

Roundabout April 30, 2024



Next week's program features Gerard Masse, founding director of Sculpture Trails Outdoor Museum in Solsberry, Ind. Gerry's artwork has been shown in galleries and sculpture parks across the United States as well as internationally.

After earning two Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees from Herron School of Art and a Master of Fine Arts from the University of Kentucky, Gerry and his wife, Lisa, established Sculpture Trails as a nonprofit organization. Gerry also taught sculpture at the University of Kentucky for six years. In 2002, he became the furnace crew recruiting officer for the Open Air Museum of Steel Sculpture in Coalbrookdale, England, where his crew created cast iron sculptures for nine years. In 2010, Gerry brought these works to Sculpture Trails, where they became an immediate success. The intern crew at Sculpture Trails produces pieces of cast iron for artists from around the world. He also heads the Sculpture Trails Traveling Foundry program, which teaches the casting process to more than 3,000 students and participants each year.

Gerry left teaching in 2007 and became the owner and operator of Antique Restoration in Lexington, Ky. An additional location recently opened in Louisville. Antique Restoration is a sculpture and antique refinishing shop that offers the conservation of fine objects as well as the creation of custom woodworks, metal fabrication, and foundry services in the casting of aluminum, bronze, and iron.

The Celebration of Service will be held in the Frangipani Room and on Zoom.

This Week's News



Gary Taylor, a member of the Bloomington North Club, shared 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 the most famous resident of the historic African-American community of Lyles Station. Alonzo Fields served as White House butler for 21 years. For more information, go to lylesstation.org or princetontheatre.org. Both Gary and **Craig Spence** are natives of Princeton, which is about an hour and a half south of Bloomington down I-69.

The Center Grove Rotary Club is hosting its annual golf outing on May 9 at Hickory Stick Golf Club in Greenwood. Proceeds will benefit its scholarship program. [Registration is available here.](#)

Fellow Rotarian **Byron Bangert** will be celebrated on Wednesday evening, May 15, during the City Council meeting in Council Chambers at 401 N. Morton Street. In 1997, the Bloomington Human Rights Commission began recognizing individuals and groups who have contributed to improving human rights in our community. Byron is being honored in 2024. He served on the Human Rights Commission for 27 years and is a decades-long volunteer for many local organizations.

Sara Laughlin announced an upcoming community service opportunity on June 7 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Future Problem Solving Program International Conference. The conference, to be held in Bloomington, will host several hundred students in grades 4 through 12. Future Problem Solving Program International is a nonprofit that organizes competitions at which students find solutions to some of our world's largest issues, including those that Rotary strives to solve. The conference is seeking 15 volunteers to be emcees as the students present their action plans. Lunch is included. *Late-breaking news: Sara has the people she needs. Hats off to Rotarian volunteers!*

April 30 program – Dr. Adrian Gardner

Link to the [recording](#)



Jeff Richardson introduced our speaker, Dr. Adrian Gardner, executive director of Academic Model Providing Access to Healthcare (AMPATH) Consortium and director of the Indiana University Center for Global Health Equity. AMPATH has supported healthcare systems for 34 years by partnering with local leaders in Kenya to ensure improved health outcomes.

AMPATH is composed of university partners, the public sector health system, and academic health sciences institutions that believe that access to healthcare is a human right. The program has existed long-term in Kenya and is in the process of expanding into Ghana, Mexico, and Nepal. It is designed to empower local medical institutions within site countries by partnering AMPATH professionals with healthcare professionals on site.

More than 40 million people live in areas served by AMPATH. HIV care is being provided to 110,000 people. Mother-to-child HIV transmission has been lowered to 4% in AMPATH patients. AMPATH has trained thousands of healthcare workers from North America and from site countries. AMPATH has been called IU School of Medicine's 10th campus because it is a place where physicians gain substantial skills and experience. Fifteen universities across North America participate in the program.

One specific initiative that AMPATH supports is called Chamas for Change. Dr. Gardner shared a video which described this program. It was launched in 2021 with the goal of improving maternal and child health in Kenya through health education, social education, and economic empowerment activities. Chamas works with mothers from pregnancy until their children are 3 years old. Over 11,000 women and children are part of Chamas today, and essential support from AMPATH helps to keep the program running. Participants are more likely to visit a doctor, deliver their children in a health facility, and exclusively breastfeed for six months, all of which are related to better health outcomes for both women and children.

AMPATH continues its work by expanding care, training more healthcare workers, sustaining and elevating its work, and enhancing global operation excellence. Dr. Gardner looks forward to future discussions with our club about how we can get involved with and support AMPATH.

Meeting Updates

Club president **Ron Barnes** welcomed everyone to the meeting. He shared the following thought for the day from Saint Basil: “A tree is known by its fruit, a man by his deeds. A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love.”

In her reflection, **Charlotte Zietlow** observed that misinformation could be the biggest challenge facing the world. Rotary’s Four-Way Test can guide us in how we think about situations. It’s difficult to get all of the facts about the current protests at IU. Although no city police were involved with the demonstrators, top IU administrators brought state police into the situation instead of having a conversation with the protesters. Charlotte contrasted that response with 1972, when she and other community leaders ensured that conversations occurred so that Bloomington was known as a city of peace during a time of much conflict at universities. She called on our club to be part of the effort to promote conversation rather than violence.

Ron announced that Rotary leaders are planning living room discussions at which club members can find solutions to the present situation in a safe space.

Marilyn Wood introduced Anne Bright and Penny Githens, guests of **Jim Bright**; Stacy Robinson, Teresa Rhodes, and Darren Patterson, guests of the club; Gary Taylor from the Rotary North Club; Erin Parks, guest of **Sally Gaskill**; Kathy Bayless and Jody Madeira, guests of **Jeff Richardson**; Shelley Saller and Cindy Brumbarger, guests of **Raj Haddawi**; Tiffany Finley, guest of **Tina Swanson**; and Denzil Ross, guest of **Joyce Poling**. **Joy Harter** introduced our online guests, Hilary Kahn, guest of **Joy Harter**; and Megan Gearhart.

Member birthdays included **Andrea Murray** on April 28 and **Ruth Boshkoff** on April 29.

Member anniversaries include **Natalie Blais**, 6 years; **Glenda Murray**, 33 years; and **Joyce Poling**, 35 years.

Acknowledgments

Greeter: **Steve Ingle**

Introductions: **Marilyn Wood**

Zoom Host: **Joy Harter**

Reflection: **Charlotte Zietlow**

Camera/Mic Operator: **Traci Jovanovic**

Zoom and Audio Producer: **Tylar Martin-Nichols**

Amy Kendall, reporter