Americans' procurement of jobs; and help for small business.

He stressed the importance of demand for labor, in order to ensure that our companies grow. Concerning health care, he said, "[People don't want to end up] asking a bureaucrat in Washington if they can get that knee operation." He suggested that government is overstepping its boundaries and encroaching upon people's right to make their own medical decisions. One of his main concerns about U.S. health care, he said, is restrictions that burden those with preexisting illnesses.

He admitted partial blame for the handling of the current pandemic, saying, "I wish we had done this very differently. I think there's plenty of blame to go around for everybody."

He was thrilled to hear that people pay attention to his weekly polls, noting that he has not published their results, out of respect for the privacy of respondents.

He mentioned that "post-secondary education is different" for different people. He is disappointed that Ivy Tech receives less government money than the bigger name colleges, for aiding students with financial needs.

Lynn Schwartzberg introduced Trey. In honor of his presentation, the club will make a donation to Amethyst House.

Updates

President **Ashley Sullivan** presided over our Zoom meeting. Producers were **Michael Shermis** and **Natalie Blais**.

Glenda Murray offered our reflection, which focused on the importance of teachers, school staff, and students. She showed photographs of the shade-structure that our Rotary Club provided three years ago for Fairview School. The canopy has created shade for events such as music performances and game playing.

Ron Jensen recently underwent surgery. He is in our thoughts.

Jim Sims reminded us that "membership is the life blood of any organization." He encourages us to bring prospective Rotarians to the membership committee, "and we'll do the rest." Please keep diversity in mind, he says.

DGN **Lance Eberle**, who recently attended the Rotary virtual summit, reported on exchanging ideas with other Rotarians and meeting senior leaders. Diversity and inclusion were major themes.

Guests:

- Suzann Owen
- Darby McCarty, Smithville (Liz Irwin)
- Donna Niese, State Farm (Liz Irwin)
- Don Byrd, Braver Angels (Jim Bright)
- Liz Grenat, CJAM

- Patrick Smith (Jim Sims)
- Rita Barrow (Jean Emery)
- Becca Shaw (with Trey Hollingsworth)

Birthdays:

- Jim Capshew, Oct. 14
- Dave Meyer Oct. 18

Membership anniversary

- Walt Koon, 19 years

Reporter: **Connie Shakalis**