

Roundabout ~ September 1, 2020

Next week's program



IU alumnus **Scott Dolson**, who began his tenure as IU vice president and director of intercollegiate athletics on July 1, will be our guest speaker. Dolson, a 1988 IU graduate, worked for the IU Varsity Club and spent 11 years as deputy director and chief operating officer at IU Athletics. He has been involved with many facility projects and renovations. Now, as director, he will steer Athletics through the pandemic and the resulting postponement of fall sports.

We will meet by Zoom on Tuesday, September 8, at noon.

This week's news

Don Gading, husband of Jo Daron, a former member (2005-17), died August 24. You may send sympathy notes to jdaron@indiana.edu.

Honey Baldwin, widow of former Rotarian Bill Baldwin, former dean of the School of Optometry, died August 31. Bill joined our club in 2003. He died in 2014.

Karst Farm Social Gathering



A Polio-free World Moves Closer

Africa has been declared free of the wild polio virus. There are still two countries, Pakistan and Afghanistan, where there are cases of polio. A video celebrates that we are “this close” to eradicating polio: <https://lnkd.in/g7RD9kZ>

Rotary Toast November 6

The Rotary Toast will occur on Zoom on Friday, November 6, when we will honor Bob Hammel. His charity is the Hoosier Hills Food Bank. To make your reservations, go to <https://rotarytoast.com>.

Rotarians in the News



Jessika Hane, our Rotary District Governor, and a member of Bloomington Sunrise, is the 2020 co-recipient of the Woman of the Year Award from the Bloomington Commission on the Status of Women. Jessika is human resources director at Oliver Winery. She has served on many local boards and is an adjunct faculty member at the O’Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs at IU.



Rotarians **Charlotte Zietlow**, **Steve (and Sandy) Moberly**, and **Glenda Murray** participated in the Women’s March Saturday, August 29, to celebrate the 19th Amendment, which made many women eligible to vote. The event was sponsored by the Monroe County History Center, where there is an exhibit until the end of the year about Women in Monroe County who worked to get the right to vote. There is also an exhibit about the Seward family, with artifacts and information from Rotarian Fred Dunn, a descendent of Austin Seward. Another exhibit, a part of the IU Bicentennial, shows T.C. Steele's time at IU as an artist in residence from 1922 to 1926. Three Rotarians are regular contributors to the *Herald-Times*:

- **Connie Shakalis** writes about art.
- **Byron Bangert** writes about religion and ethics.
- **Tim Jessen** writes a biweekly column on our community and places of worship.

Volunteer Opportunities

We will be offering at least one volunteering opportunity every month. Currently there are four choices.

-Helping Hands. Helping Hands opportunities are still available and will be ongoing. Visit helpinghands.civicchamps.com or call (812) 727-0838 to sign up!

-Friends of Lake Monroe. Water sampling blitz volunteer spots still available for Sept. 18. Sign up at their website friendsoflakemonroe.org.

-Wheeler Mission serves three meals a day every day and needs volunteer support through either directly serving meals or providing sack meals for the shelter. They also have three “virtual” opportunities that would fill a great need. Anyone who feels these would be a good fit can reach out to Josie at josierice@wheelermission.org or check out Wheelvolyunteer.org.

-Teachers Warehouse volunteers are needed almost every day Monday through Friday. Please volunteer by emailing volunteers@teacherswarehouse.org.

This week's speaker

Sandy Keller, My Sister's Closet



Sandy Keller, IU Kelley School graduate and business owner, founded My Sister's Closet in 1998, originally to offer good business attire to women to wear to interviews. The most visible part of the organization is the store at 414 S. College, where anyone can shop for gently used higher end clothes. Women who are referred by other organizations can come and pick out clothes for interviews.

Over the years the program has expanded to include so much more than the clothes. The organization, a 501-c-3 nonprofit, has helped more than 2,500 local women prepare for new jobs

and better lives. With a goal to promote economic self-sufficiency, My Sister's Closet has programs that involve advocacy and mentoring, including helping with resumes and job applications, mock interviews, and skills training. A second area of help is personal imaging and professionalism, including gently used business clothes and make-up and hygiene coaching.

My Sister's Closet also offers a 12-week ready-to-work program that includes classroom training and a store apprenticeship. While working at My Sister's Closet, apprentices are paid \$9.50/hour. The organization also offers workshops, including one about what a woman needs to know about autos.

The twice-a-year suits events are favorite programs, where women can buy a dress or suit for a reasonable cost. Work One, the Rise, Amethyst House, and Shalom are a few of the organizations that give women referrals and vouchers to come to My Sister's Closet. Most clients come from poverty and/or at-risk circumstances. For example, 71 percent have been homeless or nearly homeless and 66 percent have experienced domestic violence. In 2019 My Sister's Closet assisted 234 clients directly.

The store is now open 10-6 Tuesday-Friday and 10-5 on Saturday. It accepts clothing and accessories, which are quarantined before they are offered for sale. Monetary donations can be made to My Sister's Closet, 414 S. College, Bloomington, IN 47403, or at the web site, sisterscloset.org.

To hear Sandy's remarks, go to the YouTube recording of the September 1 meeting: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9apIEQDUbx7V4oPH-FWEkg>. To provide helpful feedback on our speaker, go to <https://tinyurl.com/BtownRotarySpkrFdbck>.

Updates

Tim Jessen led our reflection. He noted we are a country divided. His answer is not unity, but healing. He mentioned a number of local pastors and others who have worked to provide healing in our community: Rabbi Brian Besser, Forrest Gilmore, Father Patrick Hyde, Rev. Mary Beth Morgan, and Rotarians Sandy Keller and the late Wain Martin.

Jim Bright introduced our guests:

- Len Tieman, Bloomington North Rotary
- Liz Grenat, Community Justice and Mediation Center
- Marcus Debro, BHS North
- Celeste McGregor, guest of Sandy Keller
- Cynthia Neidhart, guest and spouse of Dave Meyer

We had a number of Happy Dollars celebrations to raise funds for Teachers Warehouse.

Birthdays this week

- Marilyn Wood, Sept. 5
- Jim Shea, Sept. 6
- Immediate Past President Earon Davis, Sept. 7
- Past President Jon Dilts, Sept. 7

Membership anniversaries:

- Past President Charlie Osborne, Sept. 1, 28 years
- Dan Preston, Sept. 7, 10 years

Glenda Murray, Reporter