

Roundabout: July 13, 2021

NEXT WEEK: LOREN SCHOENBERG, JAZZ MUSICIAN AND HISTORIAN



Join us on Zoom at noon on July 20 to hear from **Loren Schoenberg**, a tenor saxophonist and pianist, conductor, educator, and jazz historian. He is on the faculty at Juilliard and has also taught at Manhattan School of Music and the New School. Schoenberg has lectured at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the White House, the New York Philharmonic, Stanford University, and the Aspen Institute. He has conducted the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra as well as the Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Orchestra, the American Jazz Orchestra, and the WDR Jazz Orchestra in Cologne, Germany.

Schoenberg has played and recorded with Benny Carter, Benny Goodman, Jimmy Heath, Eddie Durham, Marian McPartland, Clark Terry, John Lewis, Christian McBride, and Buck Clayton. In the late 1970s he played professionally with alumni of the Count Basie and Duke Ellington bands. In 1980 he formed his own big band, which in 1985 became the last Benny Goodman orchestra. He has received two Grammy awards, in 1994 and 2004, for best album notes. From 1986 to 1995, he oversaw the Benny Goodman Archives at Yale University. Schoenberg has been published widely (including in the *New York Times*), and his book *The NPR Guide to Jazz* was released in 2003. He led the effort to establish the National Jazz Museum in Harlem and served for more than a decade as its executive director; he continues to serve as senior scholar there.

THIS WEEK'S NEWS



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TEACHERS WAREHOUSE SUPPLY DRIVE

Volunteers are needed for the Teachers Warehouse supply drive on Saturday, August 7. We need volunteers to cover two-hour shifts (10 a.m.-noon, noon-2 p.m., 2 p.m.-4 p.m.) at Kroger Jackson Creek, Kroger South, and Staples in Bloomington. The job involves standing (with a partner or

two) outside the store or in the vestibule, passing out quarter-sheet supply lists to shoppers, and asking them to purchase school supplies and drop them in the bins on the way out. It's fun and rewarding because a fairly substantial percentage of people donate and the bins fill quickly. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B094BA9AE2BA75-august2>. Or email Sara Laughlin with your preferred location and time slot at saraglaughlin@gmail.com, and she will sign you up.

ROTARY CHANGEOVER SOCIAL EVENT

Our Rotary changeover celebration social event was a big success last Thursday, July 8, at the Switchyard Park Pavilion. President **Sally Gaskill** said, "It was great to see Rotarians in one beautiful space, sharing hugs and just being together."

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR JUDGE RANDY BRIDGES

Vivien Bridges and family invite Rotarians to attend the interment service at the Trinity Episcopal Church columbarium for Past President Randy Bridges at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, July 24, as well as the 12:30 p.m. celebration of life across the street upstairs at Nick's Old English Hut.

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR FUTURE REFLECTIONS AND GREETERS

Please sign up to provide the reflection or to greet for a future meeting of our club:
Reflection signup link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A044AA5AA2DA3FA7-first>

JULY 13 PROGRAM: JON WERTHEIM, "60 MINUTES" AND SPORTS ILLUSTRATED



Rotarian **Marcus Debro**, assistant principal at Bloomington High School North, introduced our speaker, **Jon Wertheim**, a 1989 graduate of BHS North and a member of the BHS North Hall of Fame. Jon is the executive editor of *Sports Illustrated* and has contributed to CBS "60 Minutes" since 2017. The most recent of his ten books, *Glory Days: The Summer of 1984 and the 90 Days That Changed Sports and Culture Forever*, was released in June. As part of his introduction, Marcus played an excerpt of Jon's first "60 Minutes" story in 2017, about baseball's rising star **Shohei Ohtani**.

Jon indicated that the speech topic suggested to him was “From Bloomington to ‘60 Minutes.’” Jon loves Bloomington and growing up here. He has always enjoyed writing and nonfiction. From his point of view, Bloomington was the center of the universe in the 1980s. There were lots of well-known people in Bloomington, and many writers. Jon mentioned historian **Jim Madison**, who wrote books you could find in a bookstore. **Bob Knight** was coaching at IU and his teams won three NCAA national championships, one in 1976 and two in the 1980s. **Bob Hammel** was writing about Knight’s teams and other sporting events. **Angelo Pizzo** wrote the movie *Hoosiers* (1986). You might run into **John Mellencamp** at a local ice cream store. For all four years Jon was in high school, he wrote articles for the *Herald-Telephone’s Whole Press*, a supplement to the newspaper where high school students did the writing and editing – for \$15 a week. Jon is grateful to have grown up in Bloomington, where he was encouraged to write.

Jon wrote for his college newspaper and then went on to law school. After his second year of law school, rather than go for a law internship he applied for a summer job at *Sports Illustrated*. His legal background was appealing in getting the *SI* job. The editor who interviewed him turned out to be an IU graduate and much of the discussion was about Bloomington. Jon got the job, he loved it, and he has been there ever since. A few years ago, he got a call from “60 Minutes” and it sounded interesting, so he tried it. His first “60 Minutes” story in 2017 was about baseball’s rising star **Shohei Ohtani**. He likes doing both magazine-style writing for *Sports Illustrated* and television journalism with “60 Minutes.” Both are lots of fun – you travel a lot, tell stories, and try to do something original.

Jon fielded a variety of questions during the question-and-answer session. Jon believes that tennis was taking **Naomi Osaka** seriously, and that Naomi’s concerns were more about her private mental health problems than the trappings and rules of professional tennis. Will Naomi’s concerns lead to discussion about what athletes owe to the media? He thinks it may, and that may be good, because athletes don’t need the media in the same way they did in the past. When asked if tennis players should unionize, Jon indicated that he fully supports that move. In other major sports (football, basketball, baseball) athletes get about 50% of the gross revenue, but tennis players – who are independent contractors – receive only 12% to 18% of the revenue. A collective bargaining agreement could raise that percentage considerably. Will tennis be hurt when its superstars of the last decade (**Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal, Novak Djokovic, Serena Williams**) retire? Yes, he thinks there will be a drop-off, but eventually new stars will arise and tennis will recover.

Jon was asked about the changes in name, image, likeness (NIL) rules for collegiate athletes. He believes it will be great for the very top athletes but will not have much impact for the majority of college athletes. He views it as a bit of misdirection, which merely postpones the big decision about paying college athletes. NIL may have more impact in some markets (larger cities) than others.

One questioner asked if the United States would boycott the Beijing Winter Olympics in 2022, given that the European Union already has voted to boycott because of China’s poor record on human rights. Jon does not believe the U.S. will boycott the Beijing Winter Olympics, but some athletes may choose not to compete and some sponsors may withhold support.

In response to a question to **Judy Wertheim**, Jon’s mother, she answered she always thought Jon would become a writer.

When asked about his most difficult “60 Minutes” assignment, Jon said it was his interview with Senator **Angus King** (Ind., Maine) on the day after the January 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol. This interview was scheduled long before the attack, and Senator King wanted to continue with it. “60 Minutes” wanted to air the segment on the following Sunday, January 10. This necessitated a total change in direction for the interview and then a 48-hour turnaround to get the segment ready to air.

Asked how he prepares for a “60 Minutes” segment, Jon said the staff prepares a binder for each segment and he studies the binder. For some stories little research is needed, while others require quite a bit of research. When asked if it is difficult to go back and forth between television journalism and print journalism, Jon indicated that he really likes the variety. Different things work well with different platforms. Jon is working on a “passion project” – a screenplay, where he is trying to turn one of his stories into a motion picture. When asked about the **Trevor Bauer** situation (baseball), which involves allegations of horrific sexual assault, Jon said that suspension pending an investigation is exactly what should happen.

To hear this program in its entirety, go to: https://youtu.be/I7kicRi_M7o

UPDATES JULY 13 CELEBRATION OF SERVICE

President **Sally Gaskill** presided. **Cameron Davidson** provided the reflection. Cameron is from Salem, Ind., and is this year’s recipient of a \$40,000 Global Grant Scholarship from Rotary’s Southern Indiana district. Cameron was on Zoom from the Netherlands where he is vacationing, but he will be studying this year at the University of Salamanca, Spain, where he is pursuing a master’s degree in global and international studies, with a focus on nationalism and conflict management. Cameron indicated that he has been involved with Rotary for years, including winning a Rotary essay contest, participating in RYLA, and being a Rotary Youth Exchange student in Mexico. Cameron thanked all Rotarians who, by supporting the Rotary Foundation, have made his Global Grant Scholarship possible.

Announcements

Amy Osajima is our sergeant-at-arms for this Rotary year. The sergeant-at-arms is appointed by the president and serves as an at-large board member.

The board of directors meets this week on Zoom at noon on Thursday, July 15. Board meetings are open to all Rotarians. Please let **Natalie Blais** or Sally know if you would like to attend. The board continues to work on plans to return to in-person meetings, hopefully on Tuesday, August 10, in the Frangipani Room at the Indiana Memorial Union.

The Program Committee will meet on July 27 at 1:30 p.m. The committee could use one or two new members – people who have ideas about interesting speakers. Please let **Michael Shermis** or **Connie Shakalis** know if you are intrigued.

Baseball News of the Week

President **Sally** promises that this will not be a regular feature of her presidency, but this week is an exception. First, news from Cooperstown, N.Y.: **Josh Rawitch**, an Indiana University graduate who spoke to our club this past year, is leaving the Arizona Diamondbacks to become president of the Baseball Hall of Fame. Second, Sally will be wearing her **Salvador Perez** jersey over her **Shohei Ohtani** jersey (a t-shirt that is designed to mimic a jersey) to view the Major League Baseball All-Star Game. She pointed out that the only other two-way player to play in an all-star game was **Martín Dihigo** in the Negro League's All-Star Game in 1935.

Our guests this week were so numerous that we cannot list them all, but they included **Judy Wertheim** (mother of our speaker), **Steve Raymer**, **Angelo Pizzo**, **Bob Hammel**, and **John Whikehart**.

Birthdays this week

- **Paul Hazel**, July 14
- **Fred Dunn**, July 20

In thanking Jon for his presentation, President **Sally** indicated that a donation in his honor will be made to a local nonprofit organization. The organization for this quarter will be determined next week, when the name of a nonprofit will be drawn out of a hat. Sally invited members to suggest names of nonprofits to be added to the hat.

Reporter: **Bill Perkins**