

Roundabout, Oct. 6, 2020

Next week's meeting



Four years ago, voters elected Trey Hollingsworth to represent Indiana's 9th Congressional district. The 435 representatives, referred to as congressmen or -women, are elected to a two-year term.

Trey is running for the third of his self-limited four terms, that limitation being part of his interest in government reform.

A past small business owner, Trey began renovating abandoned industrial sites, hoping to reclaim manufacturing jobs for the U.S. He observed American ingenuity but felt frustrated by regulations and what he perceived as the federal government's anti-growth tax code.

In Congress, Trey has supported pro-growth legislation and hopes to increase economic opportunities in the U.S. He has also been a vocal proponent of law enforcement, reforming how Washington works, and spending cuts.

We will meet by Zoom on Tuesday, Oct. 13. Join us at 11:45 for a visit in a breakout room before the program starts about noon.

This week's news

Paul Harris Fellow



Michael Baker introduced **Connie Shakalis** as our club's newest Paul Harris Fellow.

Rotary Toast Nov. 6



The Rotary Toast will take place on Zoom on Friday, Nov. 6, when we will honor sportswriter Bob Hammel, shown with Rotarian **Gus Shakalis** on drone flyover day. Bob's charity is the Hoosier Hills Food Bank. To make your reservations, please go to <https://rotarytoast.com>.

Global Grant Scholar Eager to Head to Tokyo



IU alumna **Clarice Cross** writes on Facebook: "I am unbelievably excited to be on this journey with Rotary . . ." The \$40,000 award will help Clarice earn her master's degree in Community Economic Development from Waseda University in Tokyo. Bloomington North Rotary Club endorsed Clarice, and she was chosen by a team of 10 Rotarians from district clubs. Her area of focus is "Economic and Community Development."

Applications Open for Global Grant Scholarship

Do you know any college seniors who might like to study abroad at the graduate level in 2021-22? Tell them about our District's Global Grant Scholarship program.

We are accepting applications for a \$40,000 Rotary District Global Grant Scholarship through December 18. Here are the requirements:

- Maintain a residence in Southern Indiana or attend classes at a university in the District
- Present a plan of graduate study and a career commitment that align with one of Rotary's areas of focus: (1) Peace and conflict prevention/resolution, (2) Disease prevention and treatment, (3) Water and sanitation, (4) Maternal and child health,

(5) Basic education and literacy, (6) Economic and community development, (7) Environment.

- Be endorsed by a Rotary Club in District 6580
- Provide a Letter of Acceptance (or a Letter of Affiliation) from the university where the scholar's study will take place.

For more information and for an application, go to www.rotary6580.org. Click on "Foundation & Grants" and on "Global Grant Scholarship 2021-22." You'll find an overview, timetable, club endorsement form, application and other information. Application deadline is December 18.

In the past three years, the Southern Indiana Rotary District has awarded \$120,000 in global scholarships to three Indiana scholars.

Contact Scholarship Committee co-chair Jim Bright at jbright48167@yahoo.com or (812) 219-0228.

Rotarians in the News

Past Global Scholar **Aubrey Seader** received praise from *Herald-Times* reviewer **Connie Shakalis** for her role in Cardinal Stage's original radio walkabout play, "The Women in the Woods." Aubrey "stole the show," which invites listeners to stroll IU's Dunn's Woods, among other campus sites.

Owen Johnson gave a paper at the annual meeting of the American Journalism Historians Association last weekend, held this year on Zoom. His paper looked at Ernie Pyle's relationship to and writing about Black people.

Volunteer Opportunities

We will be offering at least one volunteering opportunity every month. Right now, four opportunities are available.

-Adopt-A-Road. 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. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b054fabaa2da6fe3-adopt> Thank you to the eight Rotarians who have signed up so far!

-Helping Hands opportunities are ongoing. Visit helpinghands.civicchamps.com or call (812) 727-0838 to sign up!

-Wheeler Mission. Check out Wheelervolunteer.org for updates on opportunities!

-Teachers Warehouse volunteers are needed almost every day Monday through Friday. Please volunteer by emailing volunteers@teacherswarehouse.org.

This Week's Speaker: Andy Ruff



Andy Ruff, Democratic candidate for District 9 in the U.S. House of Representatives spoke and answered questions. A Bloomington native and lifetime southern Indiana Hoosier, Andy spoke about his deep Indiana roots. He entered local politics in the 1990s. He is running against Republican Trey Hollingsworth, our speaker on Oct. 13.

Stressing that celebrity personalities such as Sean Hannity and Rachel Maddow exacerbate our country's growing divide, Andy asked us to be less dismissive of those with whom we disagree.

His major concerns are about "big money corrupting politics," the environment — particularly how it is affecting Indiana farmers, and southern Indiana's lack of continuous broadband. He pointed out that the amount of pandemic-relief small business loans that District 9 received was much less than neighboring districts got.

Andy has been an Indiana high school teacher, worked for Monroe County Government for a decade, taught in Bedford, was an academic advisor at IU Bloomington, served on the Bloomington City Council for 20 years, and worked as a staff member in the Bloomington Office of Congressman Baron Hill.

Lynn Schwartzberg introduced Andy. President Ashley Sullivan drew from a hat the United Way agency to which we'll be contributing this quarter. In honor of Andy's presentation, a donation will be made to Amethyst House.

Updates

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

Phil Eskew offered our reflection and reminded us to sign up for the November 6 Toast for Bob Hammel. Phil expressed concern that so few have purchased tickets and urged us to invite family and friends to the Zoom event. To sign up to give a future reflection, go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a044aa5aa2da3fa7-second>

Ashley announced that this is Reconnect Week. She asked members to reach out to past Rotary program participants and invite them to renew their connection to Rotary.

Guests were Jennifer Ashcraft, Suzann Owen, Carolyn Frey, Bob Orr, Ann and Bob Wrenn.

Birthdays

- Becky Jessmer Oct 1
- Colleen Curry Oct 5
- Tim Jessen Oct. 8
- Hal Turner Oct 10
- Maren McClelland Oct 10
- Gil Souza Oct 11
- Art Oehmich Oct 11

Membership Anniversaries

- Heather Bozarth 1 year
- Von Welch 1 year
- Art Oehmich 6 years
- Jay Nelson 1 year
- Rex Hillery 9 years
- Past President Sara Laughlin 12 years
- Tim Jessen 8 years

Reporter: **Connie Shakalis**