

Roundabout July 2, 2024

Bloomington Rotary

Next week



Our July 9 program will be Rotary District Scholar Noah Jager, who will speak on “Passion, Perseverance, and Purpose.” We will meet in the Frangipani Room and on Zoom. Noah graduated from West Point in May. He will use the \$40,000 award to pursue a master’s degree in international peace and security from King’s College London, where his focus will be peace-building and conflict prevention. Noah attended Bloomington High School South, where he was on the basketball team and performed lead roles in theater productions. Noah served as a legislative intern for seven weeks in Senator Todd Young’s office, studied abroad at Brazil’s military academy for a semester, and was one of three cadets to work alongside a foreign area officer for three weeks in the U.S. Embassy in Croatia.

News of the Week

The past presidents met on June 25 for dinner at **Sara Laughlin**’s home and gave advice and encouragement to **Traci Jovanovic**, our new president.



Back row: Jim Bright, 2012-2013; Jim Kryway, 1996-97; Ron Barnes, 2023-24; Mike Baker, 2017-18; Charlie Osborne, 2000-2001; Alain Barker, 2022-23.

Front row: Steve Wickes, president-elect, 2025-26; Glenda Murray, 2004-05; Joy Harter, 2014-15; Sara Laughlin, 2015-16; Traci Jovanovic, 2024-25; and Ashley Wesley, 2020-21.

Opportunities for Service

Sara Laughlin made two announcements for the Community Service Committee:

Thanks to all the Rotarians who have volunteered for the July 13 Teachers Warehouse supply drive. Only a few time slots are left. Please check out this link to help fill them all and stock the shelves for this next school year: [TWsupplydrive](#)

Members can also sign up for July 26 at the Hoosier Hills Food Bank. Please review the available slots at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B094BA9AE2BA75-50186227-hoosier> and sign up where needed. Thank you!

Bloomington Sunrise Celebrates 25 Years

Bloomington Rotarians are invited to join the Bloomington Sunrise Club for their 25th anniversary celebration and installation ceremony on Wednesday, July 17, at 5:30 p.m. at the Bloomington Country Club. Contact Julie Beasley at 812-774-6758 to make a reservation. Dinner is \$25 per person, with a cash bar. On an historical note, Bloomington Rotary helped start the Sunrise club in 1999 and the Bloomington North club in 1974.

Lake Monroe Water Fund Beach Bash

We had table flyers about the Lake Monroe Water Fund Beach Bash, July 13, from 5 to 9 p.m. Island Troy will be playing Jimmy Buffett favorites at the Fourwinds Lakeside Inn's private beach. See www.lakemonroewaterfund.org/events for details.

Global Grants Scholarship Applications Now Available

Indiana Rotary clubs are accepting applications for a \$40,000 All-Indiana Global Grant Scholarship that will enable a scholar to study one to four years in a graduate program at any qualified university outside North America.

The 2025-26 program is open to students who have graduated – or will graduate by May 2025 – from a four-year Indiana college -- or who maintain a legal residence in Indiana – and who plan to pursue graduate-level studies at an overseas university.

The program supports exceptional scholars dedicated to pursuing a career in an area of great humanitarian need and who demonstrate a long-term commitment to measurable, sustainable

change. Scholars must present a plan of study and a career commitment that align with one of Rotary's seven areas of focus.

For an application and other information, go to <http://www.rotaryglobalscholar.com>.

July 2 Program:

Outgoing President **Ron Barnes** thanked all members and presented gifts to **Michael Shermis**, **Traci Jovanovic**, and **Jim Bright** for their volunteer efforts this year. Ron also presented flowers to **Natalie Blais** for her wonderful work as our club executive assistant.



Traci and Ron demonstrated their cooperative approach by trading last year's banner with this year's banner and theme, The Magic of Rotary.

Traci and **Alain Barker** presented Ron **Barnes** with gifts and a video with its own song, "The Guiding Light," about Ron. For the video, see <https://bloomingtonrotaryfoundation.box.com/s/xbuuyic205a8m4x2plx5ur54w811ptf7>.

New President Traci introduced us to her goals, which involve focusing on Rotary basics. These include simplifying some of our processes and practices. Rotary basics include fostering more emphasis on inclusivity and belonging. We have inducted about 60 new members in the last two years. We need to become better acquainted with each other and to share basic Rotary information.

Traci noted four areas:

- opportunities for service as a way to get better acquainted;
- high ethical standards to serve society;
- applying the ideal of service in our personal, business, and community life; and
- advancing international understanding, goodwill, and peace through Rotary.

Traci encouraged us each to participate in club activities and committee involvement. She challenged us to sit with new members or people we don't know very well, to sign up for at least one committee, and to connect with our lunch buddy. The new lunch buddy list will be available soon.

Traci thanked **Claire Kest**, who found a new software tool for our invoices, and Natalie, who has populated our information in the new system. New invoices will be available soon.

The "thank you" to speakers in the first quarter will be a donation to New Leaf New Life. One of its founders was the late Rotarian Wain Martin, **Dave Meyer**'s uncle.

Traci concluded with a quote from Michelle Obama: "Find people who will make you better." Traci added that in Rotary that is each other!

Today's celebration of service is available at https://youtu.be/TWZD_FX1HRQ

Updates:

Our July 2 Celebration of Service

President **Ron Barnes** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and shared this parting thought: "Find a group of people who challenge and inspire you, spend a lot of time with them, and it will change your life." Amy Poehler

Glenda Murray presented a Rotary reflection, noting the previous presidents who were related to other members of the club: brothers John and Oscar Craven, and three father-son teams, Drs. George and Philip Holland, Robert and Jay Ellis, Irvin and **Tim Thrasher**. Glenda concluded with **Winston Shindell** and his daughter, **Traci Shindell Jovanovic**.

Dr. **Dhakil Abdullah** (congratulations to him on completing his degree!) introduced our guests:

- Anne Bright, guest of **Jim Bright**
- Sheryl Barnes, guest of **Ron Barnes**
- Caroline Clay, guest of **Andrea Murray**
- Lucy Deckard, guest of her parents, **Trent Deckard** and **Kyla Cox-Deckard**

Birthdays this week:

- **Joyce Poling**, July 4
- **Byron Bangert**, July 7

Member anniversaries this week:

- **Jon Dilts**, 20 years

Traci thanked our greeter, **Steve Moberly**; **Glenda Murray** for the reflection; audio producer **Tylar Martin-Nichols**; Zoom host **Kyla Cox-Deckard**; camera/mic operator **Michael Shermis**; club executive assistant **Natalie Blais**; introducer **Dhakil Abdullah**; and *Roundabout* reporter **Glenda Murray**.

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