

ROUNDBOUT ~ NOVEMBER 3, 2020
NEXT WEEK



The Monroe County Chamber of Commerce will join Bloomington Rotary Club in hosting the annual Kelley School of Business Outlook Panel on Zoom. Panelists will include Andy Allard (C-Suite), Kyle Anderson (Indiana), Andrew Butters (national/international), Sreeni Kamma (financial markets), Jennifer Pearl (Bloomington Metro), and Phil Powell (moderator). Rotarians will receive login information in an email later this week, and another reminder next week before the meeting. **Jim Sims** will offer a reflection.

HOPSCOTCHING AROUND THE GLOBE WITH THIS WEEK'S NEWS

First Comes Baby, Then Comes Marriage



Just a couple of years after a Bloomington Rotary president welcomed a baby into his family, another president tied the knot as **Ashley Sullivan** became Mrs. **Ashley Wesley** after she exchanged vows with Nick Wesley.

Toast & Ham

Phil Eskew, nearing 40 years a Rotarian, provided a last update on the annual Bloomington Rotary Toast this Friday, at 7 p.m. on Mandolin. This year's Toast honors author and longtime sportswriter Bob Hammel. He has chosen as his charity the Hoosier Hills Food Bank.

An audience topping 300, including former IU men's basketball coach Bob Knight and current IU women's basketball coach Teri Moren, will be attending. Some 75 members of the club have signed up to attend. Thanks to the generosity of some Bloomington North Rotary donors, 100 percent (34) of Bloomington North Rotarians have tickets. Eighteen Bloomington Sunrise Rotary members will attend. It's not too late to sign up for a "view only" ticket for \$25 a household. Just go to rotarytoast.com.

Those needing technical support for Mandolin can write to help@mandolin.com or call one of the Rotary tech support volunteers: Ashley Wesley, (765) 618-6803, or Cassandra Huskey, (812) 345-8354.

WTIU is adding to the celebration by broadcasting "Bob Hammel & Bloomington: A 50-Year Love Affair," this Sunday, Nov. 8, at 4 p.m.

A RYLA Halloween



RYLA was held virtually on Zoom on Halloween. More than 20 young people joined **Loren Snyder**, District Governor **Jessika Hane**, and the Bradford Woods staff for a fun day of learning about leadership and teamwork.

Rotarians in the News



Jim Bright was featured in a profile on People of IU. He made a case for the connections and advantages awaiting those who attend IU with the intention of getting the most out of their experience. He promoted Rotary membership, saying it opens many doors both in the local community and globally.

Geoff McKim was re-elected and **Trent Deckard** elected to the Monroe County Council in Tuesday's elections. **Keith Klein** was re-elected to the Monroe County School Corporation Board.

Tim Jessen penned "Hallowed Eve is Good Time to Restore Death as Part of Life," in the (Bloomington) *Herald-Times*. He discussed hospice and conscious dying, and he described Rotarian Joy Harter's training to be a death doula.

Scott Shackelford authored "How Tech Firms Have Tried to Stop Disinformation and Voter Intimidation – and Come Up Short," published in *The Conversation* Monday.

Special Virtual Visit

Jennifer Jones, who will become Rotary International's first woman president in 2022-23, will speak at the District 6580 Friends of the Rotary Foundation's free virtual event on Nov. 13 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Scholarship Deadline Looms

The deadline to apply for the 2021-2022 District Global Grant Scholarship is Dec. 18. **Jim Bright** is the Global Grant Scholarship co-chair. More information can be found at www.rotary6580.org.

Volunteer Opportunities

Wheeler Mission's volunteer opportunities are growing. They include:

- [Filling the Tree: The Twelve Days of Christmas](#),
- [Filling the Hearts: Holiday Music and Activities](#), and
- [Filling the Table: Holiday Meal](#).

Those interested in working on the planning committee for Silent Night, a silent auction on Dec. 10, should contact JosieRice@WheelerMission.org. Josie will also respond to interest in any other activity.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing:

Bloomington Rotarians will ring the bells again this year for the Salvation Army, at new locations, the east and south Kroger stores. Volunteer at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b094ba9ae2fa64-rotarysalvation>. Ring dates are Nov. 29 and Dec. 6, 13, and 20. As of press time, 24 spots remained open.

United Way Day of Action Literacy Backpacks: Volunteers are still needed Dec. 2, 3, and 4 to assemble 600 backpacks and possibly distribute them. This is the club's District Grant project for 2020-2021. It provides needy children in Bloomington with materials that help them to achieve in school and beyond. Sign up at: <https://events.civicchamps.com/organizations/8/opportunities>.

Our Program: Judy DeMuth



For the second week in a row, a Bloomington Rotarian was the featured speaker. **Judy DeMuth**, superintendent of the Monroe County School Corporation, will be retiring after 10 years at the helm. She stayed on an extra year to deal with the coronavirus epidemic, which she called the most difficult thing she has had to address in her 45 years in public education.

A comprehensive re-entry and recovery plan, designed by 40 representatives (including administrators, the school board president, teachers, staff, students, health care professionals, and community members), provided overall guidance. A metric committee, comprised of doctors, epidemiologists, nurses, health care professionals, staff, teachers, parents, community members, and representatives of the county and state health departments, meets weekly to evaluate how

things are going. Drs. Lindsay Weaver and Kris Box from the state health department are particularly important members.

Judy's No. 1 priority has been the education of the children. Providing that, however, has been difficult when she also has to pay attention to the emotional wellness of both teachers and students. Buildings were closed from mid-March to the end of July.

She led the audience on a chronological tour through MCCSC's handling of the pandemic. She sought the advice and input of many groups and individuals including parents, teachers, both the state and county boards of health, and community members, as well as state education officials, including Jennifer McCormick, Indiana's last elected Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Personal protective equipment and cleaning supplies had to be ordered, and social distancing had to be implemented and maintained.

Among the policies that have been adopted are contact tracing seven days a week; keeping students in small groups; and closing doors to parents, visitors, and outside groups.

"Trying to create a semblance of normal school activities while taking needed precautions for staff and students in wearing masks, handwashing, social distancing, continued deep cleaning, and other precautions to keep students and staff safe": this has characterized Judy's overall handling of the challenge.

Schools today do more than educate, she reminded Rotarians. They also feed needy children and provide daycare to parents who must work. These have been especially challenging in the time of the pandemic.

Judy shared with Rotarians a tribute to the teachers who are helping MCCSC to meet the pandemic challenge: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i4hjtvmq4g>

She also reviewed the search process for her successor, who is scheduled to be named by the middle of next month.

Michael Shermis introduced the speaker.

This Week's Meeting

IU Rotaract President **Maren McClelland** reflected on her experiences on the Rotary Youth Exchange in Italy. Before she departed the U.S., she learned of the six B's, which helped her through the year: Be first, be of service, be in the moment, be curious, be on purpose, and be grateful. She encouraged everyone to look for something lost in their lives, especially during the coronavirus pandemic, and reclaim it by using the six B's. Maren reclaimed her goals in 2020, which changed her perspective on success.

Guests at the meeting included:

- Ellay Williams, *Smithville Communications & Ivy Tech adjunct professor*
- Suzann Owen, *independent writing and editing professional and widow of Bloomington Rotarian Kent Owen*
- Steve Hinnefeld, *IU Media School faculty member*
- Claire Dallman, *IU SPEA senior studying Public Affairs with a concentration in Nonprofit Management & Leadership (guest of Henk Haitjema)*
- Susan Adams, *New Albany Rotary Club (guest of Jim Bright)*
- Julia Lentz *(guest of Ashley Wesley)*

Among those contributing Happy Dollars was **Jim Bright** in honor of guest Susan Adams of the New Albany Rotary Club, from which came the inspiration for the Bloomington Rotary Toast. She and other New Albanians will join the Bloomington Toast this year. **Glenda Murray** honored the presence of Rotarians **Ron Jensen** and **Tim Thrasher**. **Raj Haddawi** celebrated yet another IU football victory and national ranking and the wedding of president, **Ashley Wesley**. **Sara Laughlin** contributed \$26 in honor of IU Rotaract's 26 members. **Charlotte Zietlow** honored the donor who provided coffee to people waiting in the early voting line. Gus Shakalis celebrated his and Connie's 18th wedding anniversary and the seventh anniversary of their moving to Bloomington. **Henk Haitjema** singled out guest Claire Dallman, who will be participating in this year's Global Grants competition. **Natalie Blais** announced her forthcoming second adventure in grandmotherhood.

Dick McKaig (35 years) and **Jack McCrory** (34 years) celebrated membership anniversaries with the club. **Phil Eskew** celebrated his membership anniversary with this club and will celebrate 40 years (with perfect attendance) in Rotary in January.

Jim Shea's mother, Mary Helen Shea, passed away on Oct. 30 at the age of 93, and that Immediate Past President **Earon Davis**' younger brother Geary died Oct. 31 at the age of 66. Condolences to Jim, Earon, and their families.

President **Ashley Wesley** presided at the Zoom meeting. Producers were **Michael Shermis**, **Kyla Cox Deckard**, and **Natalie Blais**. About 55 people attended.

Rotarians who missed this week's meeting can watch it at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6h-pCGxP1gg>.

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