

ROUNDTABLE – Tuesday, March 30, 2021

Next Luncheon



Our focus next week moves to foreign policy when presenter Steven Lacy joins us to discuss Russian strategic interests. Col. Lacy is a US Army War College Fellow at IU's Russian and East European Institute and has extensive service and academic experience in Eastern Europe and Eurasia.

News of the Week

Help Us Win \$1,000



Registration is open for District 6580's annual conference, which will be April 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in a virtual format. The conference is free and fun. It will feature dynamic speakers, a message from Rotary International Director Floyd Lancia, and a chance to learn about Rotary projects in Districts 6580 and 6560 (Central Indiana). As an incentive, the club with the highest percentage in attendance will be entered for a chance to receive \$1,000 for a Service Project Grant. More information can be found online at <http://rotary6580.org/district-conference-2021.php>

Rotarian in the News

Scott Shackelford was interviewed in the IU Alumni Magazine on the topic of "the internet of things." The piece briefly covered topics that are more extensively explored in Scott's book, *The Internet of Things: What Everyone Needs to Know*.

Tick-Tock: Time to Submit District Grants!

District Grant applications are due Monday, April 5, by 5 p.m. Please complete the application and send to District Grant chair **Von Welch** at von@vwelch.com. Direct questions to Von or to President Ashley Wesley, ashleysullivanrotary6580@gmail.com.

Volunteering is Good for your Health

Volunteer opportunities for Rotarians are plentiful! Be sure to visit www.helpinghands.civicchamps.com or call (812) 727-0838 to sign up to help make deliveries and assist with various activities for individuals in the community.

This week's program is available on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/6OjBOaSVq1I>

Our Program



As a longtime economic development professional and education advocate, **Lynn Coyne** built a strong case for the value that Ivy Tech Community College brings to Indiana's citizens and employers, including those in Bloomington and Monroe County. Coyne is a trustee for the Bloomington campus.

He believes that through its many programs, services, and partnerships, Ivy Tech makes it possible for every Hoosier to earn a valuable credential to help them get a job or promotion, retrain, or re-enter the workforce – all close to home and with little to no debt. He underscored this value proposition with specific illustrations, including:

- Free Student Support Networks – The college provides free resources to help students engage, persist, and complete their educational goals. These range from intentional advising and academic tutoring to life coaching, financial resources, and a robust student life experience.
- Faculty – Ivy Tech instructors have at least a master's degree or industry equivalent in their discipline. Many also bring real-world experience to their students as practicing professionals.
- Workforce Development and Job Placement – The college allows students to choose from a number of high-demand career fields and academic programs that not only suit goals and interests but also lead to high-paying jobs. He cited information technology, health sciences, and skilled trades as examples, each offering different career options with starting wages of \$60,000 or more and guaranteed job placement. Worksite training options for employees further extend Ivy Tech's commitment to workforce development.
- Accelerated Options – Several programs (dual credit, dual enrollment, and fast-track) make it possible for students to earn an associate's degree in under two years, saving them time and money as well as moving them into the workplace more efficiently.
- By the Numbers in Monroe County – Students saved more than \$400,000 in tuition in 2019-20 by earning free college credit through dual-credit high school classes; 2,100+ residents were

enrolled at Ivy Tech Bloomington, allowing them to get their education close to home, work, and family; nearly 500 students earned 682 high-value, work-ready credentials.

- Continuum of Growth – The college helps students move along charted pathways to earn “stackable” credentials on the way to a degree, making them more immediately employable or ready to transfer credits to a four-year partner institution to complete advanced degrees.
- Financial Help – The college partners with state workforce development initiatives to underwrite the cost of training in high-demand fields like health and life sciences, advanced manufacturing and others.

He concluded by referencing a mandate from the state, which will need—by the year 2025—a minimum of 50,000 credentialed individuals every year to meet the socioeconomic demands of our communities. He believes Ivy Tech is well poised to help meet this goal and encouraged Rotarians to share his message with friends, colleagues, and family.

Additional information is available at <http://link.ivytech.edu/ApplyNow>, BL-Info@ivytech.edu, and 812-330-6013.

Updates – Our March 30 Weekly Gathering

President **Ashley Wesley** welcomed members and guests. She thanked producers **Natalie Blais**, **Michael Shermis**, **Sally Gaskill**, and **Earon Davis**.

Raj Haddawi reflected on the month of March in shaping his life both personally and professionally. It is not only the month of his birth but also the month he passed his medical school exams, met his future wife, retired from private practice, and started Volunteers in Medicine.

President Ashley reminded members that the fourth-quarter reflection signup will be coming soon. She believes each Rotarian has a unique perspective to share through a reflection

We welcomed once again guests Randy Wheeler and Catherine Swanson.

Happy birthday wishes to **John Zody**, March 31; **Steve Moberly** and **Sandy Keller**, April 1; **Sara Laughlin**, April 2; **Tina Peterson**, April 3; and **Lynn Schwartzberg**, April 4.

Membership anniversaries this week include: **Becky Jessmer**, 1 year; **Jerry Pagac**, 15 years; **Monika Kroener**, 31 years; **Tina Swanson**, 32 years; and **Charlotte Zietlow**, 33 years!

Happy Dollars celebrated the Community Kitchen (**Martha Wailes**), City of Bloomington’s Council on Accessibility (**Michael Shermis**), Lynn Coyne’s friendship (**Raj Haddawi**), completing his *Innovation in Art Song* summit (**Alain Barker**) and the many friends who have helped support a nursing scholarship in memory of daughter Camisha Sims (**Jim Sims**).

Reporter: **Susie Graham**