

**Bloomington Rotary Club  
Roundabout  
August 22, 2023**

**NEXT WEEK**



On August 29, we will meet in the Frangipani Room. Our speaker will be Ron Walker, President of CFC Properties, a Cook Group property development and management company that specializes in historically and architecturally significant structures. Ron also is president of Workforce Housing LLC, a newly developed Cook Group company created to address the lack of workforce housing for Cook employees in communities across south-central Indiana. Cook Group is a family company with a diverse business portfolio, including companies working in life sciences, business services, resorts, property management, and medical devices. Founded in 1963 and with headquarters in Bloomington, Cook Group companies today employ more than 12,000 people around the world.

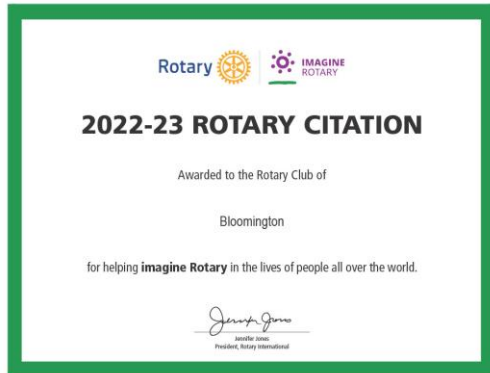
**THIS WEEK'S NEWS**

**Club News**



**Welcome, Richard!** With help from **Alain Barker** and **Sara Laughlin**, membership committee chair **Traci Jovanovic** conducted the induction ceremony for **Richard Millunchick**. Active in the Bloomington entrepreneur ecosystem, Richard is the startup coach at The Mill and a consultant to CEOs at early-stage SaaS-based companies, in addition to select angel investing. Richard has more than 25 years of startup sales and operations experience, spanning various industries: PC-based control, telecomm

security software, and retail ad and marketing technology. He moved to Bloomington with his wife, Joanna, after 25 years in Ann Arbor, Mich. They have two adult children. He has a BS in marketing from DePaul University and enjoys traveling, live theater, and anything that his kids are doing. His volunteer experience includes everything from being on his congregation's board and serving as a patient stakeholder for Michigan Medicine to being a student advisor at the University of Michigan Center for Entrepreneurship and an advisory board member for the Startup Ladies (Indianapolis).



**Rotary Citation.** Rotary International awarded our club a 2022-23 Rotary Citation for achieving goals including increasing club membership, developing sustainable service projects, giving to The Rotary Foundation, and building awareness of Rotary in our community. The citation recognizes ours as a high-achieving club. Congratulations, 2022-23 President **Alain Barker** and all who contributed to our successful year.

**Volunteer for Lake Monroe Days.** Something for everyone! This year's district-grant-funded community service project for our club is supporting "Lake Monroe Days," a week of activities (9/14-9/19) sponsored by Friends of Lake Monroe. Options for volunteering include beach clean-up, tabling at the Farmers Market, helping with set-up and tear-down at the celebration at Upland Brewery, and a pontoon boat ride. Questions? Contact co-chairs **Geoff McKim** ([geoff.mckim@gmail.com](mailto:geoff.mckim@gmail.com)) or **Michelle Cohen** ([director@lakemonroewaterfund.org](mailto:director@lakemonroewaterfund.org)). Here is the sign-up link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0944ACAB2DA3FFCF8-lake>

**Rotary Youth Exchange.** Past President and District Youth Service Chair **Loren Snyder** reminds us that **Club Commitment forms are due Sept 1** for students who want to participate in RYLA. He encourages us to think of local students who might be interested in spending a weekend at Bradford Woods in a leadership development retreat. Those who have participated report that their lives are forever changed! If you know students who are interested, urge them to visit [www.rotary6580.org](http://www.rotary6580.org) and click on "Youth Services" to find forms for RYLA. Children of Rotarians are welcome. If you have questions, please contact **Loren** at [LASnyder@rwbaird.com](mailto:LASnyder@rwbaird.com).

**Rotary Toast.** Tickets are on sale for the Ninth Annual Bloomington Rotary Toast, sponsored by Bloomington, North, and Sunrise Rotary clubs. We will celebrate Monroe County Juvenile Court Judge Steve Galvin for a lifetime of "Service Above Self." The toast will be held on Friday, November 3, at Ivy Tech Shreve Hall, from 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$100 per person. Sponsorships are also available. To purchase, visit [www.rotarytoast.com](http://www.rotarytoast.com). Half of the proceeds will go to CASA, Judge Galvin's chosen

charity. The other half will be divided equally among the three Bloomington Rotary clubs to support our ongoing local charities.

**Phil Eskew** spoke to the Indianapolis Rotary Club on August 22. He talked of his experiences as a physician and shared his “rules to live by.”

**AUGUST 22 PROGRAM:** View it here: <https://youtu.be/SqpNpE-V5yc>



**Liz Feitl** introduced Shawna Girgis, director of community relations and engagement for the IU Health South Central Region. Before joining IU Health, she was three-term mayor of Bedford. Shawna brought a warm welcome from Brian Shockney, who has accepted a new system-level position and couldn't be here today.

The South Central region includes 11 counties. It serves 470,000 residents, with multiple hospitals, 435 providers at IU Health and Southern Indiana Physicians, 5,000 total team members, and eight urgent care clinics. Bloomington is the regional hub, with the largest facility and the most team members. The region serves many rural communities; 51% of admissions to the Bloomington hospital are from outside Monroe County. The economic impact of IU Health in the region was \$575,000,000 in 2022.

IU Health's vision is to make Indiana a healthier state, one individual at a time. Shawna summed up the great work IU Health has been doing in four areas: the new hospital, primary care access, public health, and community health.

**New hospital.** The new hospital opened in December 2021. With 620,000 square feet, the facility is LEED certified, equipped with state of the art technology, and “acuity-adaptable.” In the past, patients might be admitted to intensive care, then move several times. Now team members come to the patients, who stay in same place. Because of its partnership with IU Regional Academic Health Center, the hospital offers “unparalleled clinical care.” Interprofessional care teams are designed to enhance care for all patients. Over the next few years, the hospital will expand health care professional training, with emergency medicine residencies beginning in 2025 and internal medicine residencies in 2026.

Nursing, speech and hearing, and social work programs are also in the building. Students can literally walk across the hall to be with practicing professionals.

The partnership with IU supports IU Health's vision for making healthier individuals and communities, strengthens training opportunities, and offers a better chance that graduates will stay in the area.

**Primary care.** During COVID, eight local primary care doctors retired, but in the last year IU Health has successfully recruited 15 new primary care providers. Just-in-time care that helps patients avoid the ER and control costs is available through urgent care clinics in Bloomington, Bedford, Martinsville, and Paoli. Last year, the clinics provided 550 same-day/next-day appointments each week. All primary care

offices are linked to a call center which can make appointments with the patients' own providers or with urgent care clinics.

Public health. Indiana is ranked near the bottom (#45) in public health measures. Shawna said the state can no longer tolerate this condition. IU Health is seeking to increase life expectancy, reduce maternal and infant mortality, and decrease chronic disease. Governor Holcomb created a public health commission in 2021, and the State Legislature committed additional funding in 2023, slated to start in 2024-25. Many counties, including Monroe County, already have opted in to receive the funding.

Community health. IU Health's Community Health Department addresses key social determinants of health: infant and maternal health (birth to age 2), hypertension prevention and management (public health clinic screening, outreach), behavioral health and substance abuse (coordinated school health, integrated social workers), tobacco and nicotine cessation (classes), and aging (dementia-friendly education, caregiver support, physical exercise and training, Meals on Wheels partnership, and help enrolling in the state health insurance program).

Shawna answered questions about access to local health care:

Q: In past year, many Hoosiers de-enrolled from Medicaid. How can they get affordable health care?

A: IU Health has teams to help people struggling with finances; it can make referrals.

Q: I moved to Bloomington last September but haven't found a primary care provider.

A: There are long waiting lists. Contact Shawna to get help finding a referral. When you call your primary care office, if you can't get in, the staff is equipped to help you make an appointment with an urgent care center for same day or next day.

Q: What is being done to stop the revolving door of providers?

A: The needs and concerns of providers are being addressed. There is no magic wand, but a lot of effort is underway to gather feedback and reestablish connectivity among providers.

Q: When people are upset with their health care, they often blame the university.

A: IU and IU Health are separate organizations. We are working together to train health care professionals of the future.

Q: What is the impact of decisions at state legislature that might tie IU Health's hands in recruiting best people for IU Health?

A: Lots of things are happening at the state level that create challenges for health care. IU Health continues to monitor closely and advocate with local elected officials, in order to keep dialogue open to improve policy and deal with unintended consequences.

Q: I have visited the hospital several times in the last year and couldn't find a stairwell.

A: I hadn't thought about it from the viewpoint of a person in the building. I will share this concern with the facilities team.

## **UPDATES: OUR AUGUST 22 CELEBRATION OF SERVICE**

**Jim Shea** greeted members and guests. **President Ron Barnes** welcomed us with his quote for the day: "Just don't give up trying to do what you really want to do. Where there is love and inspiration, I don't think you can go wrong." - Ella Fitzgerald

**Bill Brown** gave a powerful reflection connecting hope and environmental activism.

**Ron** introduced special guest **Megan Gearhart**. Megan plans to pursue an Erasmus Mundus Joint Master of Global Development Policy from three universities in Europe, thanks to a Global Grant

scholarship from Rotary District 6580. No stranger to our club, Megan was co-founder of the IU Rotaract group and has actively participated in club activities for four years. She graduated from IU in May 2023 with majors in International Studies and in Recreation (tourism, hospitality, and event management). She was selected over three other finalists. Bloomington Rotary is proud to be her sponsor.

**Traci Jovanovic** introduced guests in the room:

- **Megan Gearhart**, District 6580 Global Scholar and guest of the club
- Kevin and Melanie Gearhart, Megan's parents
- Heidi Schultz, director of development, Ivy Tech; Kimberly Roach, Ivy Tech dean of nursing;
- Karlee Wyatt, Ivy Tech dean of health sciences; and Erik Coyne, Ivy Tech Chancellor --all guests of **Sam Ujdak**
- Alec Blake, program coordinator at Girls Inc., guest of **Hannah Hirsch**
- Betty Coffey, retired clergy, sister of **Glenda Murray**

**Birthdays this week:**

- **Chris Kroll** Aug 23
- **Bill Oates** Aug 24
- **Gene Hurley** Aug 25

**Member anniversaries:**

- **Susie Graham** 9 years
- **Len Tieman** 1 year in our club, 4 years total

**Ron** thanked those who helped with the meeting, including **Michael Shermis** as Zoom host and **Tylar Martin-Nichols** as Zoom and audio producer.

Roundabout reporter **Sara Laughlin**