

## Roundabout, June 23, 2020

### Next week



Our June 30 Celebration of Service on Zoom will continue our 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 meeting.

Our speaker will be Dr. Chandan Sen, Stanley Battersby Chair and Professor of Surgery, Director of the Indiana Center for Regenerative Medicine and Engineering and Associate Vice President of Research at the Indiana University School of Medicine. Professor Sen will talk about his internationally acclaimed work in the electroceutical management of infection. His research demonstrates that coronaviruses are killed upon exposure to an electroceutical fabric. For more information, see <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/factcheck/2020/05/30/fact-check-fabric-may-neutralize-coronaviruses-electricity/5286542002/>, <https://news.iu.edu/stories/2020/05/iu/releases/18-research-shows-electroceutical-fabric-eliminates-coronaviruses-on-contact.html>

## News of the Week

### Michael Wade Named Paul Harris Fellow



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

*Dr. Michael Wade*

is hereby named a

**PAUL HARRIS FELLOW**

in appreciation of tangible and significant assistance given for the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations among peoples of the world.



*Mike Baker*  
Mike Baker  
President, Rotary International

Bloomington Rotary Foundation President Mike Baker made Michael Wade a Paul Harris Fellow in appreciation of his substantial contributions of both money and community service.

## Rotarians in the News

- The late Sam Bell, a 42-year member of the club who served as our president from 1985 to 1986, will be honored when IU names its new cross-country course after him. Sam, who coached U.S. Olympic and Pan American teams, led the IU track and field and cross-country teams to a total of 26 conference titles.
- This past Saturday's HT announced Jessika Hane's new role as Governor for Rotary District 6580.

## Rotary Action Updates

Our best wishes go to Dr. Craig Spence, who is recovering from a stroke he suffered April 29. He is currently at Gentry Park Bloomington and hopes to return home soon.

Our board met for the final time this Rotary year on June 18. A balanced budget was passed and a resolution was adopted asking Rotary International to take action against racism. The resolution will be sent to all our members this week. Rotarians also will receive a survey about preferences for future meeting and social options.

When the traditional Past Presidents gathering moved to Zoom last Wednesday, 15 past presidents welcomed Ashley Sullivan with greetings, support, and advice. Our Celebration of Service on July 7 will mark the end of Earon Davis's presidency and the beginning of Ashley's year. Several members will be honored for their efforts, and the Service Above Self Award will be presented.

On Thursday, join the next Rotary Zoom Café to 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.

## Our June 23 program: State of the Arts



Indiana University diving coach Drew Johansen canceled because of a "must attend" IU Athletic Department meeting. Rotarians Alain Barker, Sally Gaskill, Sara Laughlin, and Connie Shakalis (who has applied for club membership) stepped in to talk about the state of the performing arts in Bloomington.

Some common themes came forth from our panelists:

The arts are a crucial, integral part of the Bloomington community. Speakers said the development of an arts community outside of the university has been steady, important, and uniquely successful over the last 30 years or so.

Not being able to perform live theater and music is creating serious challenges to the arts infrastructure and arts development.

The decision by Ivy Tech Community College to return the John Waldron Arts Center to Bloomington will require serious thought and effort to maintain that facility as a needed arts facility in Bloomington. Sally called it “imperative” that the Waldron stay open for arts uses; Alain said it is “essential” that the Waldron continue to operate as an arts facility.

Jonah Crismore, the new executive director of the Buskirk-Chumley Theater, said he and numerous other arts organization leaders in the community have been working on a united front to see what can be done “strategically and pragmatically” for the future of the Waldron and to strengthen the entire arts community. Sally said that in her time in Bloomington she had never before seen such cooperation among arts groups.

To provide helpful feedback, go to this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/BtownRotarySpkrFdbck>

## **Celebration of Service: June 23**

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: Marcus Debro, assistant principal at Bloomington High School North, guest of Raj Haddawi; Josie Rice, from Wheeler Mission; Ruth Albright, wife of the late Rotarian David Albright, guest of Jim Bright; Len Tieman, Bloomington Sunrise Club; Jonah Crismore, executive director of the Buskirk-Chumley Theater, guest of Sara Laughlin. Megan Gearhart, incoming president of Rotaract, also was a guest, as was Ray Briggs, the incoming president of the Bedford Rotary Club.

Mike Baker led the pledge and gave a reflection about what he called “the value proposition of Rotary.” He noted that he is grateful for the help and friendship he has received from the Rotary family he continues to see as faces on the screen during our Zoom calls.

Birthdays this week are Julia Merkt, June 22, and John Hobson, June 24.

Membership anniversaries this week are Amy Osajima, three years, and President-Elect Ashley Sullivan, five years.

President Earon's quote of the week: "Peace is not something you wish for. It's something you make, something you do, something you are, something you give away." – John Lennon.

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