

Roundabout

July 20, 2021

Next Week



The Hon. Lee Hamilton, who represented Indiana in Congress from 1965 to 1999, will be our speaker. His topic will be “Observations on Democracy.” Congressman Hamilton founded the Center on Congress (now the IU Center on Representative Government) in 1999 and served as its director until 2015. He served as vice chair of the 9/11 Commission and as a co-chair of the bipartisan Iraq Study Group. Bob Zaltsberg will be our moderator.

This Week’s News



We plan to begin in-person meetings on August 10 at the Frangipani Room at the IMU. We will have more details later, but we will observe IU’s, Monroe County’s, and the CDC’s public health mandates. If you invite an in-person guest, please be sure they are vaccinated. If they aren’t, they will need to be masked and physically distanced. In planning for our return to the Frangipani Room, we found that 100 percent of the people who are planning to attend in person have been vaccinated.

We are invited to celebrate the life of Judge Randy Bridges this Saturday at 11:30 at Trinity Episcopal Church and then at 12:30 across the street at Nick’s.

Annie Hawk from the Brown County Rotary Club invited Rotarians to participate in ChamberFest Brown County, which will be August 17-22. See <https://www.chamberfestbrowncounty.com> for details.

We will have a New Member Orientation on Wednesday, August 18, at the home of President-Elect **Alain Barker**. This will be for all new members in the last two years. More detail will be coming.

Our Community Service project for the month of August will be Saturday, August 7, for the Teachers Warehouse Supply Drive at locations throughout Bloomington. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b094ba9ae2ba75-august2>, or email **Sara Laughlin**, saraglaughlin@gmail.com, with your interest.

The Program Committee will be meeting on July 27 at 1:30 on Zoom.

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

July 20 Program:



Lynn Schwartzberg introduced our speaker, with whom she went to high school. Loren Schoenberg is Founding Director of the National Jazz Museum in Harlem, a faculty member at Juilliard, and a jazz historian. He has won two Grammys for Best Album Notes, and he is the author of *The NPR Curious Listener's Guide to Jazz*.

Loren opened with a photo of Louis Armstrong playing trumpet to his wife with the Sphinx in the background. Loran pointed out that the photo represents freedom. Both Louis and his wife

were dark-skinned and were discriminated against, especially in the U.S., because of the color of their skin. Jazz opened opportunities. Loren noted that jazz, with its finger-snapping rhythm, comes from the African-American church and many other types of music. What happens in the concert hall is that we usually sit quietly instead of reacting actively to the music.

Loren encouraged us to support live music. He suggested we find someone under 30 and share our passion for music with them. Susie Graham reminded us that we also need to support music education programs. She came to jazz through her sons, who learned jazz in high school.

Loren compared music to a crossword puzzle. He theorizes that if you put “Louis Armstrong” in the center of the crossword puzzle, you can connect one letter in his name to almost anything in world history.

Here’s a YouTube link to the meeting: <https://youtu.be/laNvoimB0PI>

Updates

President **Sally Gaskill** presided. **John VanderZee** reflection on the poem “The Lesson of the Moth” <http://www.donmarquis.org/themoth.htm>.

Our guests were:

- Carolyn Fry, Bloomington Sunrise Club
- Andreas Ioannides, Artistic Director of ChamberFest Brown County
- Annie Hawk, Brown County Rotary Club
- Thomas Hustad, Professor Emeritus of Marketing and jazz biographer
- David Brent Johnson, WFIU
- Adam Nahas, Cyclops Studio and Artisan Alley
- Isadore James Torry, Bloomington Commission on the Status of Black Males
- Stephen Wailes, guest of Rotarian **Martha Wailes**

Thanks to our producers **Alain Barker**, **Natalie Blais**, **Michael Shermis**, and **Earon Davis**.

Birthdays

- July 21 Past President **Charlie Osborne** and Immediate Past President **Ashley Wesley**
- July 25 Dick McKaig
- July 26 Past President Scott Walters

President Sally pulled a nonprofit organization's name from the hat. Our donation for this quarter will go to Pantry 279 in Ellettsville.

Reporter: **Glenda Murray**