

Roundabout for May 7

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM



Our May 14 meeting will be in State Room East. Our speaker will be Tim Fort, a professor of business law and ethics at Indiana University's Kelley School of Business. His topic will be "Communications When We Disagree."

THIS WEEK'S NEWS

Youth Exchange student coming

Peggy Frisbie announced our club and Bloomington Sunrise are hosting a Rotary Youth Exchange student for the coming academic year. The student is from Taiwan and will be attending one of Bloomington's high schools. Host families are needed for six or four months, depending on whether two or three families step up. Those interested should contact Peggy or **Joy Harter**.

Sister City update

Alain Barker reports that the Bloomington Rotary Club continues its involvement in the Sibling Cities USA by supporting the upcoming Second Anniversary Celebration, Saturday June 1, in the Frangipani Room with a reception and short town hall, starting at 5:30pm. There will be conversation over Zoom with Rotarians from the Palo Alto Clubs.

Leadership Institute a success

Past District Governor **Lance Eberle** led the team that put together the May 4 Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) at Solution Tree in Bloomington.



Bloomington Rotarians who participated in the event were: **Steve Wickes, Jerono Rotich, David Wright and Jim Bright.**

In addition to Lance, instructors included: **District Governor Shanon O'Toole, DG-Elect Mandy Lohrum and Bloomington Sunrise Past President Hillary Person.**

Help stamp out hunger

The Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive to benefit the Hoosier Hills Food Bank will be Saturday. Please put out a bag (or more) of nonperishable food by your mailbox for your letter carrier or helpful volunteers to pick up.

Most needed items are canned meat (tuna, chicken, beef stew, etc.), canned fruit, canned vegetables, juice and juice boxes, and cereal.

Rotarian **Liz Feitl** has helped with this food drive for many years.

MAY 7 PROGRAM



Jim Shea introduced our speaker, Gerard Masse, founding director of Sculpture Trails Outdoor Museum in Solsberry. He studied furniture design and sculpture at the Herron

School of Art in Indianapolis and earned degrees and taught at the University of Kentucky. He and his wife created the sculpture trails as a 501 C3.

They brought cast-iron workshops to the Greene County property, plus they have a traveling foundry program, which teaches the casting process to more than 3,000 students annually.

He said his presentation is designed for elementary kids, so it was heavy on slides showing the fire and heat and sparks of the processes. The facility's artist-in-residence Laura Gonzalez joined him for the presentation. She was an intern two times, before getting her two-year appointment. The Sculpture Trails and Outdoor Museum will have 25 interns this year chosen from 60 applicants from around the world. Laura said every artist who comes to the trails brings knowledge from their universities to share with the rest of the artists.

Gerard talked about the dangers of the work. He showed a helmet and leathers, which he said get peppered with sparks and flames. He talked about catching on fire like it's no big deal. He said craving this kind of work helps explain his decision to leave academia for the trails.

"I don't like to ask, I just like to do," he said, which had a tendency to get him into trouble when he taught at UK. He said a lot of artists are attracted to the trails because they too like to do – a type of jumping into the fire.



He said he and his colleagues have built the equipment they use, including the furnace, the crane, and all the tools.

The temperatures of the molten iron tops 3,500 degrees. The tools have to be rebuilt often because they are always on the verge of melting.

He and Laura talked about the amount of teamwork it takes to work on this equipment and create the art that is made at the sculpture trail.

Propane and fuel coke are the primary sources of fuel, and they can burn up to 4,000 degrees.

October is the annual aluminum pour, but Gerard said July "is the time you want come out and play."

He said there are 185 sculptures in two collections. One is a permanent collection, the other is a two-year ongoing show called the International Cast Iron Exhibition. The trails are free and open to the public. You can book a guided tour on the website, <https://sculpturetrails.com/>. In answer to a question, he said the organization is supported by grants, cash donations and material donations.

MAY 7 CELEBRATION OF SERVICE

Dave Meyer introduced our guests: Mark Berkowitz, guest of **Jim Bright**; Beth Perney, guest of **Cindy Neidhart**; Rebecca Mankowski, guest of **Kyla Cox-Deckard**; Annalise Janke, guest of Kyla Cox-Deckard; and Peter Haralovich, guest of **Lynn Schwartzberg**.

Member birthdays: **Judy Schroeder**, May 5; **Joy Harter**, May 6; **Jeff Baldwin**, May 7, and **Emily Hannon**, May 8.

Member anniversaries: **Bitta DeWeese**, second anniversary on May 10.

Announcements: **Peggy Frisbie**

Greeter: **Art Oehmich**

Zoom Host: **Sally Gaskill**

Reflection: **Roy Graham**

Camera/Mic Operator: **Michael Shermis**

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

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