

Roundabout: September 13, 2022



Next week's speaker will be Professor **Katy Börner**, whose topic is **Mapping Science**. We will again meet in the **Georgian Room**.

Katy holds an MS in Electrical Engineering from the University of Technology in Leipzig, and a Ph.D. in Computer Science from the University of Kaiserslautern. She is the Victor H. Yngve Distinguished Professor of Engineering and Information Science in the Department of Intelligent Systems Engineering, Luddy School of Informatics, Computing, and Engineering at Indiana University Bloomington. She is also part of the Core Faculty of Cognitive Science and the Founding Director of the Cyberinfrastructure for Network Science Center. Katy is a Visiting Professor at the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences in The Netherlands, and a curator of the international Places & Spaces: Mapping Science exhibit. She was elected as an American Association for the Advancement of Science Fellow in 2012 and as an Alexander von Humboldt Fellow in 2017.

THIS WEEK'S NEWS

Brown County Rotary invites us to "**A Taste of Art,**" **Friday, September 16**, at Seasons Lodge Conference Center, 560 E. State Road 46, in Nashville. The event begins at 5 p.m. with adult beverages from local establishments, hors d'oeuvres, and time for browsing the fine art in the silent auction and the following live auction. The live art auction begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$45 in advance and \$50 at the door.

Our meeting on **Tuesday evening, October 4**, is an **Octoberfest Celebration** at the beautiful Clearview Farm at Beanblossom Bottoms (6680 N. Bottom Road). Hosted by Past President Mike Baker and his wife Bev, we'll gather between 5 and 7 p.m. to relax, socialize, and join friends and loved ones in an inspiring location. *Please respond to the email you will receive about this event.*

The **8th Annual Rotary Toast**, honoring **Dr. Gladys DeVane**, is **Friday, November 4**. Please join us at Ivy Tech's Shreve Hall for a wonderful night to celebrate her extraordinary life. Her book, "Come Sit With Me," is the book being read by the Bloomington Rotary book club for its October meeting.

Our club's **refugee project** has begun! Our family of four Afghani refugees has arrived in Bloomington. **Tim Jessen** told us that the family consists of the parents and two adult children in their twenties. Chairperson of the committee **Sara Laughlin** hosted a pitch-in for the family and our committee last night. Other committee members are **Tim Jessen, Sally Gaskill, Dave Meyer, Jim Bright, Geoff McKim, and Cindy Niedhart**. A list of items needed by the refugee family will be circulated soon.

SEPTEMBER 13 PROGRAM



Jeff Richardson introduced our speaker, **Cameron Davidson**, a native of Salem, Indiana, and a 2021 graduate of the University of Southern Indiana. Cameron was selected by Rotary District 6580 for its 2021-2022 Global Grant Scholarship. The \$40,000 award is helping fund Cameron's pursuit of a master's degree in Global and International Studies from the University of Salamanca in Spain. Global Scholars must present a plan of study and a career commitment that align with one of the Rotary Foundation's areas of focus. Cameron's area of focus is "peace and conflict prevention/resolution." The title of Cameron's talk is "What Rotary Has Given Me and What I'm Giving Back."

Cameron outlined the expectations from a Global Grant Scholar:

- Be an ambassador for Rotary District 6580 and be involved in his host District 2201
- Be a cultural ambassador for the United States while abroad
- Involve himself in community projects to embody Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self"

Cameron detailed his involvement with Rotary from high school to the present. In 2015, he won a Salem Rotary Club speech contest on Rotary's Four-Way Test and participated in Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA). In 2016, he was a Rotary Youth Exchange student in Mexico, and in 2020 he went through the application process to become a Rotary Global Grant Scholar.

He shared photographs of the historic city of Salamanca, including a bridge built during the Roman period, and the old campus of the University of Salamanca. The University was founded by King Alfonso IX in 1218. At the beginning of his time in Salamanca, he taught English at a military base. Cameron has completed the first year of his two-year program and he particularly liked his classes in Conflict Management and Humanitarian Projects.

Cameron has been volunteering with a Spanish non-profit called Acoge Salamanca; Acoge is the Spanish word meaning “to welcome.” The purpose of Acoge is to expand access to social services to asylum-seekers, refugees, and immigrants to Spain. He has enjoyed working with this population. His “official” volunteering hours are 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays and Thursday, but he takes phone calls and texts at any time of day.

In terms of the future, he is looking for opportunities in the field of conflict management and humanitarian aid. He will be applying for internships next semester, and he has been in contact with various professors who have offered their support. Cameron is very appreciative of the support he has received from the Rotary Foundation which, of course, comes from Rotarians like this club. Through the Rotary Foundation, we are investing in Cameron and other young people.

Available on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/F0E7zEhJwDE>

UPDATES

Our September 13 Celebration of Service

President **Alain Barker** began by commenting that the humanity of our lives is so central to what we do, and that his birthday yesterday is evidence of that humanity. Other members whose birthdays were yesterday, September 12, are **Wendell St. John** and **Betsy Trotzke**.

Member anniversaries

- **Byron Bangert**, 37 years, plus 2 in a West Virginia club
- **Chris Michael-Morrison**, 3 years

Aaron Brewington introduced our guests in the Georgian Room:

- **John Miller**, IU Rotaract President
- **Trinity Ly, Joana Regalado, and Yehya Kader**, all from IU Rotaract
- **Megan Gearhart**, IU Rotaract Past President
- **Erica Kovacs**, Management and Entrepreneurship, Kelley School of Business, Indiana University, guest of Jim Bright
- **Sara Cochran**, Management and Entrepreneurship, Kelley School of Business, Indiana University, guest of Jim Bright
- **William (Bill) Yarber**, School of Public Health-Bloomington and The Kinsey Institute, Indiana University, guest of Jim Bright
- **Phyllis Perkins**, guest of Bill Perkins

Joy Harter introduced our special guest on Zoom, **Carolyn Frey**, President of Bloomington Sunrise Rotary Club (and guest of Jim Bright).

Past President **Mike Baker** provided the reflection. Mike remembers when it was announced at a Rotary meeting that he had been a member for 30 years. He asked himself what he got out of Rotary, in addition to the comradery and many friendships formed over the years. He remembers that when he first joined Rotary, it was suggested that each member every year donate something

to the Rotary Foundation, perhaps \$25 per quarter. He could do that, and it was a way of providing help to those who need it internationally and in our own country. When he saw news items about floods, fires, other natural disasters, polio, and other diseases, he knew he was helping through the Rotary Foundation. Although the amounts he gave were not especially large, he knew that they added up when thousands of Rotarians contributed. He had the satisfaction of knowing that he had done something for people all over the world. He suggested that we listen to the news about what is going on in the world, and give to the Rotary Foundation to help alleviate the problems of the world. If we are already giving, consider an increase in what we are giving.

Member updates

Liz Irwin and her family are struggling with the loss of her former spouse, Philip Michael Irwin, who died unexpectedly on September 2 at just 51 years old. We have her in our thoughts.

Club updates

President Alain wanted to let us know that **Kate Cruikshank** has been involved over the summer in a monumental Bloomington Rotary Club **archival project**. We will hear more about this project later this fall, but Kate has sorted through an enormous amount of documentation, media, and printed content, including hundreds of Rotary club banners from around the world. A few of these banners are around 100 years old, and they include one from the tiny kingdom of Lesotho (a landlocked country surrounded by South Africa) as well as one from the Johannesburg Rotary Club, established in 1921 as the first club in the continent of Africa.

Happy Dollars!

Happy Dollars were given to celebrate a child's birthday, members' birthdays, children coming to visit, the 75th anniversary of the Kinsey Institute, and the upcoming RYLA, among other happy events.

President Alain acknowledged those who helped with today's program, including greeter and introducer of guests **Aaron Brewington**, **Mike Baker** who provided the reflection, producer **Tylar Nichols** with help from **Michael Shermis**, and Zoom host **Joy Harter**.

Reporter: **Bill Perkins**