

## Roundabout April 23, 2024



**Next week's program** features Adrian Gardner, executive director of Academic Model Providing Access to Healthcare (AMPATH) Consortium and director of the Indiana University Center for Global Health Equity. Dr. Gardner works to develop programs and health systems to strengthen resource-poor settings, research tuberculosis and HIV, and perform global health training and education. He also provides care for patients at Eskenazi Hospital in Indianapolis.

Dr. Gardner attended medical school at Brown University and earned a Master's of Public Health degree at Harvard School of Public Health. He first traveled to Kenya as a medical student in 2001, where he was introduced to the AMPATH HIV program. This experience, along with clinical experience in the Rhode Island tuberculosis clinic, drove his interest in HIV and tuberculosis. He returned to Kenya and served as the AMPATH team leader from 2006 to 2007.

Dr. Gardner joined Indiana University School of Medicine in 2012 as the executive field director of the AMPATH Consortium and was based in Eldoret, Kenya, for the seven years he filled this role. During this time, he worked closely with Kenyan program leadership to make strategic investments and policy decisions. He also provided service to inpatients on the medical wards at Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital as well as outpatients in the HIV and HIV resistance clinics.

The Celebration of Service will be held in the IMU's Frangipani Room and through Zoom.

## This Week's News

At our April 30 meeting, **Gary Taylor**, a member of the Bloomington North Club, will have a display about *Looking Over the President's Shoulder*, a play to be produced at the Princeton, Ind., Theatre in June. The play is about Lyles Station's most famous resident, Alonzo Fields, who served as White House butler for 21 years.

We are keeping **Vivien Bridges** in our thoughts. She had a fall and sustained some injuries. We wish her a speedy recovery.

At the District Conference last Saturday, our club received the Large Rotary Club of the Year Award. The award was based on our club's growth, service efforts, and quality of programs. We The District Governor also complimented the agreeable "chemistry" of our club. **Jim Bright** also received two awards at the District Conference: top recruiter of new Rotary members in our district and best district-level leadership of the Global Scholars program.



Left to right: Ron Barnes, Steve Wickes, Jim Bright, Jerono Rotich, Traci Jovanovic

Congratulations to **Jim Bright** and **Alain Barker**, who each won a bottle of wine, and to **Sarah Cochran**, who won a teddy dog, which were auctioned off as remaining gifts from the District Conference's Friendship Basket.

#### **Rotary Leadership Institute, May 4**

The Rotary Leadership Institute session is coming up on May 4 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is a dynamic and interactive program designed to enhance your leadership skills and deepen your understanding of Rotary's values and principles. Whether you're a seasoned Rotarian or new to the organization, the Rotary Leadership Institute offers valuable insights and practical strategies that can benefit you in your Rotary journey. Contact **Lance Eberle** at [lance.district6580@gmail.com](mailto:lance.district6580@gmail.com) for more information. [Registration is available here.](#)

#### **April 23 program – Club Assembly**

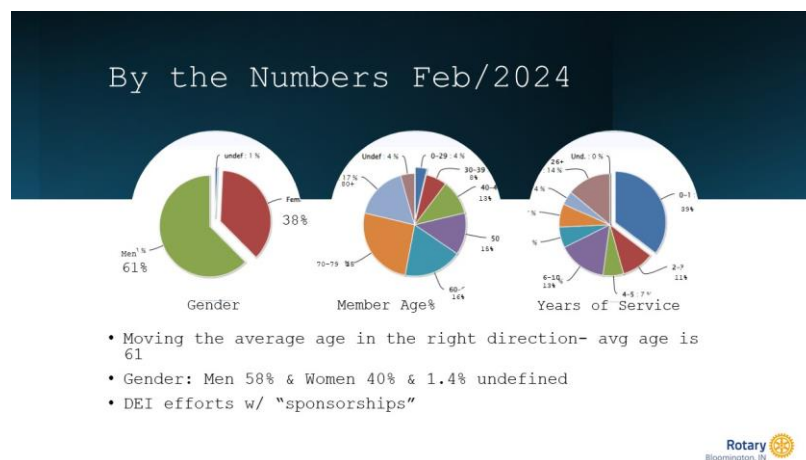
President **Ron Barnes** opened our Club Assembly with a summary of our goals and progress to date. The percentages below show how well the club has progressed toward meeting each goal:

- Service participation: 153%
- Leadership development participation: 67%
- District conference attendance: 100%
- Rotary fellowship participation: 90%
- Annual Fund contributions: 84%
- Bequest Society members: 100%
- Club membership: 104%
- Sponsorship of new member: 130%

**Claire Kest** (aka Theresa Claire), our club Treasurer, gave an update on club dues. After review of the dues structure, the board has determined that a modest increase is necessary for next year. The current dues are \$398 plus meals and elective designations, which will increase to \$421 plus meals and elective designations in 2024-2025. The contract for meals is still being determined for 2025-2026. If you would like to opt for the electronic magazine rather than the paper one, email [data@rotary.org](mailto:data@rotary.org). Provide any of your feedback about the dues increase to Claire. If you have concerns about fellow club members' ability to participate in weekly meetings because of the cost of meals, please contact **Natalie Blais**, the club's executive secretary.

**Peggy Frisbie**, Rotary International Foundation co-chair, shared the Foundation's purpose and progress toward its goals. **Mike Baker**, co-chair, was unable to attend. The Foundation's funds bring water and sanitation to rural communities, help farmers establish sustainable crops, support women and children in a variety of ways, help the environment, and respond to natural disasters. Half of our club's donations to the Foundation return to our district in the form of support for Global Scholars, district grants, and more. Our club ranks high in our district for giving, raising \$15,474 of our \$19,000 goal so far this year. Currently, 50% of our members give to the Foundation. There is room for growth in the number of members who give as well as the amount donated, with the goal that all members give \$100 per year. Please let Natalie know if you would like a gift to the Foundation added to your billing statement.

**Traci Jovanovic**, membership chair, gave an update on her committee's progress. Thirteen club members worked to recruit new members, and we have welcomed 22 new members since July 2023. This number includes three new organizational memberships. We currently have 172 members, including four organizational members. Our average member age is now 61, which shows the club membership is tilting younger. Our club's gender breakdown is 58% men, 40% women, and 1.4% undefined. The membership committee is seeking members of diverse backgrounds, ages, economic positions, genders, and ethnicities. Successful recruiting involves making our new members feel included. Make our fellow members feel welcome by participating in service initiatives and the Lunch Buddies program as well as reaching out to members whom we have not seen in a while.



**Joy Harter**, Youth Services chair, informed us of her committee's activities. Our club and the Sunrise Club will partner to host a high school student from Taiwan in the coming academic

year. It has been several years since we hosted a student, and we hope to continue doing so in future years. We already have some potential host families in mind. More information will be available soon about hosting. If you are interested in this opportunity, tell Joy or our Youth Exchange Officer, **Peggy Frisbie**. **Erica Kovacs** will support this effort as our Youth Exchange Counselor.

The Youth Services Committee created a Bloomington Youth Exchange Task Force this year, which is open to anyone in our club or the Sunrise Club. This committee also coordinates the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy and supports Interact, the clubs at Bloomington North and South high schools. Rotaract is the Rotary club at Indiana University, which is now an active and self-sufficient club with about 30 members. The Youth Summit took place as part of the District Conference this past weekend, and 33 students from the district engaged in a service project and attended speaker sessions. Next year's conference will be an all-Indiana event at Keystone at the Crossing in Indianapolis.

Before starting with her committee's progress, **Sara Laughlin**, Community Service chair, informed us that a truck ran into Hoosier Hills Food Bank on Monday and our club may be called upon to do a food and monetary donation drive. Stay tuned for more details. Sara then gave her committee's updates. **Jeff Richardson**, co-chair, was unable to attend. The Community Service committee includes 22 members and held eight volunteer events last year, with one additional event coming up soon. Forty-nine club members and 10 of their friends participated in service projects, totaling 1,653 volunteer hours. There is room for growth from the 28.5% of our current members involved in volunteering.

On June 7, the committee will be helping with Problem Solving International, a conference at Indiana University for students in grades 4 to 12. They need judges and emcees, and a sign-up sheet will be distributed soon. The committee will continue its short-term activities, including Salvation Army bell ringing, support for Teachers Warehouse, and the refugee support program. However, it will also focus on more long-lasting projects. Other goals are to provide more communication about community service involvement and to do more assessment of service impact.

**Steve Wickes**, International Service chair, updated us on his committee's accomplishments and plans. It spent almost all of its time this past year on a prospective international project focusing on western Kenya in partnership with Academic Model Providing Access to Healthcare (AMPATH) Consortium. Our speaker for the April 30 celebration of service, Dr. Gardner, will share more about AMPATH next week. No project specifics have been finalized, but the committee has a vision of long-term growth that could include multiple Rotary clubs, even going to the district and international level. The committee's budget is on track for the 2024-2025 year.

If you are interested in getting involved in a committee, Ron can connect you with the correct chairperson. His email is [robarnes@indiana.edu](mailto:robarnes@indiana.edu).

## Meeting Updates

Club President **Ron Barnes** welcome everyone to the meeting. He shared the following thought for the day from Roy T. Bennett: “Great things happen to those who don’t stop believing, trying, learning, and being grateful.”

**Jim Shea** gave the reflection about his favorite job and lessons learned about leadership. In 1981, he started working for the Agency for Instructional Television, later called the Agency for Instructional Technology (AIT). AIT was the premier producer for educational television, providing 50% of children’s daytime television service. Jim’s job was to gather data used to identify project leads and funders. Thanks to funders, AIT did more than 30 projects. In-house designers and subject matter experts would guide the programming content and target audience before writers and producers went into the details of production. Jim tested print and rough versions of videos in schools. In 13 years, he visited more than 400 schools. Through his visits, he discovered successful elements of schools. The most important element was if he met the principal or not. Having an involved leader is integral to running a successful school. Jim visited two different schools from the same area, one which was performing well and one which was not. The difference between the schools was that, in the high-performing one, the principal was involved. Now AIT has gone out of business, and academics study its body of work at the IU Media School. However, the lesson remains: leadership matters.

There were no guests in attendance.

**Member birthdays** include **Peggy Frisbie**, April 21; **Mike Baker** and **Connie Shakalis**, April 23; **Glen Steenberger**, April 26; and **Ruth Boshkoff**, April 29.

Member anniversaries include **Claire Kest**, 2 years.

### Acknowledgments

Meeting Greeter: **Dick McKaig**

Reflection: **Jim Shea**

AV Tech: **Michael Shermis**

**Amy Kendall**, reporter