

Bloomington Rotary Roundabout

July 30, 2024

Next week



Our speaker Aug. 6 will be Dean Abra Bush from the Jacobs School of Music, speaking about “Jacobs in the Community.” Dean Bush previously served at the Johns Hopkins Peabody Institute and The Boston Conservatory. Bush holds Bachelor and Master of Music degrees from Oberlin College Conservatory of Music and a Doctor of Musical Arts from The Ohio State University. A soprano, she has performed numerous operatic roles, recitals, master classes, and oratorio performances across the U.S. and China.

News of the Week



Thank you to everyone who volunteered at Hoosier Hills Food Bank, where we partnered with Duke Energy, coordinated by Liz Irwin. The volunteers packed almost 6,000 pounds of granola

in three-pound plastic packages and 320 bags for the mobile food pantry, for a total of over 10,000 pounds! Volunteers included Traci Jovanovic, Dave Meyer, Cindy Neidhart, Mohammad Hussain Jawid (guest of Dave & Cindy), Dhakir Abdullah, Winston Shindell, Vladan Jovanovic, Ron Barnes, Connie Shakalis, Bill Brown, Liz Feitl, Lynn Schwartzberg, Lori Garraghty, Michelle Cohen, and Margaret Frisbie.

News of Our Members

Remember the opening reception Friday, Aug. 2, from 5-8 pm for “Lucent, an Exhibition by **Caleb Poer**,” at I Fell, 415 W 4th Street, at the corner of 4th and Rogers Street. Enjoy fellow Rotarian Caleb Poer’s exhibit as a part of the Frist Friday series.

July 30 Program:

Charlotte Zietlow introduced our speaker, Steve Volan, who created Blue Marble in 1995. He served on the city council from 2004-2024. Steve spoke to us about “The Power of Microphones.” He began his new venture, *Podcast 812*, in January. Already he has interviewed nearly 100 city and county officials, directors of non-profit organizations, and others in Bloomington and Monroe County. The list is available at The812Show.org, which is on plateiamedia.com. Steve showed us a short clip of his interview with Emily Pike, Executive Director of New Hope for Families, talking about the shelter and about providing child care programs.

Steve started in radio as a youth, and he is fascinated by the microphone. He spoke of Abraham Lincoln and others, who used to project without a microphone to large crowds. With a microphone, one can use a lower register and be more intimate. He used as an example the song, “Someone to Watch Over Me,” which we often think of as a large production number. He showed us a clip from 1968 in which Julie Andrews as Gertrude Lawrence in *Star!* sang a very tender rendition to a doll.

Steve’s second series of *The 812 Show*, starts Monday, with interviews with Mayor Kerry Thomson and Sheriff Ruben Marte. This year shows will be released on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Steve still volunteers on WFHB. He has hosted at Lotus since its beginning, but this year the budget required cutting the 6th Street tent where Steve has hosted. Steve has an office/studio in Fountain Square, in the old jail section of the building.



The July 30 celebration of service is available at <https://youtu.be/vwQFas6McZc>

Updates: **Our July 30 Celebration of Service**

President **Traci Jovanovic** opened the meeting with a quote from Melinda Gates:
“If you are successful, it is because somewhere, sometime, someone gave you a life or idea that started you in the right direction. Remember also that you are indebted to life until you help some less fortunate person, just as you were helped.”

Reflection

Rosann Levy reflected on the benefits of having a dog in our lives, accompanied by wonderful photos of Bucky the beagle.

Thanks to our Greeter, **Sue Sgambelluri**; **Rosann Levy** for the reflection; Audio Producer **Tylar Martin-Nichols**; Zoom Host **Joy Harter**; Camera/Mic Operator **Michael Shermis**; **Natalie Blais**, executive assistant. **Sally Gaskill** introduced our guests. Roundabout Reporter for this week is **Glenda Murray**.

Sally introduced guests:

- Kyra Hanson, guest of Carlos Laverty, Monroe County Airport
- Kelly Kuglitsch, guest of Steve Volan

Birthdays this week:

- Amy Kendall, July 31
- Traci Jovanovic, Aug. 1
- Bill Perkins, Aug. 2
- Amalia Shifriss, Aug. 6

Member Anniversaries this week.

- Mike Baker, 32 years

- Bill Oates, 36 years
- Patrick Smith, 5 years
- Lee Witt, 21 years

Happy Dollars

We celebrated Happy Dollars with a number of comments.

Reporter: **Glenda Murray**

Photographer: **Jim Bright** and others