

## NEXT MEETING: ADRIA NASSIM & MICHAEL ELY, FIRST PERSON PERSPECTIVE ON LIVING WITH A DISABILITY



**Adria Nassim (with service dog, Lucy) and Michael Ely**

In recognition of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Americans with Disability Act (ADA), **Adria Nassim** and **Michael Ely** will share their thoughts and insights on living with a disability when we meet Aug. 18 at noon via Zoom.

Adria, who moved to Bloomington to attend the College Internship Program (CIP), a private independent living skills program for young adults with diagnosed autism spectrum disorders and learning disabilities, is a well-known columnist covering autism and disability-related issues for *The Herald-Times*.

“Through sharing my experiences of growing up with multiple disabilities, I hope to provide insight for audiences as to what living with disability can be like day to day,” Adria says.

**Michael Ely** of Bloomington is well known for his work with self-advocacy and advocacy for others.

Michael, a recipient of Stone Belt’s Elbert Johns Self-Advocacy award, is a graduate of Ivy Tech Community College in Computer Information Systems. He has developed and maintained various websites for agencies throughout the Bloomington community. Michael often speaks at the IU School of Education, sharing his school experiences with future general education and special education teachers. He also talks

with future educators about accommodations made for him in K-12 and at Ivy Tech and shares the importance of communicating with his specific communication device.

The ADA was signed into law by President George H.W. Bush in 1990. The Act is a civil rights law that prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities in all areas of public life, including jobs, schools, transportation, and all public and private places that are open to the general public.

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## This Week's News

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**BLOOMINGTON ROTARY CLUB**

# Social Gathering

**Thursday, August 27th**  
**5:30-7:30 pm**

**Karst Park Shelter #9**  
**2450 South Endwright Road**  
**Bloomington, IN 47403**

**Please wear a mask and plan to physically distance but socially engage!**

Bottled water will be provided.

**Rotary** 

## Committee sign-up

Members are asked to sign up to serve on a club committee for the 2020-21 Rotary year: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B054FABAA2DA6FE3-rotary1>



## Brown County Rotary's "Re-imagined and Online Taste of Art"

The Brown County Rotary Club's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual "Taste of Art" is moving online.

Sixty original contemporary and heritage paintings by well-known and respected Brown County and Indiana artists are to be sold in support of Rotary local youth development and other community and international programs.

Bids for these works will be accepted on an ongoing basis beginning August 11 with final bidding starting at 1 p.m. on August 29.

Appointments for live art previews can be scheduled between 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Thursday, August 27, at the Brown County Public Library, Room B. To schedule an appointment, call 812-988-2818. Masks are required, and social distancing protocols will be observed.

"This is our club's only fundraiser, and we need to make it as successful as possible," said Brown County Rotary's Mike Laros.

For more information, visit [www.rotaryclubofbrowncounty.org](http://www.rotaryclubofbrowncounty.org).

## August Volunteer Opportunities

**-Helping Hands** has an ongoing need for volunteers. Visit [helpinghands.civicchamps.com](http://helpinghands.civicchamps.com) or call (812) 727-0838 to sign up.

**-Community Kitchen** needs Rotary volunteers on two Fridays, August 14 and 28. Our August 7 and 21 spots are taken. Thank you to those who filled these spots so quickly! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B054FABAA2DA6FE3-volunteering>

**-Friends of Lake Monroe** needs volunteers for the Friday, September 18, sampling blitz (<https://friendsoflakemonroe.org/event/watershed-sampling-blitz>) and for shoreline trash pick-up.

**-Teachers Warehouse (TW)** needs volunteers almost every day Monday through Friday. To volunteer, email [volunteers@teacherswarehouse.org](mailto:volunteers@teacherswarehouse.org).

## **TEACHERS WAREHOUSE SUPPLY DRIVE**

Support local students and teachers by participating in the annual supply drive. School kids need pencils and paper and crayons and, well, lots of stuff! We supply them free of charge to public school teachers in our communities. Choose any of these ways to make a difference.

### **Shop Online**

\* Order online from our Amazon "wish list": <https://a.co/6kuVEHl>. Quantity can be changed in the cart. Choose the Gift Registry Address Teachers Warehouse. Items will be shipped directly to Teachers Warehouse.

\* Order online from ICC at [www.iccbusinessproducts.com](http://www.iccbusinessproducts.com). Username: twdonor. Password: donor1234. Click on Favorites.

### **Shop Locally**

\* Shop at Staples and drop your purchase in the Teachers Warehouse bin until Aug.15.

\* Buy school supplies and deliver in person to 524 N. Fairview, Bloomington. Teachers Warehouse is open for donations on August 22 and 29 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

### **Make a Cash Donation**

\* <https://teacherswarehouse.org/>. Look for the "Donate" button.

## **DISTRICT 6580 RLI GOES VIRTUAL – SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY!**

All Rotarians are invited to join us to the virtual Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI).

Courses will be conducted each Wednesday from 6:30-8 p.m. for nine weeks. Each RLI level builds on knowledge gained from the previous sessions, so they are designed to take in order. Cost for each level is \$20 and will be collected when you register at <https://dacdb.com/SecLogin3.cfm>

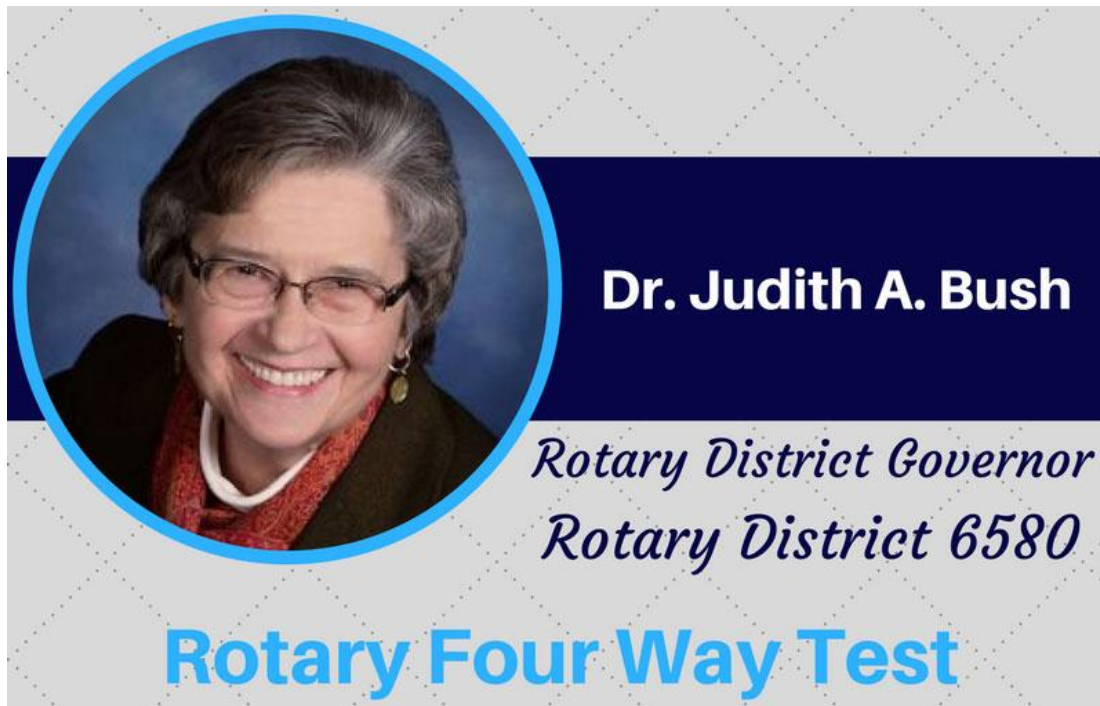
- Level 1 – September 2, 9, 16
- Level 2 - September 23 and 30 and October 7
- Level 3 – October 14, 21, and 28

"Through RLI we aim to give you the necessary tools and skills to be better Rotarians," says RLI Director Shanon O'Toole of Vincennes Rotary. "RLI is a great place for new Rotarians to learn about the object of Rotary. Club officers can build on their Rotary

knowledge to enhance their club experience. Long-time Rotarians can rekindle the Rotary flame and, at the same time, share their experiences with other participants.”

Log in to DACdb and register by using the “register now” button on the calendar at <https://dacdb.com/SecLogin3.cfm>.

## Rotarians in the News



### PDG Judy Bush (1943-2020)

Following a courageous three-year battle with cancer, Past District Governor **Judy Bush** of Bedford Rotary passed away late Monday night, August 10. She was 77. Arrangements are pending at Day & Deremiah-Frye Funeral Home, Bloomington. Here's the obituary from the Rotary Zones 30-31 website:

<[https://ismyrotaryclub.com/Click/?\\_uid=800116746&\\_ctid=1664839&redirect=https://www.rizones30-31.org/news/memorials/](https://ismyrotaryclub.com/Click/?_uid=800116746&_ctid=1664839&redirect=https://www.rizones30-31.org/news/memorials/)> .

### 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

Join the celebration of **Ron and Mary Jensen's** 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Saturday, August 15, from 6 to 7 p.m. It will be a “drive-by” event in the parking lot of First Presbyterian Church, 221 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Congratulations, Ron and Mary!



## **Jennifer Jones to become Rotary's first woman president in 2022-23**

Jennifer E. Jones, a member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada, has been nominated to become Rotary International's president for 2022-23, a groundbreaking selection that will make her the first woman to hold that office in the organization's 115-year history. Jones will officially become president-nominee on October 1 if no other candidates challenge her.

As the first woman to be nominated to be president, Jones understands how important it is to follow through on Rotary's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Statement. "I believe that diversity, equity, and inclusion ... begins at the top and for us to realize growth in female membership and members under the age of forty — these demographics need to see their own reflection in leadership," Jones said. "I will champion double-digit growth in both categories while never losing sight of our entire family."



**Alex Starry, second from left, shown with, from left, Bloomington Sunrise President Melissa Stone, 2019-20 DG Santhana Naidu and 2020-21 DG Jessika Hane at a District dinner during the June 2019 Rotary International Convention in Hamburg**

## AUGUST 11 MEETING: ALEX STARRY, GLOBAL SCHOLAR

After spending two years of teaching as a Peace Corps volunteer in Lesotho, IU SPEA alum **Alex Starry** was looking for a way to pursue graduate studies overseas that would help her continue to make a difference.

Thanks to an article her mother saw in *The Herald-Times*, Alex learned about our District's Global Grant Scholarship program that provides \$40,000 to help students study at a graduate level anywhere outside North America.

In December 2018 Alex applied for the scholarship and, one month later, she beat out two other finalists during interviews.

In July Alex graduated with honors and a master's degree in public policy from the Hertie School of Governance in Berlin, Germany. This August Alex is sharing by Zoom her story with 15 Southern Indiana Rotary clubs.

As a Rotary Scholar, Alex attended the June 2019 Rotary International Convention in Hamburg and got to know Rotarians in her host club in Berlin. She became active in a Berlin Rotaract Club, where she volunteered to help children of Syrian refugees and raised money for the Berlin area's "Meals on Wheels." Alex hopes to work in foreign service on the African continent.

Through the Hertie School, Alex chaired the European Public Policy Conference in Madrid; met with South Bend **Mayor Pete Buttigieg** on involving the U.S. Midwest; witnessed "Black Lives Matter" and climate change protests in Berlin; participated in the 2019 World Health Summit; and attended celebrations on the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. Her thesis topic? Indiana's needle exchange program.

Bloomington Rotarians who serve on the 10-member District Global Scholarship Committee are **Charlotte Zietlow**, **Kate Cruikshank**, and **Jim Bright**.

In the past three years, District 6580 has awarded \$120,000 in scholarships. Half of the money comes from The Rotary Foundation World Fund and the other half from our District Designated Foundation funds.

In honor of her presentation, we will make a donation to Teachers Warehouse.

To hear Alex's remarks and view the images she presented, go to the YouTube recording of the August 11 meeting: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9apIEQDUbx7V4oPH-FWEkg>. To provide helpful feedback on our speaker, go to <https://tinyurl.com/BtownRotarySpkrFdbck>.

## AUGUST 11 CELEBRATION OF SERVICE

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

In lieu of the Pledge of Allegiance, members observed a moment of silence while the flag was displayed on computer screens. Club members are asked to complete a survey on the Pledge by this Friday, August 14.

During her reflection, **Glenda Murray** said one of the many good things about being members of an international organization is connecting with people from around the world. And one of the many good things about Zoom is bringing speakers and guests from faraway places to our meetings. At our August 11 Zoom meeting, Rotary Global Scholar Alex Starry joined us from her apartment in Berlin and George Brenninkmeijer, Past President of Global Scholar Alex Starry's host club, Rotary Club of Berlin-Gedächtniskirche, joined us from Germany's Black Forest region, where he had enjoyed an afternoon of motorcycling. Like Rotary Youth Exchange, Ambassadorial Scholars, and Group Study Exchange, Zoom technology helps our club continue its tradition of welcoming international guests. "International guests enrich our lives," Glenda says.

Foundation Chair **Mike Baker** presented **Bill Murphy** with a Paul Harris Fellow +2 Award for his support of Rotary's charitable works through The Rotary Foundation.

**Jim Bright** introduced our guests:

1. Melissa Starry, Monroe County Court Reporter (Speaker Alex Starry's mother)
2. Joseph Starry, Alex's father
3. Yvonne Starry, Alex's grandmother
4. Diane Nurrenbern, Alex's aunt
5. Jaime Nurrenbern, Alex's cousin
6. George Brenninkmeijer, President of Global Scholar Alex Starry's host club, Rotary Club of Berlin-Gedächtniskirche
7. Elizabeth Thompson, former Bloomington Rotarian
8. Maren McClelland, IU-Bloomington Rotaract Club



## Happy Dollars

Among those who contributed “happy dollars” were **Sara Laughlin, Lance Eberle, Raj Haddawi, David Meyer, Glenda Murray, Sandy Keller, Connie Shakalis, and Charlotte Zietlow** to celebrate the nomination of Jennifer Jones to become Rotary International’s first woman president in 2022-23; **Sally Gaskill** for the State of Indiana designating \$10 million in CARES funds for arts and cultural organizations; and **Owen Johnson** for his former student’s selection as editor of the Washington (Indiana) *Times-Herald*. August “happy dollars” can go directly to Teachers Warehouse by clicking on this 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).

## Birthdays:

- **Kenneth Sparks** Aug 11
- **Membership Anniversaries:**
- **Judy DeMuth** 8/16 19 years, 9 years in our Club
- **Jean Emery** 8/17 18 years

Reporter: **Jim Bright**