

Roundabout November 29, 2022

Next Luncheon: A Conversation with the FBI

We'll be meeting in the Georgian Room again next week for a fascinating inside perspective on the Federal Bureau of Investigation with Joseph McDonnell. McDonnell, a supervisory senior resident agent of the FBI, will offer a candid conversation about the Bureau and his experiences. Please note that, due to the sensitive nature of this program, there will be no Zoom option, no photos, and no recording for this meeting!

News of the week



Welcome, **Tim Riffle**! The club welcomed new member Tim Riffle, who was sponsored by **Steve Moberly**. **Theresa Claire** inducted Tim. He recently retired as a partner with Barnes & Thornburg in Indianapolis after a 40-year career. He received both his undergraduate and law degrees from IU. Originally from Van Wert, Ohio, Tim loves IU sports, is an IU Bicentennial Medal recipient, and currently serves as an adjunct professor at the Maurer School of Law. He sings in the choir at Christ Community Church.



On Thursday, Dec. 8, you and your guests are invited to join fellow Rotarians to celebrate a very successful Rotary Toast and year. The Holiday Party/Toast Afterparty will be at the Bloomington Country Club from 6 to 8 p.m. \$25 per person charged to your account. **RSVP here.**

Michael Shermis, chair of the Program Committee, thanked all the committee members for their excellent work in attracting high-quality speakers to our club. Speakers are lined up for months in advance. Upcoming speakers include Justin Garcia from Kinsey Institute, attorney Ken Nunn, Cook Medical CEO Pete Yonkman, and Will Cook, author of *Canary in the Coal Mine*. You can submit suggestions for speakers by emailing them to Michael, shermism@storyinsights.com.

Please keep **Geoff McKim** and his wife Amy Cornell in your thoughts. Amy's father passed away recently.

SWOT analysis – President **Alain Barker** encouraged us all to complete the SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) analysis for our Club. Please share your thoughts! For the survey, click here: <https://forms.office.com/r/UrWJwiM0s6>.

Here is the Zoom link for today's program: <https://youtu.be/UMLU82QER1g>
November 29, 2022, Guest Speaker: James Farmer: Food (and Agriculture) at IU: A Liberal Arts Approach to Food Systems

Bill Brown introduced the speaker, James Farmer. Dr. Farmer is an associate professor in the O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs, a co-director of the IU Campus Farm (<https://iufarm.indiana.edu/index.html>), and the interim director of the IU Food Institute (<https://foodinst.indiana.edu/>). He is also a farmer himself.

Dr. Farmer shared seven key areas that show the intersection of food systems with the liberal arts to illustrate why Indiana University can serve as a critical institution for supporting and strengthening the ways we get our food.

Food systems are the interconnected web of activities, resources, and people that extend across all domains involved in providing human nourishment and sustaining health. Dr. Farmer specifically mentioned Water and Sanitation, Maternal and Child Health, Supporting the Environment, Basic Education and Literacy, Disease Prevention and Treatment, and Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution. Those domains fit perfectly with the seven areas of focus for Rotary International. These pillars of food systems require the expertise and research from fields such as environmental health, biology, chemistry, public affairs, economics, nutrition science, health administration, sociology, history, and political science. Indiana University is a perfect partner in all these areas. Every person is affected by the quality of our food systems, and Dr. Farmer encourages everyone to be engaged in sustaining and improving them.

You can support food systems by purchasing from local farmers and markets, such as the People's Market. Rotarians are invited to visit the IU Campus Farm, which began five years ago with the mission of educating students, growing food, and growing knowledge. Most of the food is now donated for emergency food relief in the community and through the Crimson Cupboard food pantry on IU's campus. You can email Dr. Farmer for a tour of the Campus Farm at jafarmer@iu.edu.

Meeting Updates

Megan Gearhart introduced the guests: Jim Miller, Brian Thompson, and Michelle Cohen, all guests of **Jim Bright**.

Traci Jovanovic, one of our new members, offered a reflection on thankfulness. She highlighted the example of the World Cup and how, though not without controversy, it brings more than 1 billion people together – all from different backgrounds and cultures. Seeing new players and teams who have provided some surprise wins shows that change, while difficult, can allow us the opportunity to learn something new.

Member birthdays included two for November 30, **Jerry Pagac** and **Jeff Richardson**.

It was a big week for member anniversaries – specifically a number of them from organizational members:

- Lorne Aubin, 3 years (Old National Bank)
- David Snyder, 3 years (Old National Bank)
- Don Mole, 3 years (Old National Bank)
- Colleen Curry, 3 years (Baird)

- Daniel Matthews, 3 years (Baird)
- Alyce Zollman, 3 years (Baird)
- Tina Peterson, 3 years (Community Foundation)
- Betsy Trotzke, 3 years (Community Foundation)
- Marcus Whited, 3 years (Community Foundation)
- Jimmie Torry, 3 years (NAACP)
- Karen Jepson-Innes, 3 years (WonderLab)
- Ashley Lee, 3 years (WonderLab)
- Kay Leach, 34 years
- Bryan Price, 32 years
- Michael Shermis, 11 years
- Scott Walters, 34 years

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