

Roundabout: July 6, 2021

NEXT WEEK: JON WERTHEIM, “60 MINUTES” AND SPORTS ILLUSTRATED



Bloomington native **Jon Wertheim** is the executive editor of *Sports Illustrated* and has contributed to CBS “60 Minutes” since 2017. Jon’s recent “60 Minutes” reporting includes insightful segments on sports gambling, the coming of driverless trucks, and populism in Hungary. His poignant feature on the remote Alaskan island of Attu remembered the obscure battle there that was the only land engagement on U.S. soil during WWII. On another island, the nation of Malta, he reported on corruption and drew attention to the murder of the journalist uncovering it, Daphne Caruana Galizia.

Jon's profile of Japanese baseball phenom Shohei Ohtani foretold the pitching/hitting superstar's entry into Major League Baseball. In other stories he has reported for “60 Minutes,” Jon interviewed Wim Wenders about the director’s intimate film portrait *Pope Francis: A Man of His Word* and captured the idiosyncrasies of Portland and its namesake television program “Portlandia.”

His work has been anthologized in *The Best American Sports Writing* series as well as *The Best American Crime Writing* series, and he is the author of 10 books including *New York Times* bestsellers *Scorecasting: The Hidden Influences Behind How Sports Are Played and Games Are Won* (co-written with University of Chicago finance professor Tobias Moskowitz) and *You Can’t Make This Up* (with sportscaster Al Michaels). Jon’s most recent book, *Glory Days: The Summer of 1984 and the 90 Days That Changed Sports and Culture Forever*, was released in June.

Jon is a 1993 graduate of Yale University and received a law degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1997. He resides in New York City.

THURSDAY, JULY 8, 5 P.M. – ROTARY CHANGEOVER SOCIAL EVENT

Our Rotary changeover celebration social event will be this Thursday, July 8, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Switchyard Park Pavilion. Use the entrance on South Rogers Street. This event is family friendly, with hors d’oeuvres from One World Catering. Even if you have not yet signed up for this event, please show up! Join us to celebrate changing over to a new Rotary year.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FUTURE REFLECTIONS

Please sign up to provide the reflection for a future meeting of our club:

Reflection signup link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A044AA5AA2DA3FA7-first>

JULY 6 PROGRAM: CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Here is the link to our Zoom meeting: <https://youtu.be/C8Hjs-7RfMk>



Immediate Past President **Ashley Wesley** began the program by reviewing the 2020-2021 Rotary year for the Bloomington Rotary Club. The club had a very active year, including adding ten new members to our ranks and welcoming back three former members. We instituted a family membership and continued to develop innovative opportunities to serve members and attract new members. We even had an in-person social event (outdoors) in August. We had guests from many countries and states who would not have been able to join us if not for the benefit of a virtual world (i.e., Zoom). Club members volunteered many hours at local organizations, including Community Kitchen, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Teachers Warehouse, and United Way Literacy Backpack assembly.

The club grieved the loss of Rotarians and family members, including Past Presidents Keith Klein and Randy Bridges. Together with the other two Bloomington Rotary clubs, we held a very successful virtual Rotary Toast, honoring Bob Hammel, which resulted in more than \$25,000 in support for the Hoosier Hills Food Bank.

Ashley reminded us of the momentous changes that are taking place in the world and how Rotary is trying to influence these changes for the better. Jennifer Jones was nominated as the first female Rotary International President. We heard from speakers on topics including education, the arts, disability rights, the environment, sustainability, race and equity, philanthropy, and many more. Our club established a Diversity Fund and created a new Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Committee to help us move toward the goals implied by the committee name.

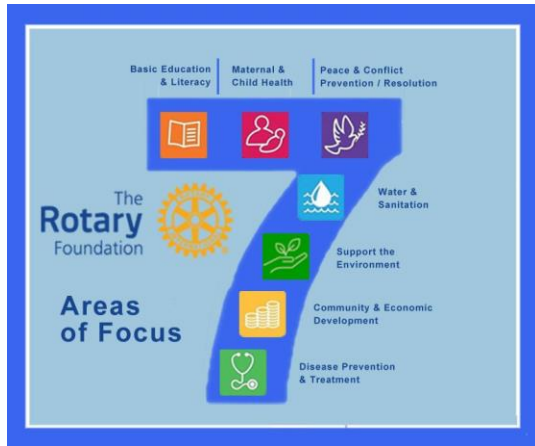
Ashley concluded her remarks by presenting several Rotary awards:

Service Above Self Award – Dave Meyer (secretary, membership chair, great team player)

Keyway Award – Michael Shermis (unflappable enthusiasm and support, making programs possible every week)

Find the Helpers Award – Raj Haddawi (championed a diversity fund for our club, pushing us to strive to be better)

Fabric of Rotary Awards – Sally Gaskill, Earon Davis, Kyla Cox Deckard, Alain Barker, Owen Johnson, Mike Baker, Sara Laughlin, Von Welch, Trent Deckard, Martha Wailes, Glenda Murray, Jim Bright, Judy Schroeder, and the Board of Directors (Rotarians who played a crucial role in making our club successful over the past year)



Sally wants to emphasize three calls to action for our club in the next year:

- 1. Membership recruitment is essential.** We need more women, we need more people of color, we need more younger people. As our new Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta has suggested, “Each One, Bring One.”
- 2. We must focus on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI).** We have a start with the Diversity Fund and the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Committee, but we all have a role to play in moving toward the principles of DEI. The Rotary Toast this year will honor our own **Charlotte Zietlow**, and we must make sure it is a success to be able to move forward in DEI and other initiatives.
- 3. We must re-engage with Rotary.** Join at least one committee. Play an active role in our club, including committee service and, where possible, service projects and contributions to the Rotary Foundation and the Bloomington Rotary Foundation. The link to join one or more committees is given below:

Committee signup link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B054FABAA2DA6FE3-rotary3>

It looks as though we will be able to resume meeting in person in the beautiful, refurbished Frangipani Room on Tuesday, August 10. Please respond to the survey monkey email sent out just after today’s meeting. Or, in case you missed that email, here is another link to that survey: Survey for return to in-person meetings: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KGWVLTf>

There will also be more fellowships opportunities available next year. We will be restarting our “lunch buddies” program this fall, and – something new – we are going to start a Rotary book club, which will involve quarterly discussions of a book (more details to follow).

JULY 6 CELEBRATION OF SERVICE

Immediate Past President **Ashley Wesley** presided over the portion of the meeting up to her review of the past Rotary year, and incoming President **Sally Gaskill** presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Our guests this week were **Mike and Greg Neidhart**, brothers of member **Cynthia Neidhart**.

Birthday this week:

- **Byron Bangert**, July 7

Membership anniversaries this week:

- **Mike Wade**, 4 years
- **Jon Dilts**, 23 years

Happy Dollars were given to look forward to the Teachers Warehouse supply drive on August 7, when Rotary volunteers will be needed; for an extended family gathering; for teaching awards; for a My Sister's Closet client getting a job; and for the power of volunteering as evidenced by the creation of a beautiful Black Lives Matter mural at the corner of Jordan and 7th.

President Sally's thought for the week is a quote from **Fridstjof Nansen** (Nobel Peace Prize, 1922): "The difficult is what takes a little time; the impossible is what takes a little longer."

Reporter: **Bill Perkins**