

Roundabout March 5, 2024



Next week's program features Chief Master Sgt. James Wright speaking to us on Innovation Readiness Training. He began his career in 1987 as a C141B Aircraft Loadmaster stationed at Norton AFB, San Bernardino, Calif. In 1991, he deployed to Saudi Arabia in support of Desert Storm. When Chief Master Sgt. Wright returned from deployment, he left the military to pursue personal interests as a civilian. In 2008 he reenlisted in the Air Force Reserves as a healthcare management technician with the 45th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron. In 2012, Chief Master Sgt. Wright was recruited to fill the role of Unit Deployment Manager and Medical Readiness NCOIC for the 927th Aeromedical Staging Squadron at MacDill AFB. He filled this role until he transferred to the Indiana Air National Guard in 2013. In 2020 Chief Master Sgt. Wright was transferred to Joint Force Headquarters in Indianapolis, where he is the Senior Enlisted Leader overseeing administrative actions for the enlisted members of the Indiana Air National Guard.

The celebration of service will be held at noon in the IMU's Frangipani Room and through Zoom.

This Week's News

Please keep **Charlotte Zietlow** in your thoughts. On Tuesday, Charlotte fell and suffered a broken arm and bruises. She spent the night in the hospital. We all wish her a speedy recovery.



Hoosier Hills Food Bank volunteer event. About 15 Rotarians and friends helped the Hoosier Hills Food Bank prepare for their Stamp out Hunger Food Drive by preparing bags to go out to local mailboxes.

Rotary District Conference, April 20

The one-day Rotary District Conference – *just seven weeks away* – is where friendship and learning come together to inspire you. In Evansville (a beautiful drive from Bloomington down I-69), you'll connect with people of action from around the district at Rotary 6580's biggest event of the year. ***New Bloomington Rotary Club members are eligible for funding to cover conference registration!*** Please contact Natalie Blais, club executive secretary, for more information. [Registration for all Rotarians is available here >](#)

NOTE: The annual **Interact Youth Summit** will take place as an extension part of the District Conference. It's a great opportunity for our youth to come together, network, hear from inspiring speakers, and learn how Rotary can impact our Indiana communities. If you know of any high school students who might be interested, please be sure to let Joy Harter know - joytracy9@gmail.com.

March 5 program

View the recording [here](#).



Judy Schroeder introduced our speaker, John Summerlot. The title of his talk was Building a Disaster-Resilient University: How IU Prepares and Responds.

John was appointed director of emergency management and continuity for the Bloomington and Southern Divisions of IU in 2022. He has more than 20 years of experience working in higher education, particularly in the areas of emergency management, student affairs, and veteran/military affairs. He previously served as university coordinator of military and veteran services. An internationally certified emergency manager, John has led projects resulting in three national best practice awards and two FEMA honorable mentions. He is also an adjunct instructor in the School of Public Health. An avid IU historian, he chairs the IU Golden Book Project. John has more than 20 years of military experience, having served

in the U.S. Marine Corps and the Army National Guard. He earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Mississippi State University and a master's degree from the Naval Postgraduate School.

John provided a broad overview of all that IU Emergency Management and Continuity (IUEMC) encompasses. It is responsible across the state of Indiana and includes national and international locations because of IU's extensive study abroad programs and national and global centers. Locations include Bradford Woods, the Washington, D.C., office, the Geological Research Station in Montana, the writers retreat at Martha's Vineyard, and five international offices, as well as all places study-abroad students happen to be. John provided an example of the need during COVID-19 to work internationally to get all study-abroad students home before countries shut down – just one piece of his job during that very hectic time.

As a major focus of staying safe and prepared, IUEMC has five phases: prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. Although response is the one we might think of first, it is only one portion. Staff spend a great deal of time and effort on prevention and preparedness as well.

There are 13 people in IUEMC. This is the largest such department in the Big Ten, which reflects the size of IU's campuses. EMC takes an all-hazards approach, which means that they don't worry about just one thing but instead get everyone together to ask what could happen and how each person – students, faculty, police, fire, etc. – should deal with it. This makes a few people uncomfortable – it is out of their comfort zone – but it helps them prepare and understand what they should do during an emergency.

IUEMC works with many public service teams to ensure they have good plans in place to deal with any event or crisis. This includes such IU departments as environmental health and safety (biohazards, etc.), IU Police, IU Police Academy, Public Safety Dispatch (works for all nine campuses and backup to Monroe County dispatch), Physical Security and Access (cameras, etc.), Clery Act (crime reporting), IT Systems and Support, and campus partners, which include everything from insurance, athletics, and event services to the demonstration response and safety team and multiple law enforcement agencies.

They train and prepare – teaching classes, talking with groups, and even teaching students how to use a fire extinguisher. Each year they offer a session in which residence hall staff experience fake smoke and run through what it would look/feel like to escape during a fire. They also offer specialized programs by request – for example, a search and rescue training program or a self-defense class. This outreach helps participants understand threats and how to respond. They do a lot of drills, such as tornado and fire, and are responsible for scheduling those drills. They also conduct exercises where they talk through various scenarios and discuss how each participant (by way of job or role) should respond – e.g., if you are a lead academic or a police officer, what do you do? They run a command center offsite during football games with multiple screens, safety cameras, drones, and radio service, and they monitor all things in the stadium, on the roads, tailgates, etc. They treat these events like planned disasters. All these activities help them prepare.

They have a practiced response system, invoked through an incident management team (IMT). Anyone in public safety or university leadership can activate the team. Once a button is pushed, it is about two minutes until the management team is in the video bridge to communicate. This might happen any time a

public safety person gets overwhelmed and can't answer the questions. Last fall, for example, a power outage affected all the Greek houses and North Eagleson. Duke Energy said there was a tree on the line but a live line below it was an IU line. IU high-voltage staff was needed. The police officer didn't know what to do but contacted the IMT, which a short time later had the necessary people involved.

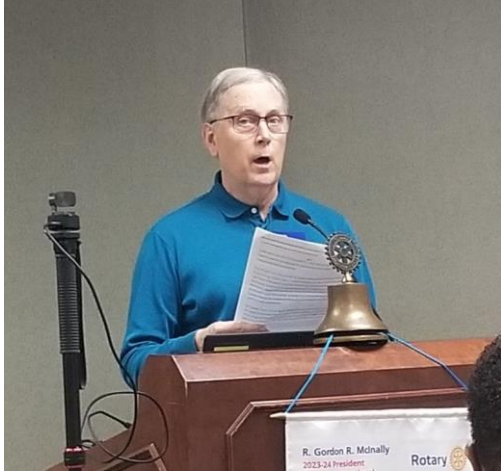
The Emergency Operations Center has an expanded team with about 80 folks who represent all specialty areas of campus. Student affairs and academic affairs work simultaneously to resolve events. Specialists can be called on if necessary. The recovery team provides continued support for students, staff, and faculty.

John answered questions including:

- Has there been an increase in misbehaviors since IU began selling alcohol at athletic events? A log of events does not show an increase in medical transports. At basketball games there might be a small increase in behavioral issues, but they have not seen that for football games. More frequently, they stop people trying to take alcohol out of the building.
- How many people are you expecting for the April 8 eclipse? IU had its first meeting regarding the eclipse about two years ago. They started planning after the last eclipse by visiting two universities in its path and asking how they coped. From what they learned, they expect to have an additional 300K people on that day if the weather is good. In comparison, an OSU/IU football game brings 35K to town. Many plans are in place, including tow trucks for cars that run out of gas. The campus will be divided into four zones for law, fire, and ambulance services. Working with the county, they have established 26 alternate helicopter landing zones, and golf cart ambulances will move around campus. They expect 30K at the stadium, Dunn Meadow, and Arboretum activities. Alternative transportation – riding a bike or walking – is the best bet.
- How has emergency management changed in the last 10 years? EMC was created in 2010 and centralized. In 2014-15, full-scale active shooter training took place on all campuses. This helped demonstrate why EMC was needed. In 2015 a mumps outbreak helped the EMC prepare for COVID.
- Political radicalization on campus? When travel to the Middle East shut down, ISIS began a program to get people to act on their own in their home spaces. Nationally, there was an increase in bomb threats and active shooters, which taught researchers how to recognize radicalization techniques. IMT looks for these signs and becomes involved if they find them. What is more common locally is demonstrations. The team works to help students see what they can do and what they can't. The team tries very hard not to lead with law enforcement.
- Was your department involved in the decision to cancel the Ezkenazi museum exhibit? No. They had been in touch with the museum, but that decision was made higher up.

Updates from our Meeting

Club President **Ron Barnes** welcomed Rotarians to Tuesday's meeting. He shared this thought for the day: "I make a point to appreciate all the little things in my life. I go out and smell the air after a good, hard rain. These small actions help remind me that there are so many great, glorious pieces of good in the world." — Dolly Parton



Dave Meyer gave the reflection. He began by thanking all Rotarians who have helped in any way to support the Afghan family our club sponsors. He described what being a refugee in the United States is like. The U.S. admits 125,000 refugees each year. These are all people who have experienced violence and trauma in their lives. The U.S. Government provides refugees with modest resources to begin their lives in the United States; they receive \$2,425 for three months and one year of Medicaid and food stamps. They depend heavily upon the help of nonprofits to exist. Dave asked us to think about the kind of America we want to show these refugees. Do we want to help them or leave them on their own? On Tuesday, June 11, we will celebrate the restart of our refugee family, who will speak to us about their dreams and experiences.

Happy Dollars reflected joy in knowing **Sally Gaskill** can see better after cataract surgery; welcoming back **Martha Foster**; gratitude for a successful My Sister's Closet fundraising event; and the successful completion of taxes for our refugee family, which means that each will get a refund! **Traci Jovanovic** welcomed new member **Leslie Kutsenkow** from WonderLab.

Lynn Schwartzberg introduced our guest, Rotoract member, Yehya Koder.

Member Birthdays:

Raj Haddawi on March 3, **Steve Wickes** on March 5, and **Bob Zaltsberg** on March 6.

Member Anniversary:

John Armstrong, 2 years

Acknowledgments

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