

## **Roundabout: October 25, 2022**



### **Next luncheon:**

### ***SPEA professor to share thoughts on Nov. 8 midterm elections***

Join us in the Frangipani Room – or on Zoom – when IU O'Neill SPEA Professor of Practice **Paul Helmke** will share his thoughts on the Nov. 8 midterm elections.

Former president and CEO of the Brady Center/Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence and three-term mayor of Fort Wayne, Paul is the founding director of IU's Civic Leaders Living-Learning Center.

Paul's professional interests include law and public policy, civic education and participation, mayoral and nonprofit leadership, urban issues, politics, and gun violence prevention. His experience on gun control issues lands him frequent mentions and interviews in national news stories and programs.

Born in Bloomington and reared in Fort Wayne, Paul practiced law there for more than 14 years before winning an upset victory over a two-term incumbent mayor in 1987. During the 1990s, he was appointed to Federal cabinet advisory committees dealing with violence against women and school-to-work transitions. He served as president of the U. S. Conference of Mayors during his final term in office. In 1998, Paul won the primary to be the Republican nominee for U. S. Senate in Indiana but lost in the general election to former Gov. Evan Bayh.

As an IU student, Paul was student body president during an era of student protest and activism. He was selected to Phi Beta Kappa and graduated with highest distinction in 1970. He studied law at Yale, receiving his Juris Doctor degree in 1973, in the same class as Bill and Hillary Clinton. Paul joined the IU faculty and O'Neill in 2013.

## THIS WEEK'S NEWS



**RYLA** – After a two-year break caused by COVID, RYLA returned to Bradford Woods Oct. 21-23.

District Chair Loren Snyder, assisted by Joy Harter, shared two stories about the RYLA weekend:

“An exchange student from Kazakhstan told me Saturday night at the bonfire over S’mores, ‘This is my favorite day in the United States.’ She has been in the U.S. for eight months.”



“During a session, ‘What RYLA means to me,’ a student stood up and said, ‘I am a senior. Prior to RYLA, I was nervous about going to college because I didn’t know if I could make new friends. Because of RYLA, I am not as nervous because I know I can make new friends, and it isn’t even that hard.’”



Designed to build leadership and teamwork in participating Southern Indiana high school students, RYLA attracted more than 50 students this year, including five sponsored by our club.

**Friends of the Rotary Foundation, Columbus** – All Rotarians are invited to attend the annual Friends of the Rotary Foundation event Friday, Nov. 18, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Columbus, at the Helen Haddad Hall, home of the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic, 315 Franklin Street. Join us for a night of fellowship and learn more about the Foundation. Appetizers and cash bar. This is a great opportunity to meet fellow Rotarians from around the District. Register here by Friday, Nov. 9: <https://www.dacdb.com/index.html?EventID=77628581>

**Second Quarter Weekly Meeting Volunteers** -- Sign up to share a reflection, to greet members and guests at the door, or to introduce guests to those in attendance. [Here's the link >](#)

**Business Outlook Panel & Lunch** – Join Bloomington Rotary, the Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce, and IU Kelley School of Business faculty and experts for the 2023 economic outlook forecast at Ivy Tech's Shreve Hall – or virtually on Zoom -- **Thursday, Nov. 10**, at 11:45 a.m. Doors open at 11:15. No meeting Tuesday, Nov. 8. Panelists will discuss how the changing economic environment will affect business and public policy decisions globally, in the Hoosier state, and in Bloomington. To make a reservation, reply to this email survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PSGBK3P>. Tickets for Rotarians and Rotary guests are \$27.

Led by **Dave Meyer**, Rotarians picked up litter along Pete Ellis Drive Saturday morning, October 22.

## OCTOBER 25 PROGRAM



### Erin Houchin, 9<sup>th</sup> District Republican Congressional Candidate

After graduating from IU with a degree in psychology, **Erin Houchin** pursued a master's degree in political management at George Washington University.

From her home in Salem, Ind., Erin took all her classes online. She helped her three children with their homework before turning to her studies after their 9 p.m. bedtime. Sometimes, she would still be poring through her books and notes at 3 a.m.

During one of her classes, a GWU professor said 90 percent of the students in that program come away with job offers.

"Sitting in Salem, Ind., I thought, 'Oh no. I might be one of the 10 percent that doesn't get an offer,'" said Erin, who was introduced by **Lynn Schwartzberg**.

That's when she got a call from U.S. Senator Dan Coats, inviting her to join his team as his Southeast Indiana Regional Director.

Erin, who had been an intern at the Indiana Statehouse in the '90s, later was a Governor's appointee to the Indiana Commission for Women. In 2014, she was elected state senator representing the 47th District, which includes all of Crawford Orange, Harrison, Perry, and Washington counties and the eastern half of Dubois County.

Asked during the Q&A to list her three favorite Hoosiers, Erin said, "Mitch Daniels, Dan Coats, and (former Secretary of State) Connie Lawson."

"Dan Coats was a great leader and statesman," she added. "Like me, he started as a staffer, and he was good to his staff."

If elected, Erin lists three top issues that she will address: Inflation (we must reduce spending), border security and education.

“I also want to do a better job of lifting up other women,” Erin says. “We don’t have a lot of female members in state and federal government.”

If elected, Erin will become the first woman to represent the 9<sup>th</sup> District.

Her opponent, Democrat **Matt Fyfe**, spoke at the Oct. 18 luncheon.

*In honor of her presentation, we will offer a small contribution this quarter to Stages Bloomington.*



## Updates

### Our October 25 Celebration of Service

*[A recording of today’s “celebration of service” is available at <https://youtu.be/FRWGupJOFWo>]*

In his opening remarks, President **Alain Barker** reported on:

- **Diwali.** October 24 marks the beginning of Diwali – the five-day Festival of Lights – celebrated mostly by Hindus around the world.

One of the most popular festivals of Hinduism, Diwali symbolizes the spiritual victory of light over darkness, good over evil, knowledge over ignorance.

Rotarians celebrated in spirit with the more than 3,000 Rotary Clubs in India, and with the more than one billion people around the world, who draw inspiration and meaning from Diwali.

- **World Polio Day** – October 24, also the day that the world focused again on global efforts toward a polio-free world, recognizing the tireless contributions of those on the frontlines, who play a major role in eradicating the disease. Through our funding partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates

Foundation, Rotary commits \$150 million each year to the global effort to eradicate polio. Your gifts to The Rotary Foundation continue to help us make progress.

### Member anniversaries

- Tom Boone                    39 total – 14 with the club
- Peter Kroener                18 years
- Bill Murphy                   43 total – 15 with the club

### New members

The board approved “The City of Bloomington” as an organizational member with the following city employees listed on their application:

- \* **Alex Crowley**, Director
- \* **Holly Warren**, Assistant Director for the Arts
- \* **Lauren Clemens**, Assistant Director for Sustainability
- \* **De de la Rosa**, Assistant Director for Small Business

Also approved as new members: **Sara Cochran, Michelle Cohen, and Erica Kovacs.**

### Introduction of guests

**Sally Gaskill** welcomed “in person” guests:

- **Phil Amerson**, former member of our club and guest of Winston Shindell
- **Whitney Koelling**, O'Neill Fellow, IU SPEA & Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce
- **Paul Helmke**, Professor of Practice, O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs (and our Nov. 1 speaker)

**Joy Harter** introduced online guests:

- **Kaitlyn Burress**, guest of **Amy Osajima**
- **Stephanie von Hirschberg**, guest of **Jim Bright**
- **Anne Bright**

### Reflection: Helping young people grow

As her daughter, Lucy, prepares to join Girl Scouts, **Kyla Cox Deckard** finds herself reflecting on the impact that scouting and other experiences had on her own formative years.

Through scouting, Kyla toured the IMU, hiked in Cascades Park, and discovered local theater and the IU art museum.

As a youngster, Kyla also visited Bradford Woods (site of the Oct. 21-23 RYLA) and Myers Hall (site of IU biology classes) and shadowed fellow Rotarian **Jim Capshew** on a tour of the IMU. She also shadowed her aunt who worked at a local radio station.

“These experiences helped prepare me for where I am today at the IU Center for Rural Engagement,” Kyla says.

Kyla sees Rotary helping young people through experiences at local farms, the Lotus Blossoms mini festival, RYLA, and Interact clubs.

“The more we get involved, the richer our lives,” President **Alain Barker** says.

***Roundabout* reporter: Jim Bright**