

Bloomington Rotary Roundabout

July 25, 2023

Next week

We'll meet in the Frangipani Room and on Zoom. Our speaker will be Alex Lichtenstein, talking about Labor and the Fight for Racial Justice. Alex is an IU history professor and chair of the American Studies department. Much of his work focuses on the struggle for racial justice in societies shaped by white supremacy, especially the American South after the Civil War and 20th-century South Africa.



This week's news

Teachers Warehouse supply drive was a great success. Our club provided 28 members who worked along with other Rotarians and regular TW volunteers. For the first time, Martinsville Rotarians collected supplies at the Martinsville Kroger store. Thanks to all who volunteered at stores, those who received the donations at TW, and those who picked up donations and took them to TW. A special thank you to **Marilyn Wood**, who oversaw all activities required for the supply drive and supervised the volunteers who accepted and inventoried the supplies received back at the warehouse. Volunteers also received \$11,000 in cash to buy more supplies.



Above, Ron Barnes and Craig McDonald created a system that makes it possible for teachers to shop with barcodes instead of pen and paper.



Bloomington Rotarian James Wolf with his wife, Amy Wolf, at Staples.

J.T. Warring, founder of the Rotary Myanmar Water Management Systems Project and member of the Rotary Club of Los Angeles, spoke about the 76 water projects Rotary has helped develop in Myanmar. **Judy Witt** noted afterward that 11 of those were funded by our district in 2007-08, the year she was district governor. Rotary was able to start six Rotary Clubs in Myanmar, but since Covid and the latest coup, international programs have been at a standstill. J.T. hopes to get permission from the State Department to resume water projects by 2024.



Nay Lin Htut and J.T. Warring, visiting from the Rotary Club of Los Angeles

July 25 Program: Kid Kazooey

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

Charlotte Zietlow introduced our presenter, Kevin MacDowell, also known as Kid Kazooey, the singin' and swingin' librarian. Kevin's wife and singing partner, Lara Lynn Weaver, was unable to join him because of a sick dog, Mario. Kevin opened the program by playing Scott Joplin's "Peacherine Rag" as a boogie on the piano. Kevin and his group, Kid Kazooey and the Ballroom Roustabouts, will be issuing a new album soon, with songs about animals, most of them from Bloomington. He played a song about their dog, Mario, and another about Charlie Bird and JoJo, the macaw and his human friend, who are often found riding a bicycle around town. He also sang a song about the fish on the roof of the courthouse, a tribute to the Monroe County courthouse and to Charlotte, who helped save it from demolition in the 1980s.

Kevin closed, at Charlotte's request, with "The Happy Song." It begins, "The more you smile, the happier you get," and grows from there to a longer and happier life. He put us in the mood for the 4-Way Test, ending in "FUN."



Our July 25 Celebration of Service

President **Ron Barnes** opened with a quote from Bear Bryant: "If you believe in yourself and have dedication and pride—and never quit, you'll be a winner. The price of victory is high but so are the rewards."

Peggy Frisbie presented the reflection on the Rotary Foundation. She encouraged us all to donate \$100 or more every year. Last year our club raised \$20,000 in donations to the Rotary Foundation. Peggy talked about the fight to end polio, showed a brief video about helping mothers and babies, talked about District Grants, and reminded us that Megan Gearhart is a Global Scholar.

Thanks to our greeter, Wilson **Shitandi**. Ron also thanked **Peggy Frisbie**, reflection; **Michael Shermis**, audio producer; **Joy Harter**, Zoom host; **Natalie Blais**, Camera/Mic Operator; **Steve Ingle**, introducer; and **Glenda Murray**, *Roundabout* reporter.

Steve Ingle introduced our guests:

- J.T. Warring, member of Rotary Club of Los Angeles
- Nay Lin Htut, from Myanmar and Los Angeles
- Wendy Bernstein, guest of **Gene Hurley**

Birthdays this week:

- **Dick McKaig**, July 25
- **Scott Walters**, July 26

Connie Shakalis celebrates her 3-year membership anniversary this week.

President Ron presented **Aaron Brewington** with his President-Elect pin.

Reporter: **Glenda Murray**