

Roundabout
December 13, 2022

Next Meeting



Our January 3, 2023, guest speaker will be our very own **Kate Cruikshank**, who has worked diligently and professionally over the past few months and all the way back to last year in an initiative begun under the leadership of Past President **Sally Gaskill**. Her talk is called “A Peek into the Bloomington Rotary Club Archives.” We’ll meet in the Frangipani Room and on Zoom.

This Week’s News

News of Our Members

Henk Haitjima’s brother, **Aart**, who spoke at our club several years ago, died last week at the age of 71. Henk and his wife, **Bieneke**, flew back to the Netherlands to be with family and for the funeral.

Longtime Rotarian **Harmon Baldwin** died at the impressive age of 100 at his home near Richmond, Va. Harmon had an extensive career in education and leadership, including serving as superintendent of the Monroe County Consolidated School Corp. A Rotarian from 1969 to 2015, Harmon was a past president of the Terre Haute Rotary Club, where he was a member from 1975 to 1984.

Please keep the following members in your thoughts: **Al** and **Liz Feitl**, **Connie** and **Gus Shakalis**, and **Sara Laughlin**. All have COVID. Al has been in the hospital since Saturday.

December 13 Program

Click [here](#) to watch the program on Zoom.



Michael Shermis introduced Sherri Tredway, development and marketing director at Developmental Services Inc. Sherri spoke to us about “Developmental Services: A New Partnership to Enhance Services to People with Disabilities.”

Sherri said the merger of LifeDesigns, Developmental Services Inc., and Bona Vista organizations in December 2021 created the current DSI organization, which serves 54 Indiana counties. This partnership combined resources and benefited each partner due to the individual strengths they brought. These areas of strength include transportation services, residential living options, education and advocacy, job training, placement and follow-along, respite care, family support, and individualized community-based services.

DSI, Bona Vista, and LifeDesigns each serve adults, children, and families with disabilities by providing support and resources to assist individuals in living fruitful and independent lives.

Sherri, who is from Washington Ind., is enjoying learning more about Bloomington and LifeDesigns. She said events like Art of Chocolate and golf tournaments at Eagle Point raise public awareness and funds. She praised the work of ACE (Advocates for Community Education) students from the Kelly School of Business, who work closely with LifeDesigns and provide incredible work and planning for events. She hopes that next year a social work student will assist.

As the chosen charity of 2022 Bloomington Rotary Toast honoree Gladys DeVane, LifeDesigns received \$14,371, half of the proceeds from this year’s event. Sherri expressed her appreciation for every penny, which allows her organization to keep doing the good things it does.

December 13 Celebration of Service

Updates

President Alain Barker welcomed members in person and on Zoom to the last meeting of 2022. He thanked the many people who attended, helped and participated in the amazing **Holiday**

Celebration/Bloomington Rotary Toast After Party. He apologized to those who weren't able to sample all of the food offerings and takes it as a lesson in planning for future celebrations. He was thankful for the great fun of having all three Bloomington clubs participate in the event and for **Joy Harter's** great [sweater](#). You can find additional photos on social media.

Alain reminded members to participate in the SWOT Survey. The seven responses to date have providing great feedback regarding our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. To take the survey, click [here](#).

Tim Jessen provided our **reflection**. He shared thoughts about upcoming dates and holidays and festivities that brighten our days before colder weather sets in. He quoted Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem, *Christmas Bells*. Although it was written during the Civil War, its words remain relevant today:

"I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"

We celebrated the following **birthdays**: **Grier Carson**, December 12; **Jim Sims**, December 12; and **Daniel Matthews**, December 13.

Member Anniversaries include **Wendell St. John**, 3 years; **Trent Deckard**, 6 years; and **Peggy Frisbie**, 25 years.

Sally Gaskill introduced **guests**: **Dhakhir Abdullah**, a guest of **Jim Sims**; **Jennifer Engel**, **Lexi Walters**, and **Bailey Kline**, guests of **Alain Barker**; **Tonya Vandivier** a guest of **Bitta Dewees**; and **Megan Gearhart**, a guest of the club. **Joy Harter** introduced our guest on Zoom, **Madison Ferguson**, a guest of **Jim Bright**. She is a Global Grant Scholar finishing her program in France.

Happy Dollars in support of Teachers Warehouse were generously given.

Alain wished everyone a happy Christmas, happy Hanukkah, happy Kwanzaa, to those who celebrate and follow those special traditions. He wished to all a very happy, healthy holiday.

Greeter: **Marilyn Wood**

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