

Roundabout

January 10, 2023

Next meeting



Next week our speaker will be Justin Garcia, executive director of the Kinsey Institute and the Ruth N. Halls Professor of Gender Studies at Indiana University. He studies people's romantic lives – specifically courtship, intimacy, and sex. He is co-author of *Evolution and Human Sexual Behavior* from Harvard University Press, as well as 100 academic articles and book chapters. Please join us next Tuesday in the Georgian Room and on Zoom.

This Week's News

Welcome, new members!



From left, Michelle Cohen, Roy Graham, and Jillian Rich.

Traci Jovanovic and Jeff Richardson led the induction of three new members.

Michelle Cohen, sponsored by **Dave Meyer**, is transferring to our club from the Brown County Rotary Club. Michelle serves as the executive director of the Lake Monroe Water Fund. She

previously led the Indiana Recycling Coalition and directed the Brown County Solid Waste Management District. She hails from northeast Ohio. She is an alumna of Whittenberg University and holds a master's degree from the IU O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs. She has served on several boards, including Marlin Elementary PTO, Blue Ridge Neighborhood Association, and Jade Design.

Roy Graham, sponsored by **Earon Davis**, started making music at a young age. At 19 he attended IU to study percussion with George Gaber, a master in his field. Following his time at IU, Roy continued to play and compose his own music while pursuing interests in both baking and law. He worked at the Ashram Bakery and later owned his own successful scratch bakery, the Busy Bee. He returned to IU to earn his J.D. degree and license to practice law in 1991. He still practices criminal law in Indiana. He is also a writer who has completed five novels and is actively seeking an agent.

Jillian Rich, sponsored by **Connie Shakalis**, owns Mannered Mutts Training, a dog training business, and Mannered Mutts Rescue, a nonprofit dog rescue organization that focuses on training. She is married to her high school sweetheart, Casey Rich. They welcomed a daughter, Lorelai, in October 2022. Jillian stays active as a member of Cross Fit Bloomington. She and her wife enjoy ballroom dancing. An alumna of the University of Tampa, Jillian is also musically talented, with a background in classical voice. Jillian and her dog Dixie were contestants on season 3 of America's Top Dog on the A&E Channel.

Are you a new member? Tune in for the District-Wide New Member Orientation

On Wednesday, February 8, at 6 p.m., Rotary District 6580 will host a virtual new member orientation. **If you have been in Rotary for two years or less, we highly encourage you to attend, but this is open to every Rotarian in our district.** The session will explore the history of Rotary and the basics of Rotary today. Have you ever wondered what all those acronyms mean? What the district does for the clubs? How Rotary is structured and governed? What its areas of focus are? Or what databases we use? This hour will be packed with lots of information that will give you more understanding of why Rotarians are so committed to the organization and the level of service that has been provided.

Register today at <https://www.dacdb.com/index.html?EventID=77633093>.

Hoosier Hills Food Bank Service opportunity

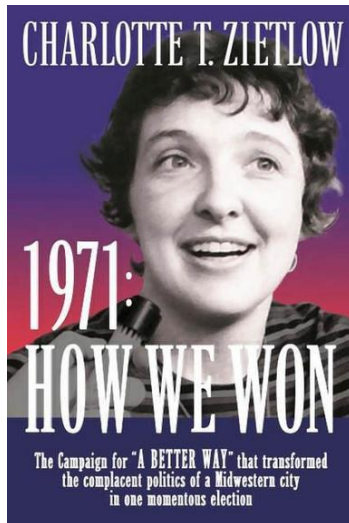
Theresa Claire announced that Rotary will be hosting volunteer shifts at Hoosier Hills Food Bank on Tuesday, February 28. Friends, family, and kids 12 and up can join, too. Sign up for a shift here. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B054FABAA2DA6FE3-hoosier2>

Zero in Bloomington

As Past President **Leslie Green** mentioned last week, our club is on track to implement the City of Bloomington-sponsored program called Zero in Bloomington. The partnership with our club involves registering households on the city's Zero in Bloomington platform and engaging with individual climate actions to help reduce the city's emissions.

See President Alain's recent email message for more details about the program and upcoming information sessions hosted by the city. All households, not just those in the City of Bloomington, are invited to join.

If this project interests you, please [register your household](#) and join the [Bloomington Rotary Clubs group](#). Before you register, take a [look at this preparation guide](#).



Book signing with Rotarian Charlotte Zietlow

Join **Charlotte** at Morgenstern's Books on Saturday, February 11, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. for an author talk and signing of her latest book, *1971: How We Won*. Learn more about the book and this event on the [Morgenstern's website](#).

Lunch Buddies

There is a new list for new quarter! Find your lunch buddy and make a plan to meet in the coming weeks.

<https://bloomingtonrotaryfoundation.app.box.com/s/irrwnwisjivw6si0avmv88iv40sh9odh>

Special Rotary invitation to the Black Opry Revue Tour

Join fellow Rotarians for the Black Opry Revue Tour at the Buskirk-Chumley Theater on Thursday, January 19, at 7:30 p.m. Black Opry is a home for Black artists and Black fans of country, blues, folk, and Americana music. Black people have made and loved country music since its inception, but the role of Black musicians and fans has been overlooked and disregarded in the genre. Black Opry sets out to change that. Rotarians and their guests are eligible for a special ticket price of \$25. If purchasing tickets [online](#), click on your preferred seats, go to the payment page, and enter "Rotary" in the Promotion Code box.

Our Program



Theresa Claire introduced **Kurt Messick**, a faculty member from Ivy Tech Community College, who is the favorite professor of Theresa's son. Kurt has also served as the chaplain at Bell Trace for 24 years.

Kurt said he is not an expert on James Webb or telescopes. As a science educator, however, he knows a little bit about everything. The James Webb Space Telescope is often compared to the Hubble Space Telescope, which has been in use for 32 years. There is more than one Hubble Telescope; the one not orbiting in space is located at the Smithsonian. The Hubble orbits a couple of hundred miles from Earth, but the Webb is 1.5 million kilometers away. Kurt explained that although it is often compared to the Hubble, the James Webb is the successor to the Spitzer Telescope, which used infrared technology. Infrared is blocked less by gas and dust in the universe.

"Each new advance shows us what we were missing," said Kurt of the evolving design of telescopes.

Kurt shared many images from the James Webb Telescope and its predecessors. He pointed out the curvature in starlight captured by telescopic images and explained that dark matter is apparent from evidence of bending light, where the light appears curved. Most of the universe is composed of dark energy and dark matter, which scientists still don't know a lot about.

Kurt displayed Eagle Nebula images that showed an area where stars are forming up to 7,000 light years away from us. He explained that it will be disintegrating as a gas structure and turning into a cluster of stars. As telescopes can see farther, scientists are able to better understand historic events in astronomy. "We are getting closer and closer to the moments of creation with the James Webb," Kurt said.

With a teaching background in solar system astronomy, Kurt shared images of Titan, which he said is one of the most likely places in our solar system for life. There are clouds, falls, lakes, and streams. Although they are not composed of water, they may be evidence or support of life.

View the full meeting on CATS. <https://catstv.net/m.php?q=12024>

Our January 10 Celebration of Service

President Alain Barker presided.

Dave Meyer reflected on the Māori, indigenous people of New Zealand, following his recent travels. Māori people make up 20 percent of the New Zealand population and have a prominent role in society. In 1840, a treaty established their independence, but it was not upheld. Nearly \$1 billion dollars in reparations have been paid to the Māori people. New Zealand incorporates language accessibility and signage translation across the country, and the parliament reserves seats designated for the Māori people. Health outcomes and economic conditions are still unequal, but the government is working to address this. To close his reflection, Dave shared the [Black Ferns Rugby Team performance of the Haka](#), an honorary dance. The pregame ritual has been practiced since 1905.

Traci Jovanovic introduced guests:

- **Kristin Rust**, guest of **Liz Feitl**
- **Michelle Cole**, guest of **Jim Bright**
- **Madison Ferguson**, guest of **Jim Bright**

Birthday

- **Hank Walter**, January 11

Membership Anniversaries

- **Scott Shackelford**, 5 years
- **Kyla Cox Deckard**, 11 years
- **Jim Shea**, 11 years

Producer: **Tylar Nichols**

Zoom Host: **Michael Shermis**

Greeter: **Winston Shindell**

Roundabout Reporter: **Kyla Cox Deckard**