

Bloomington Rotary Club Roundabout
June 15, 2021

Next week



Join us on Zoom at noon to hear **Kelly Eskew** talk about the United Nations' sustainability development goals, how they reflect the values of Rotary. She will discuss the environmental, economic, and social dimensions of sustainability. Faculty chair of IU Bloomington's campus sustainability advisory council, Kelly has been a clinical professor of business law and ethics at the Kelley School since 2015. The daughter of Rotarian **Phil Eskew**, she has received the John Bonsignore Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Law and Teaching from the Academy for Legal Studies in Business, the Herman B Wells Teaching Excellence Award, and the Panschar Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching. Kelly started her law career with 10 years in private practice, representing corporations and hospitals, the Indiana Horse Racing Commission, and the doctors who invented Gatorade. She then served as in-house counsel to IU Health. The year before joining the Kelley faculty, she worked at the ACLU and litigated civil rights cases, representing clients in two of Indiana's marriage equality cases.

This week's news

Save the date

Our Rotary changeover celebration social event is scheduled for Thursday, July 8, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Switchyard Pavilion. This event is family-friendly, complete with refreshments and fellowship. Please plan to join us to celebrate changing over to a new Rotary year by responding to the email you'll receive soon.

Go internationally from home!

Lance Eberle has been attending the virtual RI convention on Zoom. You can do likewise. On-demand recordings of each session are available to those who register to access the event and program content. Registration ends June **16**. Go to convention.rotary.org/en.

Our speaker: J T. Forbes, Why Philanthropy Matters



When **Charlotte Zietlow** introduced J T. Forbes, CEO of the IU Alumni Association and interim president of the IU Foundation, he identified her as one of three people at IU who changed the trajectory of his life. Charlotte, Ellen Ehrlich, and **Dick McKaig** taught him the meaning of leadership and community.

Philanthropy, J T. said, is the love of humankind. It finds its fullest expression in political and social movements. Fundraising is only one aspect. Fundraising at IU began when fire destroyed the campus in 1854. A Cincinnati bookseller contributed books, and other alumni stepped forward to help. In 1915 the university hired a fulltime alumni secretary. Philanthropy was grassroots, reaching out to individual alumni. In 1936 the IU Foundation spun off as philanthropy developed a business model. IU's fulltime advancement staff now numbers 364, including 123 frontline fundraisers. The bicentennial campaign raised nearly \$3.9 billion from more than 320,000 donors.

J T. emphasized the impact philanthropy has on individuals by giving a personal example. Growing up the son of a single mom who was a teacher, he received a \$500 scholarship to IU. It made him feel that somebody believed in him. Particularly during the pandemic, philanthropy provided continuous emergency support to students in need. While big-ticket items like buildings may be what comes to mind when we think of philanthropy, J T. addressed the variety of uses to which gifts are put: scholarships, campus beautification, named chairs. People give in order to preserve what is important to them.

To hear the program in its entirety, go to <https://youtu.be/z4PJrrxTbog>.

Our weekly gathering



Rotary Opens Opportunities

President **Ashley Wesley** presided and reflected on what we've been able to accomplish during this year of the pandemic. The club has taken to heart RI President Holgar Knaack's theme for the year: Rotary Opens Opportunities.

Our guests included Suzann Owen, guest of **Jim Bright**; Lynn Coyne, guest of **Susie Graham**; Brad Kimmel; visiting Rotarians Hyun Clara Stanley, from the Brown County club, and Carolyn Frey, from the Bloomington Sunrise club; Megan Tomson; and Rotaractor Megan Gearhart.

Three Rotarians celebrate birthdays on June 20: **Marshall Goss**, **Jim Harvey**, and **Peter Kroener**.

Membership anniversaries are **Martha Wailes**, eight years, and **Gil Souza**, two years.

Happy dollars honored a variety of good causes, including Ashley's stellar leadership during the past year. To celebrate Juneteenth, **Raj Haddawi** contributed \$500 to the club diversity fund.

Producers: **Natalie Blais**, **Michael Shermis**, **Sally Gaskill**, and **Earon Davis**

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