

**ROUNDAABOUT – Tuesday, April 25, 2023**

**Next Luncheon – May 2**



Next week we'll welcome Katie Chattin, Associate Director of Campus Art for Indiana University Collections. She will be joined by club member **Hank Walter** to talk about the extraordinary collection of art on display at the Indiana Memorial Union.

We'll also host a Hyper Happy Dollars in support of the impressive student winners of this year's Bloomington Rotary Scholarship awards!

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

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

President **Alain Barker** opened the meeting with news that Bloomington Rotary, through its District Grant program, will partner with Friends of Lake Monroe next year to increase local awareness of the importance of Lake Monroe, its watershed, and protecting the water quality of this regional resource. Among events planned will be a shoreline clean-up, kayak tour, and youth education programming. President Alain thanked **Geoff McKim** and **Sara Laughlin** for their leadership on this effort.

Nominating Committee chair **Sally Gaskill** presented the 2023-2024 slate of officers and directors for Bloomington Rotary Club. They include:

- President: **Ron Barnes**
- President-elect: **Aaron Brewington**
- Immediate past president: **Alain Barker**
- Secretary: **Dave Meyer**
- Treasurer: **Theresa Claire**
- Director elected to 2-year term: **Amy Osajima**

These individuals will be joining existing board members **Kyla Cox Deckard**, **Jim Shea**, **Jim Sims**, **Traci Jovanovic**, and **Michael Shermis**. An at-large member will be appointed by Ron Barnes. Retiring from the board will be **Bryce Bow** and Sally Gaskill. Following a motion and second with no discussion or nominations from the floor, the slate was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

This week's program is available on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/382X4fnsCao>

## April 25 Program



**Lynn Schwartzberg** introduced Jeff Mease, CEO and founder of One World Enterprises, a food service management company operating in Bloomington since 1982. Along with co-owner Lennie Busch, One World includes such well-known names as Pizza X, Lennie’s, and One World Catering among others.

Jeff says working as a small independent business is his passion and maintaining a local focus connects his companies to the community One World serves. He views customers, employees, vendors and investors as his stakeholders, and believes in supporting the growth of other independent food service start-ups. After opening his commissary in 2010 to other small enterprises that needed access to a commercial-grade kitchen to prepare foods, this “kitchen-share” concept has since grown to host 30-plus clients who, he says, pay hourly rates that are one-half compared to similar commissaries in other communities.

Jeff says it is his and Lennie’s intention to be the employer of choice in Bloomington. One World creates a culture of support not only through great benefits and learning opportunities, but also by allowing employees to share in the profits of the company. He added that about 40 per cent of every dollar goes back out to people in some form; a figure he says is challenging at a time when labor costs continue to escalate.

Reflecting on the growth and success of One World over its 40-year history, he said starting with the simple model of pizza delivery made what the company is today possible. “If not starting there,” he added, “perhaps we wouldn’t have made it.”

In a question-and-answer session that followed, Jeff addressed One World’s leadership during the pandemic, continued growth with the opening of a new Pizza X soon in the downtown Bloomington area (“no pizza by-the-slice!”), and ways to support other independent restaurants through use of social media.

*Jeff Mease was instrumental in creating Indiana brewery law reform in 1993 and opened the first craft brewery in southern Indiana in 1994. He serves on the board of numerous organizations, including the Brewers of Indiana Guild, Hoosier Cannabis Relegalization Coalition, and the Kinsey Institute, and is a founding member of the Bloomington Independent Restaurant Association.*

In honor of Jeff's presentation, we will be donating to HealthNet Bloomington.

### Our April 25 Celebration of Service



**Henk Haitjema** shared a heartfelt reflection as he and Bienenke return to the Netherlands following more than 40 years in the United States. The return to their homeland is bittersweet, he said, but will allow them to reconnect to their culture and the many friends they grew up with, as well as be closer to family members. Henk assured everyone he will continue to connect with Bloomington Rotary via Zoom until he has joined a local club. President Alain presented a card made by watercolorist Charlotte Griffin, wife of late member Jim Griffin.

**Dhakhir Abdullah** introduced today's guests, including: Annie Hawk, guest of **Jim Bright**; and former Bloomington Rotarians Rosann and Arty Levy. **Joy Harter** welcomed Herald-Times food editor Carol Kugler, guest of Jim Bright, who attended online.

Happy birthday wishes this week to members **Mike Baker** and **Connie Shakalis** (April 23), and **Ruth Boshkoff** (April 29).

**Jim Bright** shared images of a successful District Conference in Terre Haute this past Saturday, noting the involvement of numerous Bloomington Rotarians, including: District Governor **Lance Eberle**; **Joy Harter** and **Loren Snyder**, who led the first annual Interact Conference; **Dave Meyer** and **Sara Laughlin**, who spoke on efforts to help an Afghan refugee family establish a new life in Bloomington; **Kate Cruikshank**, who presented on the importance of club histories; and **Jim Sims**, who led a discussion panel on diversity, equity and inclusion. A remembrance ceremony of those who had passed away this year included Harmon Baldwin, Del Brinkman, Ron Jensen, Owen Johnson, Marc Kellams, and Ken Sparks.



President Alain asked members to consider volunteering at this Saturday's It Takes a Village, which **Marilyn Wood** is helping to lead. Email her at [marilyndwood@gmail.com](mailto:marilyndwood@gmail.com) for details or if interested.

Programming chair **Michael Shermis** invited members to share program speaker suggestions for the upcoming year. A quick, one-sentence message to [shermism@storyinsights.com](mailto:shermism@storyinsights.com) is all that's needed.

Happy membership anniversary to **Theresa Claire**, one year.

Our thanks to producers **Michael Shermis, Tyler Martin-Nichols** and **Natalie Blais**, and to greeter **Peggy Frisbie**.

Reporter: **Susie Graham**