

**January 30, 2024
Roundabout**

Next Meeting



Dr. Siân Mooney is professor and dean of the top ranked O’Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University and fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration. She has worked on complex, multidisciplinary issues that affect environment, natural resources, and society. She serves as a member of the EPA-Clean Air Act Advisory Committee, Government Accountability Office-Educators Advisory Panel, the IU Ostrom Workshop advisory committee, Climate Action Planning committee, the Center of Excellence for Women and Technology board, and the board of advisors for the Center for Organization Research and Design (CORD) at Arizona State University. Join Dr. Mooney for her presentation, *Creating a New Paul H. O’Neill Center for Leadership and Public Service: Partnerships, Community Engagement Opportunities*. Join us at the Frangipani Room or on Zoom.

This Week’s News

Join us for the Rotary District Conference April 20

The Rotary District Conference is where friendship and learning come together to inspire you. In Evansville, you’ll connect with people of action from around the district at Rotary 6580’s biggest event of the year. New Bloomington Rotary Club members are eligible for funding to cover conference registration—contact Natalie for more information. Registration for all Rotarians is available at

<https://Registrations.DACdb.com/Register/index.cfm?EventID=77667018&NoCaptcha>.

Strategic plan under review

With much thoughtfulness and effort by our strategic plan committee, facilitated by **Michael Shermis**, the Bloomington Rotary Club strategic plan is drafted and under board review through February 15. President **Ron Barnes** will share the plan with the club on Tuesday, February 20.

Special thanks to Charles Pearce

Thanks to **Charles Pearce** for providing several lovely photos of our January 23 celebration of service featured in last week’s *Roundabout*.

Induction of new members

Jeff Richardson introduced new members Jill Bond, Anna McCullough, and Maggie Sullivan.



Jill Bond is the news director at the *Herald-Times*. She moved to Bloomington in 2016 and holds a bachelor's degree from University of Oregon and a master's degree from IU. She first came to Indiana to serve as the managing editor of the *Kokomo Tribune*. Jill previously served as a partnership specialist for the U.S. Census Bureau. She enjoys cooking, gardening, and travel.



Anna McCullough is a board-certified behavioral analyst. She received her bachelor's from Purdue University and a master's from Ball State University. She enjoys hiking, reading, and spending time with her husband, son, and pets. She has a passion for the people and environment in Bloomington.



Maggie Sullivan is a professional engineer and an experienced community organizer. She serves as the watershed coordinator for the nonprofit Friends of Lake Monroe. A Bloomington native

and Purdue University alumna, she spent a year in Toulouse, France, following her bachelor's program. She served as the president of the Bloomingfoods board and volunteered at the Center for Sustainable Living. A lifelong Girl Scout, she currently leads a troop of third and fourth graders. She enjoys writing, reading, quilting, bird watching, and fostering for the animal shelter.

January 30 Program



Jim Bright introduced the program and fellow Rotarian **Erik Coyne**. Erik has served as chancellor of Ivy Tech Bloomington since last May. Born and reared in Bloomington, he attended Monroe County schools, followed by the U.S. Air Force Academy, Bowie State University, and the University of Baltimore School of Law. As chancellor, he provides oversight for Ivy Tech Bloomington campus operations and services and ensures that the campus is meeting goals.

Erik said that Ivy Tech has a regional focus and a statewide impact. The Bloomington campus covers an eight-county service area that includes Monroe, Morgan, Owen, Greene, Martin, Lawrence, Orange, and Brown counties. Ivy Tech Community College is the nation's largest single accredited institution, with 19 campuses across the state.

Ivy Tech Bloomington has about 12,000 students, and classes run every eight weeks. The college's demographics align with the national average, with 60 percent female and 40 male students. Approximately 60 percent of the student population are of traditional student age.

Ivy Tech offers on-campus and online classes, as well as synchronous virtual classes. IU students can also take asynchronous classes to help them complete their degrees. It offers dual credit programs for high school students that are largely free to the students. Some students are even able to graduate with an associate's degree before they graduate from high school.

Erik described a program called ASAP. Designed for traditional college-aged students, it offers a one-year associate's degree. Erik said that students are excelling and going on to four-year programs after ASAP. "The program teaches them how to become college students," Erik said.

Erik thanked benefactors of the community, including Rotarian **Charlotte Zietlow**, for their support of more than \$150,000 in scholarships. He said that 85 percent of students graduate from Ivy Tech debt-free. A majority of students stay in the local area to work.

Considering all of the needs of the student body, Ivy Tech offers an in-house food pantry, mental health counseling, Disability Support Services, financial aid and scholarships, and Ivy Cares emergency assistance, which recently received support from 100+ Women Who Care. “Ivy Tech is life changing!” Erik said.

Erik provided an overview of Ivy Tech’s new strategic plan, Forging Futures, Cultivating Communities, which outlines the ways Ivy Tech will become Indiana’s leader in empowering student and community partner success to fuel our regional economy. There are four major goals of the plan: Enhance the student experience, foster effective teaching and learning, cultivate regional economic growth, and drive operational excellence.

You can view this week’s presentation at <https://youtu.be/wA5AqWgl7To>.

January 30 Celebration of Service

Ron Barnes, president, shared a thought for the day: “No one ever injured their eyesight by looking at the bright side.”

Traci Jovanovic offered the reflection. She said she has been thinking about what Rotary can do for you. She recently heard a quote, “Your heart can’t be big enough to hurt for both the Jewish population and the Palestinian population.” That bothered her. She said she displays two stickers on her mailbox: one representing Black Lives Matter and a Thin Blue Line flag. Some see them as contradictory. She said she does not want someone to dictate to her who she can support and which “team” she joins—she can be supportive of both. Twenty-six new members have joined the club since last July, and each brings an interesting background and perspective. She challenged the club: “Have we reached out to these friends as much as we could?” Traci encouraged Rotarians to connect with new members and volunteer opportunities. “Our hearts are big enough!” she said.

Hank Walter introduced guests.

- Jun Won, Rotaract
- Yehya Kader, Rotaract
- Sterling Daniel, Rotaract
- Phil Eskew, Sunrise Rotary Club
- Darren Patterson, Jasper Rotary Club
- Darla Blazey, guest of Darren Patterson
- David Henry, Sunrise Rotary Club and guest of Jeff Richardson
- Sue Sgambelluri, guest of Jeff Richardson
- Doris Sims, guest of Jim Sims
- Alan Blankstein, guest of Alain Barker
- John Whikehart, guest of Judy Schroeder

Joy Harter introduced guests on Zoom

- Dwight Thompson, Brown County Rotary Club
- Noah Jager, guest of the club

Birthdays

- **Cindy Neidhart**, February 2

Member Anniversaries

- **Phil Amerson**, 1 year

Greeter: **Stacy Bruce**

Introductions: **Hank Walter**

Zoom Host: **Joy Harter**

Reflection: **Traci Jovanovic**

Camera/Mic Operator: **Traci Jovanovic**

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Reporter: **Kyla Cox Deckard**

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