

**Roundabout: July 21, 2020**

**NEXT MEETING: SHERRY MITCHELL-BRUKER, PRESIDENT AND FOUNDER,  
FRIENDS OF LAKE MONROE**



Our July 28 Celebration of Service on Zoom will begin with a chance to socialize. If you arrive before noon (between 11:45 and 11:58), you will be assigned to a breakout room for a period of conversation. At noon we will all assemble (electronically) for our Celebration of Service.

**Sherry Mitchell-Bruker** is the president and founder of Friends of Lake Monroe. She received her master's and doctorate from Indiana University's O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs. Dr. Mitchell-Bruker's career in environmental hydrology includes research, consulting, and management and has taken her from Indiana to the Everglades, the Sierra Nevada, and back home to Indiana.

Dr. Mitchell-Bruker founded Friends of Lake Monroe to protect Indiana's largest reservoir. The idea began when she noticed low water quality while kayaking on Lake Monroe; she also found heaps of trash along the shoreline. She was shocked when she found that Lake Monroe did not have a watershed group. Mitchell-Bruker finally decided to form a group when Bloomington began to have trouble with its drinking water quality. The Friends of Lake Monroe group is particularly concerned about the storm water runoff from the lake's 432-square-mile watershed. According to Mitchell-Bruker, "We have to understand how to use the land in a way that benefits the owners of the land and also protects the watershed and the streams and the lake." Her topic next week will be "Building a Plan for Lake Monroe."

## THIS WEEK'S NEWS

### Rotary Face Masks

**Be a Hero!**  
**Wear a Mask & Give Back**

**\$10 ea**  
(Sold in packages of 10)

Each Rotary branded mask is handmade by a graduate of the Rotary 6690 supported sewing trade school in Guatemala.

District 6690 is offering these Rotary branded masks to Rotary Clubs, their members, Rotarian's businesses and friends. Some Rotary Clubs offering them to the most vulnerable in their communities as a service project.

100% of the proceeds from the mask are given back to the Rotary sewing trade school in Guatemala to support the production cost for the mask.

Made of two outer lightly woven layers of cotton material with true blue material forming the John Hopkins recommended design.

Masks will either be Blue or Yellow with Rotary wheel logo.

Two week turnaround.

*The Rotary branded mask is a great way for Rotarians to support and promote Rotary when out in public!*

Rotary District 6690

Email the completed order form to P/G Steve Sandbo at SSandbo@aol.com

The Upper Arlington Rotary Club in Ohio is working with the graduates of the Rotary District 6690-supported Sewing Trade School in Guatemala to make Rotary-branded face masks. These masks are for sale now for \$10 each, and our club will be placing an order. If you are interested *and did not already indicate your interest in the chat* during the July 21 meeting, please let **Natalie Blais** know ([jennerblais@gmail.com](mailto:jennerblais@gmail.com)). You can indicate to Natalie if you would like the amount added to your bill. or you can send her a check. The deadline to place your order with the club is Thursday, July 30.

### Volunteer Opportunities

We will be offering at least one volunteering opportunity every month. Right now, two opportunities are available. Please notify President Ashley Sullivan of other volunteer options.

- **Helping Hands** is a non-profit project to match volunteers in the community with those who need help during these times. Because of the COVID-19 outbreak, many may be in fear of going to the grocery store or entering other public spaces. With Helping Hands, volunteers can sign up and help those at high risk of COVID-19 with tasks such as grocery delivery, pharmacy pick-ups, and other errands. Anyone can sign up to volunteer and help make a difference in the Bloomington community. If you or someone you know needs help, please visit or refer them to the website at <https://helpinghands.civicchamps.com> or call (812) 727-0838. Contact President Ashley for more information.
- **Teachers Warehouse** As Teachers Warehouse prepares to open, volunteers are desperately needed almost every day Monday through Friday. Please volunteer by emailing [volunteers@teacherswarehouse.org](mailto:volunteers@teacherswarehouse.org).

## **Additional Family Member Program**

The Bloomington Rotary Club (BRC) becomes more family friendly!

The Board of Directors has created a new membership program to encourage club members to add family members to club membership at **HALF** price. Individual members can now add a second household member at half price (initiation fee and annual club fee). An individual and an additional family member can also join at the same time, with one family member receiving the half-price discount. BRC individual members who are related and living together can request conversion to the new program at no additional cost.

The members must be in the same family and in the same household to qualify. Two prospective members are already in the pipeline under this new program.

For more information contact Membership Co-Chair Dave Meyer at [dwm@davemeyer.org](mailto:dwm@davemeyer.org) .

## **Volunteers Needed to Offer Reflections**

Volunteers are still needed to offer reflections at our meetings in the first quarter of the Rotary year (July-September). Please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A044AA5AA2DA3FA7-march>.

## **JULY 21 PROGRAM: TINA PETERSON, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF BLOOMINGTON AND MONROE COUNTY**



**Jim Shea** introduced our speaker, **Tina Peterson**, president and CEO of the Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County. Tina's topic was "The Changing Role of the Community Foundation." The Community Foundation is committed to addressing the community's most pressing needs and compelling opportunities.

Tina has been with the Community Foundation for nine years after spending ten years with the Foundation of Monroe County Community Schools. She said that while community foundations across the state and the country have many things in common, they also have significant

differences. There are hundreds of community foundations in the United States and 94 in Indiana, and each is unique.

The Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County is 30 years old. Its story is one of generosity by many elements of the community. By the numbers, the Community Foundation has 252 unique funds provided by 5,706 donors over those 30 years. The majority of donors have been individuals and families, but there have been donations and support by mayors, judges, corporations (including Cook and Smithville), Indiana University, and Ivy Tech. Tina gave examples of charitable government funds managed by the Foundation.

The leading area of impact of Foundation funding is Education and Learning, representing 26% of Foundation funding. Other areas are Individuals and Families 22%, Arts 16%, Animal Welfare 11%, Health and Recreation 10%, Youth Development 9%, Economic and Community Development 3%, and Environment 3%. Tina said Monroe County has not been patient when people saw a need. For example, the county didn't wait for state funding to activate pre-Kindergarten education. Through the Community Foundation, more than a million dollars was raised to start pre-K in Monroe County. Twenty million dollars was raised to sustain 89 non-profit organizations in Monroe County, including Sycamore Land Trust, Lotus, Boys & Girls Clubs, MCUM, and Volunteers in Medicine (now HealthNet). The Foundation has \$16.4 million in committed future funding through planned giving and estates. Two hundred nineteen endowed funds have been created, where the principal is kept intact and only the proceeds are distributed to the community. In all, the Foundation holds \$37 million in total assets.

Traditionally, community foundations play four roles: Donor Focused, Agency Partnerships, Grant Focused, and Leadership. In terms of grants, \$30 million has been granted to more than 400 organizations since 1990. The largest grant to date was awarded to start the Stride Center, a 24-hours-a-day crisis diversion center scheduled to open in August. This should be a game-changer for those in crisis, particularly those with mental health challenges.

Among the leadership initiatives undertaken by the Foundation was an early learning coalition, which has become Monroe Smart Start: A Birth to Five Initiative (ready for school, ready for life). Another is the Regional Opportunities Initiative, funded by a \$26 million grant from the Lilly Endowment, to advance technology and prosperity in the 11-county area known as the Indiana Uplands. CDFI Friendly Bloomington is a new initiative designed to bring creative, accessible, and acceptable capital not available from traditional sources to address affordable housing and aid small businesses (particularly minority businesses).

What's next? The Foundation is working on the community response to COVID-19, place-based impact investments, and diversity, equity, and inclusion. The Foundation has provided rapid response funds to non-profits during the COVID-19 pandemic, and has also repurposed some grants. Tina said that the Community Foundation "strives to mirror the passion and the charitable priorities of our community" and "works to collaborate so as to create more significant outcomes for our community and for all those who call Monroe County home."

To hear Tina's remarks and view the images she presented, go to the YouTube recording of the July 14 meeting: <https://youtu.be/W8wyeDzcK9U>.

To provide helpful feedback on our speaker, go to <https://tinyurl.com/BtownRotarySpkrFdbck>.

## **JULY 21 CELEBRATION OF SERVICE**

President **Ashley Sullivan** presided. **Alain Barker** and **Michael Shermis** were our producers.

**Sara Laughlin** offered a reflection about iconic civil rights leader and long-time Congressman **John Lewis**, who passed away last week. In 2015, Sara and President-Elect **Sally Gaskill** were in charge of a “Power of Words” event sponsored by the Friends of the Library in which John Lewis participated. Congressman Lewis and two co-authors – Andrew Aydin and Nate Powell – wrote three graphic novels entitled *March Book One*, *March Book Two*, and *March Book Three*, based on civil rights marches. With these graphic novels, they were trying to reach young people to get them excited about the civil rights movement. At the “Power of Words” event, the strategy employed was *Read* the graphic novels, *Discuss* the novels, *Meet* on the issues, and *Act* – including registering to vote. As a teenager, John Lewis became aware of the civil rights struggle when he read a 10-cent comic book titled *Martin Luther King and the Montgomery Story*. After reading the comic book, he felt compelled to write King, and he became committed to nonviolent action. In 1961, at age 21, he was arrested and injured in Jackson, Mississippi, during the Freedom Rides. In March 1965 he was president of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and led, with another person, a long line of marchers into Selma, Alabama, where he was beaten, receiving a fractured skull. Lewis was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Barack Obama in 2011, and he visited the Black Lives Matter Plaza in Washington, D.C., in June 2020. Sara closed with a quote from John Lewis:

“Do not get lost in a sea of despair. Do not become bitter or hostile. Be hopeful, be optimistic. Never, ever be afraid to make some noise and get in good trouble, necessary trouble. We will find a way to make a way out of no way.” Rest in Peace, John Lewis.

**Becky Jessmer** introduced her guest: Parri Black, YouthFirst, Evansville Rotary Club.

**Jim Bright** introduced our other guests:

- Marcus Debro, Assistant Principal, Bloomington High School North
- Beverly Teach, Brown County Rotary Club Immediate Past President
- Carolyn Frey, Bloomington Sunrise Rotary Club

## **Happy Dollars**

Happy Dollars will go to Teachers Warehouse this quarter. You can get your Happy Dollars directly to Teachers Warehouse by clicking on the following link: [https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=\\_s-xclick&hosted\\_button\\_id=QQ934RDMD9D2J&source=url](https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=QQ934RDMD9D2J&source=url).

Happy Dollars were given for a variety of reasons, including thanking **Sara Laughlin** for her reflection on **John Lewis**, the privilege of being part of the John Lewis event in 2015, celebrating the good work done by Teachers Warehouse, a 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, and encouraging President-Elect **Sally Gaskill** and others to sing Happy Birthday to President Ashley. Of particular note is **Trent Deckard**'s annual sleep out (whatever the weather) to benefit Shalom Community Center; contributions may be made to <https://www.mightycause.com/story/2kbnwe?embed=tile> .

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