

**October 27, 2020
CELEBRATION OF SERVICE**

Next Week's Program



On Nov. 3, join us at noon via Zoom. We'll hear from fellow Rotarian Judy DeMuth. The outgoing superintendent of Monroe County Community School Corporation, Judy will speak on "MCCSC Pandemic Navigation: A Look to the Future."

A past Woman of the Year recipient, Judy has led the school district for 10 years. She has advanced many women into leadership and administrative positions within MCCSC. When she realized that secretaries, mostly women, earned lower salaries than custodians, mostly men, she called it discriminatory and raised secretary salaries.

She has lobbied for — and frequently speaks to local organizations about — greater assistance for public education and has added a variety of programs to the curricula. These include STEAM, Chinese, Spanish, health, and art resources.

This Week's News

Toasting the Toast

Jim Bright updated us on our biggest and most visible fundraiser of the year, the Hammel Toast. "Fellow Rotarians, you are awesome!" Jim said, reporting that so far club members have bought 66 tickets. "Together with other nearby Rotary clubs (Sunrise and North), Rotarians have bought a total of 106," Jim said.

On Nov. 6 you will be part of an audience of more than 300 dignitaries, including former IU Coach Bob Knight and IU women's basketball Coach Teri Moren, watching from their homes far and near.

Go to rotarytoast.com and purchase a "view only" ticket for \$25 per household. The deadline to buy the \$100+ tickets, which include charcuterie from BloomingBoards, is Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Should you require technical support, email help@mandolin.com or call one of our Rotary tech support volunteers: Ashley Sullivan, (765) 618-6803, or Cassandra Huskey, (812) 345-8354.

Wedding Bells for Ashley



President **Ashley Sullivan** will marry Nick Wesley on Oct. 31. Sally Gaskill reports the bride will not be missing any of her Rotary duties. "I am happy to be, I believe, the first person getting married while club president," Ashley said.

Road Clean-Up Successful



President **Ashley Sullivan** announced that the Adopt-a-Road Clean-Up last Saturday, World Polio Day, was a great event. Thank you to **Alain Barker, Lance Eberle, Sally Gaskill, Susie Graham, Owen Johnson, Sara Laughlin, Art Oehmich, Marilyn Wood**, and photographer **Jim Bright** for helping keep our adopted road clean.

I Association Honors Phil Eskew

Dr. **Phil Eskew** is one of six people being honored at an Oct. 30 virtual I Association ceremony. Honors go to women and men who show superlative commitment to IU, the I Association, IU Athletics, and their local communities.

"This award is not given every year," Phil said. "It is a huge honor, and I am very humbled."

The I Association's board of directors choose the honorary members, and candidates must be presented by a board member and receive unanimous approval.

Scholarship Deadline Approaches

The deadline to apply for the 2021-2022 District Global Grant Scholarship is Dec. 18. A news release appeared in the Oct. 24. **Jim Bright** is the Global Grant Scholarship co-chair. For more information, go to www.rotary6580.org.

Presidential Nominee to Speak at District Event

Jennifer Jones is Rotary International's president nominee. She will serve in 2022-23. Her groundbreaking selection establishes her as the first woman to hold that office in Rotary's 115-year history. She will speak at the District 6580 Friends of the Foundation's free virtual event on Nov. 13 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Rotarians will receive emails from Bettye Dunham with a link to sign up.

"This is huge!" said Bryan Hane, president of Bloomington North Rotary and district membership chair. "Every woman Rotarian needs to see Jennifer speak."

Jennifer is a member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada, and founder and president of Media Street Productions Inc., an award-winning media company in Windsor.

Volunteer Opportunities

Wheeler Mission's volunteer opportunities have multiplied. They include:

- Filling the Tree: The Twelve Days of Christmas,
- Filling the Hearts: Holiday Music and Activities, and
- Filling the Table: Holiday Meal.

If you are interested in working on the planning committee for Silent Night, a silent auction planned for Dec. 10, please contact JosieRice@WheelerMission.org. Let Josie know of your interest in any other activity as well.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing: The sign-up will go live Nov. 2.

United Way Day of Action Literacy Backpacks: Volunteers are still needed Dec. 2, 3, and 4 to assemble backpacks and possibly distribute them. Here is the link: <https://events.civicchamps.com/organizations/8/opportunities>. If you need assistance signing up, contact President Ashley Sullivan or Club Assistant Natalie Blais.

This Week's Speaker: Efrat Feferman

Rotarian **Efrat Feferman** spoke about her commitment to serving our community in her presentation "New Directions at the United Way." Efrat has been executive director of United Way since 2017. The agency's main purpose is to mobilize people's power to care for others. Efrat used slides to help show how she and her colleagues achieve this. She showed a strategic map while stressing the importance of *finding* the people who most need help.

"We don't believe our neighbors need to be 'fixed,'" she said, referring to the agency's focus, which is collaborative rather than judgmental. She said it is particularly crucial to recognize problems as symptoms of something else. The effects of ACE (adverse childhood experiences) can linger throughout a person's lifetime. "We want to give people coping techniques," she said.

Each United Way member agency receives careful screening, must abide by a nondiscrimination policy, and meets high standards of nonprofit efficiency and transparency.

Although United Way of Monroe County received a \$1.2 million grant from the Lilly Endowment, Efrat reminded us that cash donations are crucial to a charity's ability to improve lives.

Efrat's colleague **Liz Feitl** introduced her.

Updates

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

Tim Jessen offered our reflection. He reminded us that the day of our meeting is the anniversary of Martin Luther and his theses, which he nailed to the church door, thereby starting the Protestant Reformation in 1517. Halloween, or All Hallows' Eve, originally preceded a holy day, when people honored those who had died. Tim mentioned several names, including Shirley St. John, late wife of Rotarian **Wendell St. John**, and

urged us to think of a Rotarian or good friend this Halloween week. "Remember the saints who have traveled among us," he said.

New member **Connie Shakalis** graduated Oct. 28 from Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI). She recommends it to any Rotarian seeking to understand Rotary's many facets.

Mary Morgan, Bloomington Chamber of Commerce and a United Way board member, was our guest.

Membership anniversaries:

- Peter Kroener, 16 years
- Lynn Schwartzberg, 13 years

1. Reporter: **Connie Shakalis**

