

## ROUNDAABOUT



We will meet on June 24 at the McCalla Museum, which is in the historic McCalla School at 525 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Our speaker will be Dr. Heather K. Calloway, executive director of University Collections, where she leads efforts to preserve and protect the IU's diverse collections. Her topic is "University Collections and Cultural Stewardship at IU." Food from Samira.

## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM



YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/VkS9sgSTErQ>

**Jeff Richardson** introduced Hannah L. Buxbaum, IU Vice President for International Affairs. She oversees the offices that manage international admissions and student services,

study abroad, and international partnerships, as well as the university's five overseas offices.

Acknowledging that international engagement in higher education is under pressure today, Hannah said she wanted to widen the lens and have us think about global engagement not only in the present but also retrospectively and prospectively. The story of global engagement at IU is one of continuity and continuous investment, she said, and that is what will propel us forward.

The university's study abroad program is among the pillars of IU's global engagement. Indiana is ranked #3 among U.S. universities for study abroad. IU students going abroad began in the late 1800s, mostly in Europe. This expanded by the mid-1900s to include countries around the world. As the population of IU students studying abroad continues to grow, a new approach combining internship opportunities with study abroad may further strengthen the program.

International students represent another pillar of IU's global engagement. While a few international students graduated from IU prior to 1900, by the early 1940s a steady population of about 50 international students studied here. This number blossomed as President Herman Wells made international recruitment a priority, emphasizing the benefits of exposure to different perspectives for the student body. Today, IU hosts around 6,000 international students from 140 countries.

Shifting our lens to IU's outward engagement and presence, one cannot overstate the influence of President Wells' work in advancing research and teaching throughout the world. He viewed this work as a responsibility for American universities, especially post-World War II. For example, Wells went to Germany as an advisor in the reconstruction its educational system.

Today we find IU outwardly engaged through the School of Medicine's AMPATH program in Kenya – touching the lives of more than 24 million. Also, IU has collaborative relationships with leading foreign universities on every continent. In five countries – Germany, Ghana, India, Mexico, and Thailand – it has "Gateway" offices that serve as hubs for research, partnerships, student recruitment, and more. Our wonderful

network of international alumni – now 80,000 strong – are collaborators in this outward engagement.

These activities provide a glimpse of the long investment in international engagement at IU, and the importance of carrying it forward.

## **Updates**

### **June 17 Celebration of Service**

**President Traci Jovanovic** welcomed Rotarians and guests. She led the pledge of allegiance in honor of Juneteenth. Then she presented a special Loyalty Award to **Raj Haddawi**, a member in absentia living in another state. Raj regularly attends our meetings online, actively participates in discussions, and enjoys keeping connected with Bloomington members. Raj zoomed his thanks to us all. Traci followed this with her thought for the day:

“It was exciting this weekend to see people out displaying their beliefs, and with mostly positive outcomes. It was disheartening, though, to see that apparently once violence is forgiven or pardoned, the accountability seems to go away and we see a rise in more violence. The political shooting that we saw is very disheartening. This behavior does not make America great. As Rotarians, Americans, and humane human beings, we need to make sure that we are really pushing on more peacebuilding and conflict management and prevention in our daily interactions to try and help resolve these things and, frankly, to ensure that our legacy lives on and is something that we’re proud of. So we need to do anything we can to try to rise above that.”

**REFLECTION: Alain Barker** reflected on what we as Rotarians in Bloomington can do in the way of peacebuilding in our community and beyond.

On a larger scale, Rotary’s legacy in peace work runs deep. In 1945, Rotary was a consultant to the U.S. delegation at the United Nations Charter Conference in San Francisco. Since 1991, Rotary has developed seven Peace Centers, which are linked to major university peace centers around the world. Today, Rotary holds the highest consultative status offered to a

nongovernmental organization by the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

Closer to home, Alain expressed his belief that Rotarians contribute to peacebuilding through our community service projects, other nonprofit engagements, and modeling the four-way test. Beyond that, he believes there are opportunities for us to engage more actively and that now is the time for us to think more courageously about what that means.

For his part, Alain said he looks forward to working with all of you and the PeaceBuilding Committee to continue to develop LivingRoom Conversations, to host more challenging conversations about the state of the world, and to celebrate those who actively pursue peacebuilding in our community and world.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Lori Garraghty introduced the following guests: Shawn Novak, guest of **Traci Jovanovic**; Libby Devoe, guest of **Judy Schroeder**; Maisie Cochran, guest of **Sara Cochran**; and Lisa Zorn, Rotary Club guest. Online: Anne Bright, guest of **Jim Bright**.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. A celebration of life for Rotarian Mary Goetze, who died March 24, will be held this Sunday, June 22, at 2 p.m. at the Universalist Unitarian Church, 2120 N. Fee Lane.
2. Traci introduced **Steve Wickes**, who will be our club president for the 2025-2026 Rotary year. Steve reported on the club's Community Service opinion survey, which was distributed by email. Responses have been received from 28 members so far. Check your spam folder if you haven't seen it. Paper copies of the survey will be available in 1-2 weeks for those who prefer to share their opinions without using a computer. We want all club members to respond.
3. Traci introduced Lisa Zorn, who talked about the **Teachers Warehouse Supply Drive**. It will be on Saturday, July 12, and your help is needed. This is an integral part of helping the more than 1,000 teachers who "shop" in our warehouse. Let's continue our community service and volunteer for a two-hour shift at one of Bloomington's four Kroger stores. This is our premier sponsorship and one of

the most impactful service events we do. It also fulfills the fifth item in our Rotary “test” – It’s FUN!

Here's the signup link: [Teachers Warehouse Supply Drive](#)

4. **Rotary Toast** tickets are “heating up.” Our honoree, Pat Wilson, is so amazing that it is driving early ticket sales. Also, her selected service organization – the Habitat for Humanity chapter of Bloomington High School North – is very deserving. Go to [rotarytoast.com](#) to get your tickets and not be left “in the cold.”
5. The **Bedford Rotary Club** invites Bloomington Rotarians to join them for food and fun on Friday, June 27. The occasion is their annual Dr. Dan Schafer Memorial Fish Fry, which will run from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus building, 2202 M Street. Tickets are available at the door.
6. The dedication of our **district grant project** – the awesome **My Sister’s Closet’s Suffragette Bike Sculpture** – is almost here. Rotarians are needed from 5 to 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 24, to help (greeter, setup, parking, cleanup, etc.) at 1204 W. Second St., on the corner of West Second Street and South Patterson Drive. We’re expecting a crowd, so please help if you can using this link: [My Sister's Closet Sign Up](#).
7. The **Race to 500 Food Drive** has been extended. The drive is being held by Pathways (formerly Monroe County United Ministries). High-need items include boxed mac & cheese, sweetened cereal, mixed vegetables-canned, and crackers. Donations may be dropped off at Pathways, 827 West 14<sup>th</sup> Court, in Bloomington.
8. Although Happy Dollars was skipped this week, Traci reported receiving a \$54 contribution for our refugee project from **Don Hossler** on the occasion of the 54<sup>th</sup> anniversary with his wife **Carol-Anne Hossler**.

**ROTARY BIRTHDAYS:** Marshall Goss, Jim Harvey, and Peter Kroener on June 20, and Jillian Rich on June 17.

**ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES:** Forrest Gilmore, 2 years; Amy Kendall, 2 years; Caleb Poer, 2 years, and Martha Wailes, 12 years.