

Roundabout for May 2, 2023

Next Week's Program



We will present our Rotary Youth Scholarships when we meet in the Georgian Room and on Zoom.

Here are last year's winners, with scholarship chair Amy Osajima (left) and last year's president Sally Gaskill (middle).

This Week's News

President **Alain Barker** opened the by encouraging people to vote, noting he did not enjoy the privilege in the U.S. until he was 35.



He introduced **Sara Laughlin**, and the two talked about our scholarship program. Sara explained that we give three \$500 scholarships to Ivy Tech students, and four \$1,500 scholarships to graduating seniors from Monroe County. Testimonials from several students spoke to the transformational nature of the scholarships.

"I wish I could put into words what this has meant to me. I don't think I can, but I'll try," wrote Alex Grannan, one of our Ivy Tech recipients. "It felt like validation: validation that this is the right path, validation that following my dream may have costs, but it also has rewards."

Ivy Tech student Arielle Fletcher said: “Every single dollar I receive from scholarships and financial aid is an absolute blessing. It allows me to pursue my degree and keep my family fed and my bills paid while doing so. ... This is my dream and, with help from people like you, I can make it a reality.”

Kaitlyn Wong was one of last year’s high school scholars. She wrote: “The scholarship has relieved some of the financial burden of paying for college and has allowed me to focus on my academics, so that I can continue to represent my community and expand my knowledge to the fullest.” As for her academics, Kaitlyn is an IU student majoring in molecular life sciences, with minors in chemistry, psychology and East Asian languages.

Those and three other testimonials teed up the hyper happy dollars for the club’s scholarship funds to support students like these. Alain asked for \$1,000 in donations, which, with matching funds already gathered, would translate to \$2,200; the club came through with \$2,884.

This Week’s Program



Sally Gaskill introduced our speakers. Katie Chattin, associate director of campus art for Indiana University Collections was joined by club member **Hank Walter** to talk about the art on display at the Indiana Memorial Union.

Hank noted that not every university union has an art collection. He said having the art is consistent with IMU’s mission of giving people a place where they belong. The collection builds art into the day-to-day life of the campus community. Much of the collection was made possible because of members of Union Board – students who began purchasing art for IU in 1912 and continued to do so regularly into the 1970s. He said the IMU is looking to update its collection with more modern pieces that reflect more diversity than many of the portraits do now.

Katie showed us eight works on display in the IMU. She said she considers these among the most popular and the ones she gets the most questions about:

Halloween, by O.O. Haag, which is outside the Tudor Room.



Rahsaan Roland Kirk, by IMU staff member Joel Washington, which is on the second floor.

Portuguese Whaler, by Brown County artist Randolph Coats, which is also on the second floor.

Water Buffalo, by Fernando Amorsolo, also on the second floor.



Ugolino & His Sons, a sculpture by Jean-Baptist Carpeaux, which is outside the University Club. This was a gift from France.

Munich, Germany, by Brown County artist Theodore Clement (T.C.) Steele, which is in the Tudor Room.

Flight Into Egypt and Adoration of the Magi, which date back to 1290. These colorful glass windows in the Memorial Room were once owned by Booth Tarkington and gifted to the university by Wendell Willkie.

Jim Thorpe, by Mautan Steven Paul Judd, a commissioned piece that members of the university community helped finish. It is located outside the new dining area.

Katie added that she oversees 20,000 art objects that are in areas on all of IU's campuses not in museums.

Our May 2 Celebration of Service

Our reflection came from **Sara Laughlin** and President **Alain Barker**.

Marilyn Wood was our greeter.

Grier Carson introduced our in-person guests.

- Vladan Jovanovic, guest of **Traci Jovanovic**
- Mark Peterson, guest of **Steve Ingle**
- John Wolf, guest of **James Wolf**
- Jerono Rotich, guest of **Jim Bright**
- Malcolm Abrams, guest of **Jim Bright**
- Lucy Deckard, guest of **Trent Deckard**

David Rodgers was a guest (on Zoom) of **Jim Bright**.

Birthdays this week: **Judy Schroeder** on May 5 and **Joy Harter** on May 6

Anniversaries this week: **Glenda Murray**, 32 years, and **Joyce Poling**, 34 years. President Alain also recognized **Natalie Blais**, who has been with our club for five years.

We had updates on the It Takes a Village Project celebration. **Marilyn Wood** organized our volunteers. Participants included **Alain Barker, Amy Osajima, Art Oehmich, Hank Walter, Isadore Torry, Jim Bright, Jim Shea, Joy Harter, Peggy Frisbie, and Sara Laughlin**.

Joy Harter was our Zoom host.

Tylar Martin-Nichols was our Zoom audio and producer.

Michael Shermis was camera/mic operator.

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