

**Bloomington Rotary Club  
Roundabout  
September 5, 2023**

**NEXT WEEK**



**CREATE HOPE  
in the WORLD**

On September 12, in the Frangipani Room and Zoom, we will have our first club assembly of the year, a chance to learn more about the workings of our club and how to contribute. We'll hear from five chairs – community service, international service, DEI, youth service, and communications – about their committees' plans for the year.

**CLUB NEWS**

**Volunteer for Lake Monroe Days.** **Michelle Cohen** urges members to sign up for one of the volunteer slots; seven are filled, and ten are still available. The Friends of Lake Monroe is our club/district grant partner this year. We are looking forward to helping increase awareness about the importance of Lake Monroe and to support one of Rotary International's seven areas of focus – safe drinking water. Volunteer opportunities, from Sept. 14 to 18, range from tabling at the Farmers Market to trash pickup along the lake and a pontoon 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>

**Jimmie Torry** ([isadoretorry@gmail.com](mailto:isadoretorry@gmail.com)) will staff Rotary membership information tables at two upcoming festivals. Stop by and say hello at:

- Black y Brown Arts Festival, Saturday, Sept. 9, 1-3 p.m., Switchyard Park Pavilion.
- Fiesta del Otoño Arts Festival, Saturday, Sept. 16, noon, Switchyard Park Pavilion.

**Rotary Youth Exchange.** **Rowena Cross-Najafi**, Bedford Rotary and District 6580 Youth Exchange Chair, reported that she is leading the restart of this program, where young people from our district can spend a year with a Rotary family in another country and young people from other countries can spend a year with us. She is hosting a meeting

Saturday, Sept. 9, at Ivy Tech Bloomington, during the Rotary District Training Assembly, to begin planning. Bloomington Rotary members are invited to attend and get involved. For more information, contact Rowena at [rcross11@msn.com](mailto:rcross11@msn.com).

**Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA).** Joy Harter reported that all four openings sponsored by our club for RYLA are filled!

**Rotary Toast.** Tickets are now on sale for the Ninth Annual Bloomington Rotary Toast. This year we 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 Judge Galvin's chosen charity, CASA. The other half will be divided equally to support the ongoing local charities of the three Bloomington Rotary clubs: our club, Bloomington North, and Bloomington Sunrise.

**Global Grant Scholarship Program Goes Statewide.** Districts 6540 (Northern Indiana) and 6560 (Central Indiana) have agreed to join our District, 6580, in creating an all-Indiana Global Grant Scholarship program. Amount of the award: \$40,000. All three districts will contribute \$8,000 for the 2024-25 scholarship program, which will be matched by \$16,000 from The Rotary Foundation's World Fund. Application is open to students who have graduated – or will graduate by May 2024 – from a four-year Indiana college or 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 aligned with one of Rotary's seven areas of focus. Application deadline: Dec. 22. Questions? Contact Scholarship Committee Co-Chair Jim Bright at [jbright48167@yahoo.com](mailto:jbright48167@yahoo.com) or (812) 219-0228.

**Sibling Cities USA Town Halls.** Bloomington project coordinator Alain Barker announced that the cities of Palo Alto and Bloomington will meet in three town halls in the coming months. You can participate either on Zoom or in person, at the Monroe County Public Library from 4 to 6 p.m. Topics:

- Sept. 17, bridging regional divides
- Oct. 8, climate action
- Nov. 12, race and belonging

For more information or to register to participate, see [siblingcitiesusa.org/events](http://siblingcitiesusa.org/events)

**SEPTEMBER 5 PROGRAM:** View it here: <https://youtu.be/6cx5AQo5xMA>



**Bob Zaltsberg** introduced speaker Shonda Stanton, IU's ninth head women's softball coach, who has compiled a 170-117 record since taking over as IU head coach in 2017. In 2023, the Hoosiers finished 44-18, breaking a program record of most consecutive games won (23) and finishing second in the regular season Big Ten standings before reaching the Big Ten Tournament Final. The Hoosiers also earned a 2023 NCAA Tournament bid as the No. 2 seed in the Knoxville Regional. The coaching staff was named the ATEC/NFCA Midwest Region Staff of the Year. Six IU players earned All-Big Ten honors, and three were named NFCA All-Americans.

Coach Stanton began by asking all who could stand to join her in some "burners." That woke us up for her presentation!

She says that coach is asked two questions after every game: Did you win? What was the score? She asked us how we would define success. Rotarians replied "Improvement," "Teamwork," "Culture." One of Coach Stanton's mentors is author John Maxwell, whose leadership books describe the "journey to significance." She told us that her journey to give young women the tools to be successful begins with helping them find their purpose, planting seeds for reaching their potential, and finally benefiting others. She aims to move them from the mentality of "have to" to "want to" to "love to."

Many athletes and others strive for success rather than significance, she said. Success is focused on selfish goals and therefore limited, while significance is focused on others and is unlimited.

She gave some examples of reaching for significance. Nineteen-year-old tennis player Coco Gauff asked 60-something former tennis star and coach Brad Gilbert to join her coaching team. (On Tuesday Coco won her match at the US Open Quarterfinals). During a 4x400-meter relay, a runner must pass the baton smoothly to a teammate to give the whole team a chance to win.

Coach Stanton deftly ended her presentation by calling attention to Rotary and its motto “Service above Self,” the epitome of the drive for significance.

#### **UPDATES: OUR SEPTEMBER 5 CELEBRATION OF SERVICE**

**Grier Carson** greeted members and guests in the Frangipani Room. Past President **Alain Barker** stood in for traveling President **Ron Barnes**. Alain noted that September is Rotary’s Education and Literacy Month. He gave a shoutout to all involved in Teachers Warehouse over the years.

**Traci Jovanovic** reflected on “things that make you go mmm...” When her husband’s nephew Stefan was visiting from Serbia, they took a road trip to Philadelphia, New York, and Boston to show him the iconic locations of American history . Along the way, Traci observed things she had not noticed before, the fringe benefit of seeing your own history anew through other eyes.

**James Wolf** introduced guests in the room:

- **Rowena Cross-Najafi**, Bedford Rotary Club, District 6580 Youth Exchange Chair, guest of the club
- Liv DeSantis, IU student, guest of **Jim Bright**
- Jason Ballinger, JLB Design LLC, guest of **Liz Feitl**
- Bella Packowski, IU student, guest of **Trent Deckard**
- Pat Bookwalter, retired, guest of **Charlotte Zietlow**
- Pam Lueken, retired, guest of **Judy Schroeder**

**Joy Harter** reported 19 Rotarians and no guests in attendance on Zoom.

#### **Birthdays this week:**

- **Marilyn Wood**            September 5
- **Jim Shea**                September 6
- **De de la Rosa**        September 7
- **Jon Dilts**                September 7
- **Earon Davis**            September 7

**Alain** thanked the team that made this week’s meeting a success. They included camera/mic operator **Michael Shermis** and audio producer **Tylar Martin-Nichols**.

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