

October 20, 2020 ~ CELEBRATION OF SERVICE

Next week's program



At our Oct. 27 Zoom meeting Efrat Feferman will talk about "New Directions at the United Way." Raised in Mishawaka, Efrat moved to Bloomington to attend IU. She interned at Middle Way House, worked at Stone Belt, served as assistant director of finance for the City of Bloomington Utilities, and sat on the board of the United Way before she was appointed executive director in 2017. Come early, at 11:45, to join a breakout session.

New of the Week

Earon Davis announced a peacebuilding project. Along with Rotary International president Holger Knaack, the board of directors of our club urges Rotarians to support peacebuilding. Members are asked to sign a pledge supported by Braver Angels, which encourages us to live "with malice toward none." It asks that we not hate, disdain, or ridicule those who do not vote as we would wish them to in the November election. Please contact Earon with questions.

Ann Wrenn has rejoined our club. Welcome back, Ann!

Our club's new Zoom link to meetings is coming. If you need help using it, please contact Ashley Sullivan or Natalie Blais.

Bob Talks about Bob

Bob Zaltsberg was interviewed by WCLS' Mike Kale Wednesday, Oct. 21, and WGCL's Mike Glasscott on Oct. 13. Bob talked about this year's Toast honoree, Bob Hammel, and Hammel's donation choice, the Hoosier Hills Food Bank.

Hammel was Bob's first boss at the *Herald-Times*. Bob's first assignment was covering the Owen Valley-Cloverdale football game. An accident closed Highway 231, and he got to the game late. "I thought Bob Hammel would fire me," he said.

Tickets for the Toast on November 6 start at \$25 per household for the virtual event and are available through <https://rotarytoast.com>.

Volunteer opportunities

Adopt-a-Road. Our club's cleanup day is on Polio Day, this Saturday, 9-11 a.m. We manage Pete Ellis Drive from E. Third Street to E. State Road 45. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b054fabaa2da6fe3-adopt>. We will meet at McDonald's. Wear Rotary gear. Trash bags and gloves will be provided.

United Way Day of Action Literacy Backpacks. We need volunteers Dec. 2 - 4 to assemble and possibly distribute 600 backpacks. This is our District Grant project for 2020-2021. The platform is Civic Champs. By being a Rotarian, you already have an account. Your username should be your phone number unless you haven't provided a mobile number. Here is the link: <https://events.civicchamps.com/organizations/8/opportunities>.

THIS WEEK'S SPEAKER: Josh Rawitch



IU alumnus and senior vice president of content and communications for the Arizona Diamondbacks baseball team, Josh Rawitch talked of his past, his passion, and his prediction for the future of sports. He wore an Indiana shirt as he spoke from his home in Arizona.

Appropriately, the World Series began on the evening of Josh's Rotary talk, which revolved around his days at IU and his nearly lifelong career in sports. After traveling to Bloomington from his home in Los Angeles, Josh recalled navigating the wooded campus as a freshman with no friends (yet) or bonds. A professor suggested he send his resume to the L.A. Dodgers. What resume? Josh had none. Another professor helped him write it, and he ended up getting an internship with the Dodgers. "I was jumping up and down in my dorm room at McNutt," Josh said.

Later, IU's Kit Klingelhoffer, the athletic department's assistant director, hired Josh, "even though I was in a fraternity." (Kit feared frat boys wouldn't take practice seriously.) Josh described his confusion, at first, as he observed the other students' reverence for Bob Knight. "They followed him across the room like a god," Josh said. Soon he realized why.

Josh quoted Tracy Smith, once IU's baseball coach and now at Arizona State: "(Sports is) all about the people. We are changing people's lives."

When asked about the Houston Astros' scandal, where Houston was found to have stolen the signs of other teams, Josh said, "It was a huge stain on

baseball." He defended the sanctions placed by the MLB. **Jim Bright** introduced Josh.

Updates

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

Charlotte Zietlow offered our reflection, which highlighted the value of keeping bridges unburned and intact. She once vehemently disagreed with Don Wagner over gay rights. Years later she and Don worked together in city government. Don said he had changed his mind about gays after his friend's son died from complications of AIDS. Now friends, Charlotte and Don ended up accomplishing several major goals, and Don was Charlotte's sponsor for Rotary. "You never know who your next ally is going to be," Charlotte said.

Guests:

- Chuck Carney (guest of Sally Gaskill)
- Del Brinkman
- Bob Hammel
- Frank Sopata (guest of Jim Bright)
- Mike Zawilinski (by phone, Jim Bright)
- Shawn Mikus (guest of Jim Bright)
- Tom Rhoades (guest of Jim Bright)
- Joe Bright (brother of Jim Bright)
- Jeremy Rosenthal, IU Athletics (guest of Jim Bright)
- Ellay Williams, Ivy Tech faculty (guest of Jim Bright)
- Megan Gearheart, IU Rotaract President
- Kennedy Gabor, IU Rotaract
- Roger Fierst
- Galen Clavio

Birthdays:

- Mike Wade, Oct. 21
- Charlotte Zietlow, Oct. 21

- Susie Graham, Oct. 22

Membership anniversaries:

- Loren Snyder, 11 years, Oct. 20
- Kevin Hopper-Knutstrom, 1 year, Oct 22
- Bill Murphy 41 years, Oct 23
- Tom Boone, 37 years, Oct. 23

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