

## Roundabout

January 3, 2023

### Next meeting



Kurt Messick is currently on faculty at Ivy Tech Community College teaching astronomy and Earth science, and he has served as chaplain at the Bell Trace retirement community for the past 24 years. Prior to these roles, he served for a decade as professor of philosophy and religious studies at the American Military University based in West Virginia.

Kurt will join us on Tuesday, January 10 to talk about the James Webb Space Telescope, its images, and other astronomical issues. We will meet in the Georgian Room and on Zoom.

### This Week's News

#### **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. Country music has been made by and loved by Black people 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.

#### **Thank you to our Salvation Army bell ringers**

Thank you to the following 18 Bloomington Rotarians (and one spouse and one friend) who rang the bells in one of our shifts on three different Saturdays in the cart lobby at Kroger East in Bloomington. The money raised for the Bloomington Salvation Army all goes to help children in need in our community to receive some warm clothing, toys, and snacks at Christmas.

The 2022 Ringers were: **Vivien Bridges, Phil Eskew and Ann Eskew, Henk Haitjema, Rex Hillery, Traci Jovanovic, Erica Kovacs, Sara Laughlin, Steve Moberly, Chris-Michael Morrison,**

**Bill Murphy, Art Oehmich, Jerry Pagac and friend Mariette, Jim Shea, Winston Shindell, Tina Swanson, and Jeff Thinnes.**

A special thanks goes to **Steve Moberly** for serving as our Ring Leader!

#### **Banner presentation from Oslo, Norway**

**Erica Kovacs** visited a Rotary Club in Oslo, Norway over the winter break, and she brought a club banner from their club to ours. If you have presented a banner to our club from another, please talk with **Kate Cruikshank** or **Glenda Murray** about its history so they can ensure it is documented in our archives. Read more about this important archival work in the Our Program section of this Roundabout.

#### **Afghan family update**

**Dave Meyer** reported that the Afghan family sponsored by our club is making progress with job preparation and placement. **Sandy Keller** with My Sister's Closet is helping the mother from the family on her pathway to a seamstress role. The father and son are preparing for jobs with IU Dining and the daughter has applied for the intensive English program at IU.

#### **Greetings from the Democratic Republic of Congo**

Our club received greetings from Jerry Kindomba and Jean Kitare from the Rotary Club Gombe in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). With leadership from **Henk Haitjema** and others, a few years ago we teamed up with the Bloomington-based non-profit "Giving Back to Africa," which is now named "Malembe Rise" to publish a book written by the late Bloomington Rotary Club member **Elsa Marston** under the title *I Just Kept Walking*. That book was translated into French for distribution among school children in Kinshasa.

#### **Well wishes to fellow Rotarians**

After 38 years in Bloomington, **Henk** and **Bieneke Haitjema** have decided to move back to the Netherlands to be closer to their daughter and other family members. They plan to relocate in June.

Our club is holding **Martha Wailes** in our thoughts, as she has been convalescing following a fall and broken collarbone.

#### **Remembering Mark Dougherty**

Mark Dougherty, 2013-14 president of Bloomington Sunrise Rotary, died January 2. Mark and his wife, Mary Ann, were wonderful Rotarians.

Mark, owner and operator of the local CarpetPlus/Color Tile store, was an avid supporter of Boys & Girls Clubs. During his year as club president, the Sunrise club raised money through fish fry events in the parking lot of his store. A visitation and funeral service will take place Friday, January 6 at Allen Funeral Home. You can read Mark's obituary [here](#).

## Bill Gates spotlights Rotary International

**Jim Bright** shared a blog post about polio and the relationship between the Gates Foundation and Rotary International. Bill Gates commended Rotary International for its work, saying, “No update on polio would be complete without a big thank-you to Rotary International. They were part of this effort long before the Gates Foundation was. Since we became partners on eradication, we’ve jointly raised \$1.8 billion for this work, and there’s more to come. Rotarians also lead massive vaccination campaigns to reach children all over the world. Sometime in the next few years, when polio is finally eradicated, my first phone call will be to thank and congratulate the team at Rotary International.” [Read the blog post here.](#)

## Our Program



**Glenda Murray** introduced fellow Rotarian **Kate Cruikshank**. Kate grew up in Colorado and earned her Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin. She is an associate librarian and the political papers specialist at University Archives at IU Libraries.

Kate has been our Bloomington Rotary Club archivist for years. Despite being a professional archivist, her work on the club’s archives was an accidental occurrence by way of her volunteer efforts at Teachers Warehouse. She found filing cabinets of old club documents taking up space at Teachers Warehouse, and she was very excited to start sorting through the old treasures.



Kate displayed images from a large box of slides from the mid-1960s that has been digitized along with a 1934 group photo of the 20<sup>th</sup> District conference taken outside of the Indiana

Memorial Union building (pictured above). Kate also shared an excerpt from a book within the archives that tracked membership from the 1920s through the 1960s.

Kate became fascinated by the classification system in Rotary after reviewing old membership ledgers. Within the files, Kate found a Rotary International letter offering guidance for universities and large organizations where there may be many members from the same employer. Kate also found Selections from *My Road to Rotary* by Paul P. Harris, which offered insights into the way the classification system began through Harris' vision of a group composed of one member from each professional sector in Chicago.

Our club has club banners from more than 700 clubs around the world. There is a banner from Burma that Kate estimates is from before WWII. One hails from Wallingford, Vermont, Paul Harris' hometown. Kate said this caused her to ponder our connections to these clubs and the ways we might reconnect.

Kate encouraged Rotarians to consider any items they have that need to be preserved for the club's archives.

Want to view our club's archives? You can access digital images and information at our club's [Box account](#). View the full meeting [on YouTube here](#).

### **Our January 3 Celebration of Service**

**President Alain Barker** presided.

### **Reflection**

**Glenda Murray** reflected on our club's history and former club president George Smith's district governorship. Born in 1894 in Bluffton, George received an electrical engineering degree from Purdue, a degree from University of Chicago, and a master's degree from IU. He owned Smith Electric Company which he later sold to Eberle Hardware. He served as club president in 1944-45 and served as the district governor from 1948 to 1949. In addition to his leadership roles, George was the club pianist for more than 50 years. He received the first Paul Harris designation from the club in 1971.

**Winston Shindell** introduced guests:

- **Lexi Walters**, guest of **Alain Barker**
- **Drew Capone**, guest of **Jim Bright**
- **Michelle Cohen**, guest of **Jim Bright**
- **Madeline Deckard**, guest and daughter of **Trent Deckard** and **Kyla Cox Deckard**

**Joy Harter** introduced guests on Zoom

- **Anne Bright**, guest of **Jim Bright**

## **Birthdays**

- **Amy Osajima**, December 25
- **Katie Beck**, December 27
- **Ann Wrenn**, December 27
- **Lee Witt**, December 29
- **James Wolf**, December 29
- **Tom Boone**, December 30

## **Membership Anniversaries**

- **Eric Powell**, 1 year (My Sports Locker)
- **LeeAnna Powell**, 1 year (My Sports Locker)
- **Gus Shakalis**, 7 years
- **Liz Feitl**, 18 years
- **Paul Hazel**, 36 years

Producer: **Tylar Nichols**

Zoom Host: **Joy Harter**

Greeter: **Charlotte Zietlow**

Roundabout Reporter: **Kyla Cox Deckard**