

Roundabout - July 18, 2023

Next week



We'll meet in the Frangipani Room and on Zoom. Our speakers will be Kevin MacDowell, also known as Kid Kazooey, and, Lara Weaver, his partner on stage and in life.

Kevin, "the singing' and swingin' librarian," has been entertaining and educating audiences of all ages for nearly 30 years. He has been a youth minister, teen librarian, award-winning television producer, and childcare provider. He wrote many songs about and for the young children in his care at Middle Way House's "Rise and Shine Day Care," where he developed his music program for the youngest audiences. He was recently awarded a Bloomington Area Arts Grant to offer this program to children at Head Start this fall. Look for him when he debuts his "Hoosier-Surf-Klezmer" band, The Bazerghan Book Club, part of the City of Bloomington's summer music concert series, on Sept, 7, 4:30 p.m. at People's Park.

Lara Lynn Weaver is a multi-instrumentalist and vocalist. For 10 years she led preschool children and their caregivers in her weekly music "Rhythm and Song" program. For decades she has performed in and written and arranged for a cappella ensembles, most recently with Kaia, a two-time Lotus World Music and Arts Festival performer. In her day job at CASA, Lara advocates for children who have been abused or neglected.

Please note that the IMU parking lot is closed. You will not be ticketed if you park on the upper level of the Eagleson (formerly Jordan) Garage.

This week's news

The Rotary book club will be discussing *People from Bloomington*, by Budi Darma, on Wednesday night at the home of **Liz Feitl**, 4218 N. Emma Drive, Bloomington, 47404.



Thirty members of the club have signed up for the Teachers Warehouse Supply Drive this Saturday. In the photo, Anne Bright, coordinator of the project, checks the schedule with **Rex Hillery**, one of the volunteers.

July 18 Program: The Stride Center

Today's celebration of service is available at <https://youtu.be/Arw9uqd1JRO>



Photo by Alain Barker

Peggy Frisbie, noting that our new RI President is focusing on mental health, introduced our speaker, Linda Grove-Paul, Centerstone vice president of adult services. Linda spoke mainly about two programs people need to know about and share with others. She's eager to talk to other groups.

The first program is the Stride Crisis Center & Mobile Crisis Center. The phone number to call is 1-877-463-6512. Stride opened three years ago after 38 organizations came together to create it. Located in a Monroe County property, the Stride Center was created to address the lack of resources that are available 24/7/365; the lack of a place to go 24/7/365; the lack of training to address people in crisis; and the lack of follow-up and connections. Many agencies provided some funding, with a lead grant from the IU Health Foundation for the three years of start-up.

Stride provides a “living room” atmosphere to allow people to de-escalate a situation, to rest and detox, and to connect to care. A person can stay up to 23 hours. In that time people can work with someone in crisis to find additional care or resources. Most people who come (on their own or brought by the police or someone else) have mental health and substance abuse issues. The statistics show that 83% are homeless, 79% white, and 16% Black/African American.

The second program Linda described is the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. The phone number is 988. The goals are to provide someone to contact, someone to respond in person if needed, and safe places to go. Indiana has statewide centers to respond to 988 calls.

Monroe and surrounding counties are working together to provide crisis services. Mobile units have teams of two, with protocols to assure their own safety. All staffers have crisis training. The mobile unit can also serve youth and connect them to other services.

The crisis center serves 13 counties, although 55% of the calls so far (175 since January) have been from Monroe County. The group just opened a second Stride Center in Columbus.

Our July 18 Celebration of Service

Steve Wickes was our greeter.

Ron Barnes presided over his first meeting as our president. He shared a quote from John Wooden: “Things work out best for those who make the best of how things work out.”

Judy Schroeder presented the reflection about the increasing push by a small group of people to ban books, especially in school and public libraries. The vast majority of books that are targeted are written by or about gay persons or people of color.

Ron announced that the club now has archives. Those interested in helping should talk to **Glenda Murray**. In the photo, Ron thanks **Judy Witt**, past club president and past district governor, who volunteered to help with the archives.



Peggy Frisbie introduced our guests:

- Christy Trendelman and Hannah Gorman, HealthNet, guests of **Raj Haddawi**
- Anne Bright and Melissa Stone, guests of **Jim Bright**
- Mark Peterson, guest of **Steve Ingle**, a potential member whose application is in process

Birthdays this week:

- **Amy Gharst**, July 17
- **Fred Dunn**, July 20
- **Charlie Osborne**, July 21
- **Ashley Wesley**, July 21

Ron thanked Steve Wickes, our greeter; Judy Schroeder for her reflection; Tylar Martin-Nichols for being our audio producer; Joy Harter for serving as Zoom host; Michael Shermis, camera/mic operator; Peggy Frisbie, who introduced our guests; and Glenda Murray, this week's *Roundabout* reporter.

Reporter: **Glenda Murray**