

Roundabout

November 1, 2022

Next meeting



There will be no meeting on Tuesday, November 8.

Join Bloomington Rotary Club on Thursday, November 10, for the **2023 Business Outlook** panel at Ivy Tech's Shreve Hall. Panelists will forecast the economic prospects in terms of global, national, state, and metropolitan perspectives, as well as the outlook for the financial markets. They are presenting their forecasts to audiences across Indiana. This year's panelists include Kyle Anderson, Andrew Butters, Clark Greiner, and Carol Rogers. Phil Powell (above) serves as moderator.

Registration is now closed for luncheon seats, but the full event will be broadcast via Zoom Webinar at <https://iu.zoom.us/j/87253950372>.

This Week's News



Welcome new members Sara Cochran and Erica Kovacs!

Dave Meyer and **Jeff Richardson** inducted our club's two newest members, **Sara Cochran** and **Erica Kovacs**. **Jim Bright** was the sponsor for both women.

Sara's relationship with Rotary began at a young age. Her father was a member of the Cushing, Okla., club, and her family was very active in hosting global scholars. Sara was a member of the Springfield, Mo., Rotaract Club. She is currently a clinical assistant professor of

entrepreneurship at the Kelley School of Business and serves as the treasurer of the U.S. Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship. She received her B.A. in accounting and M.A. in integrated marketing communications from Drury University and holds a Ph.D. in higher education from the University of Missouri.

Erica was born in São Paulo, Brazil. She, too, joins our club with early Rotary experience. As part of a group of exchange students in Rotary District 4500, she visited Fargo, N.D., in 1987. She and her family also hosted students through Rotary. She has worked for multinational firms such as Phillips and Rayovac. Erica is a clinical assistant professor in international business at the Kelley School of Business, Her daughter carried on the Rotary tradition as a Rotary exchange student in 2007. Erica holds a Ph.D. and master's degree from Universidade Federal de Pernambuco in Brazil.

Afghan refugee initiative opportunities

Our club has welcomed a family from Afghanistan who is resettling in Bloomington. They are connecting with education programs and preparing for employment, and they just recently secured an apartment. Thanks to a partnership with ReStore, the three-bedroom apartment is furnished, but they could use a few more items: shampoo and conditioner, feminine hygiene products, razors, dish soap, a flashlight, baseball hats, and a Persian rug 8' by 10' or 9' by 12'. Please contact **Sara Laughlin** for more information, saraglaughlin@gmail.com.

Salvation Army bell ringing opportunities

Steve Moberly is once again chairing bell ringing shifts to support the Salvation Army this holiday season. Use this link to sign up, [Bloomington Rotary: Rotary bell ringing \(signupgenius.com\)](http://Bloomington Rotary: Rotary bell ringing (signupgenius.com))

Our Program



Jim Bright introduced Paul Helmke, a professor of practice at the O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs. A three-term mayor of Fort Wayne and former president and CEO of the Brady Center and Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, Paul has deep roots at IU where he served as student body president.

Paul cautioned that he doesn't like election "predictions" because he feels the real story happens at the voting booth. Despite that, Paul said he loves thinking about what is going to happen on Election Day.

Though prognosticators may be guessing about outcomes, Paul said there are three key factors that affect election results: the power of incumbency, money and polling, and turnout. He also pointed out that the party out of power usually does better in midterms. Since the Civil War, the party out of power has picked up seats in 37 out of 39 elections.

Paul said the incumbent almost always will win again. However, we are seeing more nationalization of our elections and there is less ticket-splitting. This is also the first election year since redistricting from the 2020 census. Republicans are anticipated to pick up more seats from redistricting alone.

Paul said that money often controls things. He cited that 9th congressional district candidate Erin Houchin has significantly outraised her opponent, Matt Fyfe. In the U.S. Senate race, Senator Todd Young is far outpacing Hammond Mayor Tom McDermott. "That said, the person with the most money doesn't always win," Paul clarified, adding that many races have been upset by an under-raising campaign. Paul said it is harder to use money effectively in today's multimedia world, and polling is more challenging with the decrease in telephone landline service.

Ultimately, Paul said, "it is the people who show up who determine who wins and who loses." National issues can affect turnout, and local campaign efforts to get out the vote have an impact. Paul encouraged Rotarians to vote and make sure their neighbors vote, too.

Paul said, "The Greeks have a word for people who don't participate in politics: 'Idiot.'"

You can see this week's meeting on YouTube [here](#).

Our November 1 Celebration of Service

President Alain Barker presided.

Reflection

Jim Sims encouraged every eligible voter to cast their ballots on Election Day, November 8. He emphasized, "Your vote matters," he emphasized. Voting honor the sacrifices of his ancestors and family members who faced historical barriers. Jim shared the story of his grandmother. In her mid-30s, when she attempted to vote, she was hit by an ax handle behind her right ear, further emphasizing the importance of legislation like the Voting Rights Act. Jim said that the act of voting transcends a voter's personal interests and is a form of Service Above Self.

Bryce Bow introduced guests:

- **Tim Riffle**, guest of **Steve Moberly**
- **Vladan Jovanovic**, guest of **Traci Jovanovic**
- **John Gorage**
- **Doris Sims**, guest of **Jim Sims**
- **Jill Long Thompson**, guest on Zoom

Membership Anniversaries

- **Dick McKaig**, 37 years
- **Lynn Schwartzberg**, 15 years

Producer: **Tylar Nichols**

Zoom Host: **Joy Harter**

Greeter: **Bryce Bow**

Roundabout Reporter: **Kyla Cox Deckard**