

Roundabout

January 31, 2023

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This Week's News



Join us for a club assembly, led by the Rotaract Club at Indiana University! See what they have in store for our celebration of service in the Georgian Room and on Zoom.

Four Rotarians receive the Paul Harris Fellow designation

Mike Baker presented Paul Harris Fellow designations to **Marshall Goss, Raj Haddawi, Bill Perkins, and Hank Walter.**

Marshall has been in the club since 1987. For many years he led the fundraising efforts for our scholarships and Teachers Warehouse. He was the IU track coach from 1998 to 2003. A member of the Indiana High School Track and Field Hall of Fame, he also served as the head track coach at Bloomington High School South. He led the landscaping nursery at IU, making our campus one of the most beautiful in the nation. He is a Paul Harris Fellow + 2.

Raj was a member of our club for eight years before moving to North Carolina, from where he now joins our club virtually. A respected physician, he earned an honorary Paul Harris Fellow from our club for his role in starting Volunteers in Medicine. Thankfully for our community, Raj took a wrong exit while driving to Brown County State Park, leading him to his first visit to Bloomington. Raj received his Paul Harris Fellow + 1 designation.

Bill has been active in the club since 2004. He is professor emeritus at the Kelley School of Business, where he served on the faculty for 37 years. He is known for working behind the scenes to make things better. He received his Paul Harris Fellow + 2 designation.

Hank is the executive director of the Indiana Memorial Union. He led the massive renovation of the Union building in 2000. Prior to coming to IU, he served at the universities of Michigan, Illinois, and Wisconsin. Hank is our club's newest Paul Harris Fellow.

Well wishes to Judy Witt

Rotarian and past District Governor **Judy Witt** had a small stroke this last week. She seems to be on the mend and hopes to return in time to celebrate her birthday week, which is the special day of February 14.

Rotaract fundraiser with PopKorn Kernels with a Twist



The Rotaract Club at Indiana University is partnering with Popkorn Kernals with a Twist to sell popcorn and raise funds for future service projects and general club expenses. Rotarians and guests can place orders with Rotaractors on February 7, when Rotaract will host our celebration of service. Supporters can also order online [here](#) by February 9.

Our Program



Jim Bright introduced **Ken Nunn**, personal injury attorney. Ken has helped his clients secure millions of dollars in their injury claims. He is known for his charitable contributions to Boys and Girls Clubs, the local fire department, and IU, including the hand railings that improve accessibility at Simon Skjodt Assembly Hall.

Ken hails from Jeffersonville, Ind. He said it wasn't smarts or common sense that led him to a successful law career, but rather his good luck. His first brush with luck was meeting his future wife in high school. She required four things of him: not skipping class, doing his homework, receiving no more D and F grades, and graduating from high school. Ken says she was his rock and the reason he is successful. He lost her in January 2022 to cancer.

Ken started his first day in an empty law office. He brought a card table and four chairs from home. He made a list of things he had to do. He bought a telephone, and he built a bookcase out of cement blocks.

Now there are more than 100 employees and 58 offices in the firm's 33,000 square-foot headquarters. The firm spends \$7 million a year on television ads and receives nearly 300 calls per day. Ken is at the office seven days a week, and he even returns phone calls on holidays. The second day he was a lawyer, his mother told him that "just because he was a lawyer, he was not a big shot, and he needed to return phone calls." Ken lives by this rule.

The firm has led the state for 23 years in injury jury trials. There are currently 834 in pre-litigation and 1,600 lawsuits in progress. Thirty IU students work in the firm conducting interrogatories. Ken stays on top of the workings of the office, receiving seven activity reports every day. Valuing his team, Ken gives raises on a yearly basis. He sees it as his job to look out for his family, his clients, and his staff.

When he was 17 years old, Ken served 14 days in jail after stealing golf clubs from a car. The judge said, "Young man, you go and apologize to the owner of those golf clubs." The owner was a lawyer, Mr. Prentice, who was kind and forgiving. When Ken encountered him several years later as an attorney, Mr. Prentice had become Justice Prentice at the Indiana Supreme Court.

With a rough and tumble childhood, Ken said he has been involved in more than 100 fistfights and won about half of them. Ken said he learned to "keep on fighting, even when you lose."

You can watch this week's program on [You Tube](#).

Our January 31 Celebration of Service

President Alain Barker presided.

Reflection



Traci Jovanovic reflected on the concept of transformation. She quoted her former boss, Satya Nadella (and Peter Drucker), saying "Culture eats strategy for breakfast." Satya came to Microsoft during Traci's tenure there, and he was on a quest to rediscover Microsoft's soul. He

changed the way Microsoft looked at equity and inclusion. He examined the people and processes. Traci described the “mid-year review” that happened in January. He changed that process and ensured the direction he was providing was clear and consistent. Traci said empathy and inclusion were among Satya’s strengths. Leveraging these, he hired a chief accessibility officer who in turn hired many people with disabilities to upper-level positions. Traci concluded, “You can make big changes, and everyone needs to be a part of that change.”

Susie Graham introduced guests:

- **Tori Lawhorn**, guest of **Jim Bright**
- **Eugene Hurley**, guest of **Jim Bright**
- **Dave Weaver**, guest of **Jim Bright**
- **Sandy Moberly**, guest of **Steve Moberly**
- **Pablo Fuentes**, guest of **Aaron Brewington**

Michael Shermis introduced our guests on Zoom:

- **Joyce Krothe** and **Tony Mescher**, guests of **Judy Schroeder**
- **Stephanie Shelton**
- **Charlene Brown**
- **Ali Kaylor**
- **Max West**

Birthdays

- **Cindy Neidhart**, February 2

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