

## Roundabout, June 16, 2020

### Next week

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Our June 23 Celebration of Service on Zoom will begin with an experiment. If you arrive before noon, you will be assigned to a breakout room for a social greeting, comparable to first arriving at one of our standard meetings at the Frangipani Room. At noon we will assemble for the Celebration of Service with speaker Drew Johansen, the Indiana University diving coach, to talk about the New World of Diving. Johansen has been IU's diving coach for about seven years. He previously coached at Duke. He has been named Big Ten Coach of the Year three times and National Diving Coach of the Year once. He was head diving coach of the U.S. team at the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro and at the 2012 Olympics in London. His wife, Jenny, is a two-time Olympic diver and former head coach at North Carolina. He and Jenny have a daughter.

## This Week's News

### District Governor Installation



Jessika Hane will be installed as District Governor at 10 a.m. on June 27. Members are invited to join the Zoom celebration.

## Distinguished Service Award



Glenda Murray presented Judy Schroeder with a Distinguished Service Award, “honoring more than three decades of extraordinary professionalism, editorial skill and exemplary service” with the club newsletter. Judy has been a member of the club since 1988 and was one of the first six women inducted.

## Rotarians in the News

Saturday’s H-T included a photo of three incoming Rotary presidents, including our own Ashley Sullivan.

The June/July issue of *Bloom* Magazine features a retrospective that includes features about many of our club’s Rotarians, including Jim Sims, Michael Shermis, Charlotte Zietlow, Kyla Cox Deckard, Dr. Raj Haddawi, Efrat Feferman, Sara Laughlin, Sandy Keller and Tina Peterson (organizational member).

## Rotary Action Updates

The IMU has notified the club that we and other service clubs will not have access to the meeting rooms for several more months. Celebrations of Service will continue on Zoom with any new details about social opportunities to come.

Our organizational member, the NAACP Monroe County Branch, has released a statement on the recent protests against police brutality and in favor of equal rights and justice. Click [here](#) to read the letter.

Our club was honored at last Friday’s Rotary District 6580 with a 2019-2020 District Governor’s Citation. Also honored were Jim Bright, Lance Eberle, Joy Harter and Loren Snyder.

This Thursday will be the final board meeting during Earon Davis’s year as president. Also on Thursday the Rotary Zoom Café will socialize from 7 to 8 p.m.

If you cannot attend a virtual meeting, YouTube will deliver a recording to you. Go to the club's channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9apIEQDUbx7V4oPH-FWEkg> and click subscribe.

President-elect Ashley Sullivan won't be going to Hawaii, because, for the first time, Rotary International's convention will be virtual. It begins this Saturday, June 20, and lasts until June 26. It is free. Anyone can attend the convention from home by registering at <https://on.rotary.org/37682zA>. The first ever Virtual House of Friendship will be a part of the 2020 Rotary Virtual Convention. It will allow attendees to connect with Rotary Fellowships, Rotary Action Groups, Partners, Projects, and Rotary International resources to learn more, ask questions, and interact virtually with fellow members. <https://on.rotary.org/3cP1nLt>.

## Our June 16 program: Breakout Sessions



Michael Shermis introduced our Club Forum, an experimental Zoom meeting in which members chose two 12-minute sessions from three topics: The Pandemic and You, Racial Justice, and Social Connection.

Today's reporter made it to Pandemic and Racial Justice rooms for all-too-short discussions about these topics. Joy Harter led the Pandemic discussion and talked about the need to care for ourselves and the opportunity to be grateful for what you have. Yolando Trevino said she felt she had been given "the gift of having to prepare food again," and to be conscious about walking and eating better. Ron Jensen said he's always thought of leaders preparing for what is around the corner, but now he thinks we all should have a new motto: "What would I do if ...?" And Connie Shakalis said she feels vindicated because she has always been a "germ freak" and the pandemic has made people more aware of germs.

Sue Wright and Jim Sims led the discussion on Racial Justice. Participants were asked to think about terms such as non-racist and anti-racist. Jim said he believes there's no such thing as a non-racist, and he hopes the term going forward will shift to anti-racist. Martha Foster and Earon Davis both had comments, and Amy Osajima noted her thought that there is a continuum

of racism. Whitney Cordoba noted that “racist” has such a negative connotation that perhaps people would be more open when using the term bias. She said the root of the problem is people’s belief systems. People grow up with different groups and in different cultures. She encouraged everyone to make it a point to get to know and hang out with people from different cultures and belief systems.

Overall, the breakout rooms seemed to be a hit with Rotarians.

To provide helpful feedback on the breakout sessions, go to this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/BtownRotarySpkrFdbck>

## **Celebration of Service: June 16**

President Earon Davis presided.

Greeters were Katie Beck, Jim Bright, and Ashley Sullivan. Alain Barker and Michael Shermis were production supervisors.

Jim Bright introduced our guests: Judy Bush, past district governor; Sue Wright, past district governor; Megan Gearhart, incoming president of Rotaract; Beverly Teach, president of the Brown County club; Whitney Cordoba, a physician with Centerstone; and Debbie Webb, of the Anderson Rotary Club. Judy Schroeder’s guests were her daughter, Cecily Jenkins, her son, Eric Weisstein, and her grandchildren, Iris and Marcus Weisstein.

Past District Governor Sue Wright led the pledge and gave a reflection. Regarding the issues of racial injustice that have exploded in recent weeks, she noted that to resolve an issue, the first step is to truly admit there is a problem. She thanked our club for its work on Resolution 18R-31, which calls for Rotary International to increase leadership opportunities in zones, districts and clubs for women, young leaders, and people of different races and ethnicities. She also recommended that everyone read *The Making of a Racist*, by Charles B. Dew.

Birthdays this week are Liz Feitl, June 14; David Koop, June 18; Jim Harvey, Marshall Goss, and Peter Kroener, June 20.

Membership anniversaries this week are Martha Wailes, seven years, and Gil Souza, one year.

President Earon’s quote of the week: “Thank you, Judy Schroeder, for being a remarkable Rotarian and Bloomingtonian.”

Bob Zaltsberg, Reporter

Glenda Murray, Photographer