

Roundabout ~ September 29, 2020

Next week's program



Andy Ruff, Democratic candidate for District 9 in the U.S. House of Representatives, will speak. The following week we will hear from the Republican candidate.

Andy graduated from Cornell University in New York. He earned his secondary teaching license at IU and later completed a master's degree in public affairs at IU. He has been a high school teacher in Indiana, worked for Monroe County government for a decade, taught at the Bedford Branch of Oakland City College, served as an academic advisor at IU Bloomington, served on the Bloomington City Council as an at-large member for 20 years, and worked as a staff member in the Bloomington Office of Congressman Baron Hill as a special projects outreach coordinator. Andy also writes, plays, and sings country music.

We will meet by Zoom on Tuesday, Oct. 6. Join us at 11:45 for a visit in a breakout room before the program starts about noon.

This week's news

Rotary Toast Nov. 6



Here are a few of the current and former Rotarians who were at the photo shoot Sunday, Sept. 27: **Sally Gaskill**, **Joyce Poling**, **Lance Eberle** with sons Chase and John, Elizabeth Thompson, Jo Daron, Jim Stark, Marc Kellams, and **Jim Bright**. Sign up to enjoy the Rotary Toast and see the drone video of Paul Harris Fellows with family and friends.

The Rotary Toast will occur on Zoom Friday, Nov. 6, when we will honor Bob Hammel. His charity is the Hoosier Hills Food Bank. To make your reservations for this Zoom event, go to <https://rotarytoast.com>. You may purchase a view only ticket for \$25 or a ticket and a charcuterie board for \$100. A Friends of Bob Hammel ticket includes two charcuterie boards from Blooming Boards and online recognition. See the web site for more details.

Saturday, Oct. 10, virtual Rotary Zone Summit, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Attend the Rotary Zone Summit free, from the comfort of your home. In the morning, we'll get updates on our final push to end polio, timely thoughts on diversity, an energetic pitch on "Do Goodery," and learn how to be better leaders in times of crisis and disaster. For first-timers, there will be quick overviews of Rotary's Membership, Public Image, and Rotary Foundation initiatives.

Afternoon breakouts include in-depth discussions about our new area of focus, supporting the environment, Grant ideas for your club or district, engaging younger members, continuity in planning from year to year, public speaking, and more.

Register here: <https://3031summit.vfairs.com/en/registration>

Rotarians in the News

Owen Johnson's article

Owen Johnson has a new article, "Ernie Pyle & Harriett Davidson: Two Red-Headed Travelers," in the current (summer) issue of *Traces of Indiana and Midwestern History*. Harriett was Pyle's girlfriend at IU (and when he spoke to our club in June 1922). Harriett married a doctor in Bedford. After he died in the early 1950s, Harriett took up a career in travel, during which she was affiliated with a travel agency in Bloomington.

Charlotte Zietlow's new book

Before becoming a local political powerhouse in Bloomington, **Charlotte Zietlow** and her husband, Paul, spent a year in Czechoslovakia as part of an educational exchange program. She says in her new memoir, "Minister's Daughter: One Life, Many Lives," with Michael G. Glab, that the experience proved American democracy was worth fighting for. It is available from the [Book Corner](#) (812.339.1522), on Amazon, or from Michael G. Glab at glabagogo@gmail.com.

Joy Harter's Dad Is Golden

Past President **Joy Harter's** father, Jack Kahn, was one of 24 people who received a 2020 Golden Hoosier Award from Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch and the Family and Social Service Administration's Division of Aging. Lt. Governor Crouch noted the "24 Hoosier have made long-term commitments to volunteering in their neighborhoods, towns and cities."

Volunteer Opportunities

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

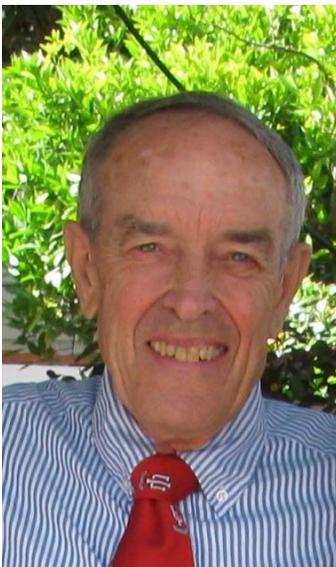
Adopt-a-Road. Oct. 24 is World Polio Day. We will celebrate from 9 to 11 a.m. by cleaning up our part of Pete Ellis Drive from East Third Street to East State Road 45.

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

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 Wheelervolunteer.org.

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

This week’s speaker: Ben Brabson on Climate Change



Connie Shakalis introduced our speaker, Ben Brabson, who spoke to us about “Showers, Bananas, and Climate Change.” Ben is IU Emeritus Professor of Physics. He received his BA in Physics from Carleton College in Northfield, Minn., and his Ph.D. from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Ben started with his conclusion, which is that we have to move away from fossil fuels as quickly as possible. Ben reminded us that the temperatures in the world have been going up since the 1880s but have been rising even faster in the last 60 years. He spoke of Eunice Newton Foote, from Seneca Falls, N.Y., who was a science pioneer as well as a supporter of women’s suffrage. In 1856 Foote found that the temperature of carbon dioxide (then called carbonic acid) rose faster than regular air. John Tyndall made a similar point in 1859.

Ben recommended to us two places for information, the Environmental Resilience Institute at IU, led by Janet McCabe, at eri.iu.edu; and Indiana Climate Change Impacts Assessment from Purdue at ag.purdue.edu/indianaclimate/. Ben pointed out that in Indiana the plant hardiness zone has changed from zone 5 in 1990 to zone 6 in 2015, meaning we can grow plants that used to thrive only in areas south of us. But that means that corn and soybeans, Indiana’s two main industrial crops, are now in a warmer environment. There are things farmers can do, such as amend the soil.

Ben recommended a new book by Norm Crampton, Jane St. John (daughter of member Wendell St. John) and himself, with drawings by Joe Lee. The book, titled “Hands On! How Generation Z Will Take Us To a Cooler Planet Beginning at Home,” has 50 hands-on activities kids can do at home. These changes include taking shorter showers and eating bananas, which can travel in container ships without refrigeration and come with own thick yellow skins as packaging.

Ben concluded by explaining that the “little” things we do at home really add up to reducing our impact on the climate and the world. He explained that Americans on average produce 30 tons of CO₂ per year per person, with 10 tons coming from activities at home. Worldwide people produce about 5 tons per year per person. Anything we do to reduce our production of CO₂ is good.

To hear the YouTube recording of the September 15 meeting: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9apIEQDUbx7V4oPH-FWEkg>. To provide helpful feedback on our speaker, go to <https://tinyurl.com/BtownRotarySpkrFdbck>.

Updates

President **Ashley Sullivan** led our celebration.

Our producers were **Michael Shermis, Sally Gaskill, and Natalie Blais**.

Jim Bright led the reflection. He showed us photos of the more than 70 Paul Harris Fellows and guests who were at the football stadium Sunday evening to make the Rotary wheel while socially distanced. He encouraged us to sign up for the Rotary Toast on Nov. 6 to see the video that will be created from the footage taken by the drone.

Jim Bright welcomed our guests:

- Jim Poyser, Earth Charter Indiana, guest of Connie Shakalis
- Stephanie von Hirschberg, guest of Connie Shakalis
- Ann and Bob Wrenn, guests of Liz Feitl
- Marcus Debro
- Bill Oates, currently in Florida
- Randy Wheeler, Evansville Rotary, District Secretary
- Mollie O'Donnell, guest of Earon Davis
- Carolyn Frey, Sunrise Rotary Club

A number of people offered Happy Dollar celebrations to raise funds for Teachers Warehouse. **Judy Schroeder** gave in honor of Ben Brabson. **Liz Feitl** showed us her first cast—she made it to age 67 before needing one! **Charlotte Zietlow** spoke about her new memoir. **Sally Gaskill** told us that the Voces Novae singers are meeting on Mondays from 6:45-7:30 at Showers Plaza, if we want to come in masks and watch and hear at an appropriate social distance.

Birthday this week

- Von Welch, September 30

President Ashley asked us for discussion ideas for District 6580's new Rotary Roundtables, which will begin soon. Among the topics our club suggested were social justice, youth organizations, homelessness, equality, peacebuilding, environment, access to health, pollinator gardens, and music and art groups in a time of pandemic.

Glenda Murray, Reporter