

## ROUNDTABOUT – Tuesday, April 18, 2023

### Next Luncheon



Join us next Tuesday, April 25, when we welcome entrepreneur Jeff Mease, co-owner of Bloomington's One World Enterprises. Jeff will be talking on the Secrets to Building a Lasting Restaurant Enterprise.

We'll meet in IMU's Georgian Room and on Zoom.

### **This Week's News**

**Marilyn Wood** shared information about *It Takes a Village*, a resource fair for young families and expectant mothers. Volunteers are needed for the upcoming event, which will take place Saturday, April 29, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Email Marilyn at [marilyndswood@gmail.com](mailto:marilyndswood@gmail.com) if interested in supporting this important project.

**Sally Gaskill** returned to her hometown this past week to co-present a program for the Weston (Missouri) Rotary Club on the *Black Ancestors Awareness Campaign of Weston*.

This week's program is available on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/zdxUZeGD68U>

### April 18 Program



**Michael Shermis** introduced three City of Bloomington colleagues in Economic and Sustainable Development (ESD), who “care about doing the right thing in our community.”

**Alex Crowley**, who directs ESD, provided an overview of the department. Its structure, he says, is unique in the United States. Under the ESD umbrella, the City brings together traditional economic development, sustainability, arts and culture, small business and entrepreneurship, and transportation demand management. This cohabitation allows these divisions to work together and, he says, yields an outcome that is significantly better than if approached separately.

Assistant Director for the Arts Holly Warren says her central role is to get funds into the community so artists can create, and to ensure that public art is accessible. This year her division will make more than \$100,000 available in grants to arts organizations and emerging artists to support their work. Her office soon will release an arts master plan that will serve as a tool kit to bring arts into the City’s neighborhoods.

Jeff Jackson, who oversees Transportation Demand Management, explained that the city prioritizes reducing carbon emissions, decreasing traffic congestion, and improving parking availability. By promoting walking, biking, and other non-polluting modes of transportation, it hopes to reduce the number of single-occupant vehicles on our streets and increase quality of life. A new web-based initiative called Go Bloomington is helping citizens connect online to access carpooling opportunities, locate buses and scooters, and manage their own trip logs. Jeff invited Rotarians to the first annual Bike to Earth Day at Switchyard Park this Saturday, April 22.

In honor of our guests’ presentations, we will make a donation to HealthNet Bloomington Health Center.

### **Our April 18 Celebration of Service**

President **Alain Barker** welcomed members to today’s meeting.

In his reflection, **Roy Graham** used three anecdotes from his 31-year law practice to speak to the importance of measuring our thoughts, words, and actions when reacting to difficult situations. “How we handle controversy has a lot to do with where we go next,” he said.

**Jim Sims** introduced today’s guests, including Anne Bright, guest of **Jim Bright**; Jeff Jackson and Holly Warren, presenters from the City of Bloomington; mayoral candidate Don Griffin, guest of **Traci Jovanovic**; and Diego Barbosa-Vásquez, guest of **Alain Barker**.

A reminder that Rotarians can get reduced price tickets (\$10 ea.) to either of the remaining performances of Leonard Bernstein’s *Candide*, performed by IU Opera and Ballet Theatre students at the Jacobs School of Music. Remaining dates include Friday, April 21, and Saturday, April 22. Tickets are available online and at the IU Musical Arts Center box office at 101 N. Eagleson Ave.

Club members extended congratulations to secretary **Natalie Blais**, who is now serving as an administrator for the Bloomington Fire Department (while recovering from a dislocated shoulder!)

District 6580 Conference is this Saturday, April 22, at the Terre Haute Convention Center. Bloomington Rotarians are encouraged to [sign up soon](#) if planning to attend.

Happy birthday wishes this week to **Peggy Frisbie** (April 21).

There were no membership anniversaries to celebrate this week.

Happy Dollars were shared by **Sara Laughlin**, high-fiving the wealth of arts, culture and sporting opportunities in Bloomington; **Aaron Brewington**, who encouraged members to see the IU Theatre production of *Something Rotten*; **Lance Eberle**, who recognized those who have pulled together this weekend's district and Interact conference; and **Raj Hadawi**, celebrating the good work of HealthNet and a recent visit from his daughter and family. All Happy Dollar contributions support the work of Teacher's Warehouse.

Our thanks to producers **Michael Shermis**, **Tylar Martin-Nichols**, **Traci Jovanovic**, and **Natalie Blais**, and to **Dick McKaig** for serving as today's greeter.

Reporter: **Susie Graham**