

## November 16, 2021 - Roundabout

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### **William Porter and High-Speed Rail Alliance**

**William Porter** has been a member of the High-Speed Rail Alliance (former name Midwest High Speed Rail Association) for about 10 years and on the board of the HSRA for the past two years. He is retired from a career as public works director in Wauwatosa, Wis., and Glenview, Ill. He received his undergraduate degree from Monmouth College and his graduate degree from Northwestern University. He and his wife have three children, one of them a Butler University graduate.



Bet Savich (left) and Ruth Boshkoff

### **Welcome! Ruth Boshkoff and Bet Savich**

Membership Chair **Dave Meyer** inducted our two newest members: Ruth Boshkoff and Bet Savich.

**Ruth Boshkoff**, a Chicago native, majored in organ at Oberlin College and later earned a master's degree in education. She and her late husband, Doug, lived in Cambridge and Detroit before settling in Bloomington. She taught at St. Charles for 20 years and directed the IU Children's Choir for a decade. A composer, Ruth served on the Lotus board for six years. She is the mother of four daughters. Sponsor: Charlotte Zietlow.

**Bet Savich** recently retired after 20 years as director of the City of Bloomington's Volunteer Network. Originally from Philadelphia, Bet has a degree in public affairs, with a concentration in environmental health management, from IU SPEA. She was a Big Sister in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program, and she is an active volunteer with Friends of Lake Monroe and Habitat for Humanity's Restore. Bet and her late husband, Rudy, have two adult children. Sponsor: Michael Shermis.



### **Exchange Student Sends Love from Australia**

As a 17-year-old in 1976, Raeleigh Lambert, of Brisbane, Australia, was Rotary's first exchange student to Bloomington. Charlotte and her late husband, Paul, and their family welcomed her into their Bloomington home. Raeleigh has never forgotten their kindness.

In a Nov. 5 letter to Charlotte, Raeleigh wrote: "I send my love and regrets that I could not be in Bloomington with you tonight. To all the members of Rotary I would like to say a heartfelt thank you for my extraordinary year in the United States, made possible by your generosity and belief in the program that received me as the first Rotary Youth Exchange Student to Bloomington, 45 years ago.

"A vivid memory I have is of arriving in Bloomington late on the evening of January 18, 1976. Looking out the window of the aircraft as it taxied toward the terminal building, I saw two people standing outside, huddled together in the snow. It was my first glimpse of Paul and Charlotte."

Raeleigh and her family celebrated Charlotte and the Toast with a champagne brunch as they watched the livestream of the Toast from their home. In Charlotte's honor, they also raised a U.S. flag on their 15-acre property.

To watch a recording of the Toast, click on the following link: <https://youtu.be/ow4QfMeDN1s>.

## Rotarians in the news



Phil Eskew signs a children's book, "I'll Lend You My Daddy," for fellow Rotarian Dr. Norm Kempler of Carmel (Photo Courtesy of Rick Markoff)

### **Eskew Speaks on Leadership at Carmel Rotary**

*Rick Markoff of the Rotary Club of Carmel writes about Phil Eskew's Veterans Day talk at Carmel Rotary:*

Brigadier General Phil Eskew (Retired) was our Veterans Day Speaker at the Rotary Club of Carmel. Phil helped create the 19th Medical Regiment in Indiana and has served our state with great pride, both within and outside the military. He spoke to the Club about the four keys of leadership: character; communication; empathy; and vision.

Each of us who wore the uniform was presented a special Rotary pin by District Governor (6560/Central Indiana) Ray Kramp.

Five of the most important words you can ever utter to those who serve, those who have served, or to the families of those who made the ultimate sacrifice are, "Thank you for your service!"

## **Martha Foster featured in H-T story**

**Martha Foster** is featured in a Nov. 14 *Herald-Times* story about her “felting.” See [Honeybunch Workshop: Documentary filmmaker works in wool, other fibers \(heraldtimesonline.com\)](http://heraldtimesonline.com)

The story was written by fellow Rotarian **Connie Shakalis**.

## **NEWS & REMINDERS**

**SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING** – To sign up to ring the bells for the Bloomington Salvation Army on Saturdays during the holiday season, click on the link below.

This annual volunteer opportunity is again chaired by **Steve Moberly**, and helps children in need to receive warm clothing, toys, and treats at Christmas.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b094ba9ae2fa64-rotary1>

**HELP NEEDED!** – Sign up to give a reflection – or to serve as our greeter or introducer of guests. We need one or more volunteers for each of the following dates: Nov. 23 & 30; Dec. 7 & 14. Here’s the link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a044aa5aa2da3fa7-second1>

**LUNCH BUDDIES** – Have you had lunch yet with your lunch buddy? President **Sally Gaskill** encourages you to schedule it before the end of the year. Need contact info for your lunch buddy? Contact club assistant Natalie Blais at [jennerblais@gmail.com](mailto:jennerblais@gmail.com).

**BUSINESS OUTLOOK** - Here is a link to the video from last week’s Business Outlook luncheon: [https://iu.mediaspace.kaltura.com/media/t/1\\_ntmkgot6](https://iu.mediaspace.kaltura.com/media/t/1_ntmkgot6)



## NOVEMBER 16 PROGRAM



### **Lisa Hall: ‘The Addict’s Wake’ & ‘2020: Covid the Musical’**

*To watch a recording of the Nov. 16 program, click on the following link:*

<https://youtu.be/DCVw7n-qlkE>

Brown County’s **Lisa Dotson Hall** is touching lives through her work as the producer of a documentary film, “The Addict’s Wake,” and of a play, “2020 The Musical.”

Lisa shared her experiences of bringing these two creative projects to market during the pandemic.

**ADDICT’S WAKE** – After working as a volunteer in the Brown County Jail, Lisa came up with the idea for “The Addict’s Wake,” a documentary film that tells the story of opioid use in the rural community.

The film, produced in Brown County, premiered recently at the Heartland International Film Festival, selling out 547 seats at Newfields in Indianapolis and earning the “Audience Choice” award.

“Addict’s Wake” tells firsthand stories of the many facets of addiction and recovery. Lisa hopes viewers will become less judgmental and more compassionate.

“Ninety-five percent of those incarcerated in Brown County are there because of opioid and meth convictions,” Lisa said. “Their addictions are diseases of despair and hopelessness. We have to do something.”

Before Covid, drug abuse was the No. 1 cause of deaths, Lisa added. During the pandemic, drug fatalities rose 30 percent. Health care costs skyrocketed, corrections centers were overrun, and employers lost productivity.

Lisa's documentary sold out in its Brown County screening and now she is trying to arrange a showing in Bloomington.

**2020 COVID THE MUSICAL** – Written during a lull in filming the documentary, Lisa worked on producing “2020: Covid the Musical,” the play that opened last weekend at the Brown County Playhouse. The musical, featuring Rotarian **Connie Shakalis** (who introduced Lisa), wraps up Nov. 19-21. Remaining schedule:

- Friday and Saturday, Nov. 19-20, 7:30 p.m. (Nov. 19 is for vaccinated audience members only)
- Sunday, Nov. 21, 2 p.m. matinee

Lisa's goals for the musical? Nothing political. Share experiences. Don't make it a downer. End in hope.

Actors will wear clear masks while performing, and the audience must wear masks when not eating or drinking.

Location: Brown County Playhouse, 70 S. Van Buren St., Nashville.

Tickets: 812-988-6555; <https://browncountyplayhouse.org/>

**ABOUT LISA DOTSON HALL** -- A graduate of the IU Kelley School of Business, Lisa lived in Indianapolis before she and her husband moved to Brown County. She has extensive experience in nonprofit leadership and fundraising. She has made deep connections in Brown County and participates in programs for women in incarceration and addiction recovery.

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### **NOVEMBER 9 PROGRAM: Business Outlook Panel**

Did you miss the Nov. 9 Business Outlook Panel? Here's the link: [https://iu.mediaspace.kaltura.com/media/t/1\\_ntmkgot6](https://iu.mediaspace.kaltura.com/media/t/1_ntmkgot6)

### **Letter to the Editor: Compliments to the Toast team**

*Past President **Leslie Green**, president of Stone Belt, writes:*

Hello Rotary friends.

I offer my highest compliments to all who organized the Rotary Toast for Charlotte. I was so impressed and moved by the ceremony as were the other Stone Belt guests that attended. It really was first class and memorable to all.

Charlotte was so deserving of this lavish attention, and I can only imagine how meaningful it was to her. How remarkable that Bloomington Rotary could make this magical evening a reality. I can only imagine how this class act elevated the esteem others have for our clubs.

Thank you for all the time you each committed to the event. From my perspective, it was evident you thought of everything. Please share my appreciation with others who may be involved.

In Rotary Service,  
Leslie

**Note:** *Charlotte (Zietlow) served on the board at Stone Belt for 16 years.*

### **Our November 9 Celebration of Service**

Past President **Ashley Wesley**, standing in for President **Sally Gaskill**, opened the meeting. Greeter was **Steve Moberly**.

In his reflection, **Tim Jessen** showed a video that featured the playing of the U.S. National Anthem by an organist at Gloucester Cathedral in the U.K. Check it out! The video has a Rotary connection: [Hymns and Organ Music from Gloucester Cathedral for ALL SAINTS' DAY | VIRTUAL CHURCH - YouTube](#)

**Winston Shindell** was this week's greeter, and **Owen Johnson** introduced guests: Katie Rutter (**Art Oehmich**) and Adrian Starnes (**Kyla Cox Deckard**).

### **Birthdays:**

- Ann Connors, Nov. 12
- Walt Koon, Nov. 13
- Trent Deckard, Nov. 14
- Bryce Bow, Nov. 21

### **Member Anniversaries:**

- Joe Darling – 3 years
- Chris Kroll – 3 years
- Jim Kryway – 33 years

Reporter: **Jim Bright**