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Sanketh Yalamuri Sathyanarayan

Sanketh Yalamuri Sathyanarayan sometimes sits at bus stops in Indiana, Pa., offering free masks to passersby.

n place of a birthday gift, social media users sometimes ask friends to donate to causes they're passionate about. Sanketh Yalamuri Sathyanarayan, 25, did that on his birthday, Oct. 14, and it sparked a much bigger effort.

So far, the native of Bangalore, India, has donated over 600 masks to students, protesters and others across the country, including 100 masks to his alma mater,

Indiana University of Pennsylvania. The 2019 graduate, who still lives in Indiana, Pa., said he didn't get much in his birthday fundraiser, but it inspired him to try again. He raised \$300 for Four Footed Friends and the Indiana County Humane Society, an animal rescue and shelter, to help buy pet food during the COVID-19 pandemic. He knew he could do more.

"What I was doing was very little. i nere were so many people wno were suifering, and I wanted my next social cause to be something that could make an impact for a lot of people," he said.

He had heard that international students at IUP who lost on-campus jobs during the pandemic couldn't afford to

# The masked giver

IUP alumnus supports shelters, students, protesters and others

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buy masks. He got eight companies from around the country to donate 400 masks and bought more with \$200 of nis own money and \$160 in donations to his new Masks for Everyone website, wishboard.co. Donors can give \$3 for one mask, \$10 for masks for a family and \$25 to give masks to homeless people. Donations are used to buy masks and ship them around the country, he said.

With the help of his friend Chaitanya Shastry, also from Bangalore, India, he shipped masks to people in 15 cities, including Detroit, New York and Las Vegas. He encouraged friends there to hand out masks at their cities' protests over police brutality and the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis.

Mr. Yalamuri Sathyanarayan has run a snack subscription business, designed and sold socks and started an online community where people could barter their skills. In his free time, he said he walks around downtown Indiana and sometimes sits at local bus stops with a sign that reads: "Free masks."

Once face masks are no longer necessary, he hopes to take on an even bigger cause: alleviating poverty.

"I want to make WishBoard better by it to an international level, said. "My main focus would be food, education and shelter for those in pov-

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James Hetfield, lead singer and rhythm guitarist for Metallica, performs during the Hardwired Tour at PPG Paints Arena in October 2018. See a review of "S&M2" on page C-2.

### Metallica concert will hit drive-ins on Aug. 29

Metallica's first show of 2020 will be screened at local drive-ins on Aug. 29 as part of the new Encore Drive-In Nights series.

Participating theaters include the Dependable Drive-In in Moon, Evergreen Drive-In in Mount Pleasant, Skyview Drive-In in Carmichaels and Brownsville Drive-In in Grindstone.

Presale tickets, available exclusively to Metallica's Fifth Member fan club, will go on sale Wednesday at ticketmaster.com/encore-metallica. General on-sale tickets will be sold beginning on Friday. Every ticket purchase — which admits one carload of up to six people — will include four digital downloads of Metallica's "S&M2," the album documenting the two historic concerts that reunited the band and San Francisco Symphony for the first time in 20 years.

Tickets will be sold for \$115 per vehicle (up to six people).

The concert will be shot at a location near the band's Northern California headquarters and will be edited and mixed by Metallica's production team. It's the first Metallica show since September 2019.

- Scott Mervis, Post-Gazette



Steph Chambers/Post-Gazette Jennifer Hogan, of Duquesne, enjoys the sun during Memorial Day weekend in May at Oglebay Resort and Conference Center in

#### Oglebay to host in-person concerts, food and drinks

Wheeling, W.Va.

The Wheeling Symphony Orchestra plans to present a trio of in-person chamber music performances this fall, with small, socially distanced groups of musicians, three-course meals and specialty cocktails.

Performances are set for Sept. 13, Oct. 11 and Nov. 8 in the Oglebay Wilson Lodge Glessner Ballroom in Wheeling, W.Va., roughly an hour and a half from Downtown Pittsburgh. Seating will be limited and socially distanced.

The orchestra's music director, John Devlin, is no stranger to pairing music and food: He founded the Gourmet Symphony in Washington, D.C., prior to taking the post in Wheeling in 2019. This fall's series, WesBanco presents SoundBites, is the product of a partnership with chef Thomas Raymond of Oglebay. Hors d'oeuvres will be served before each performance.

The Wheeling Symphony has not yet announced plans for its traditional subscription series. For tickets or programming information, go to wheelingsymphony.com or call 1-304-232-6191.

Jeremy Reynolds, Post-Gazette

## Guest who sent gift is angry over missing Zoom wedding

#### Miss Manners

By Judith Martin, Nicholas Ivor Martin and Jacobina Martin

**DEAR MISS MANNERS: I** was invited to a wedding before the pandemic broke out, and I accepted the invitation. Then when the couple found out that they would not be able to have that wedding, they decided to have one on Zoom.

Well, when it came time for the wedding, I sat in front of my computer, logged into the account and and waited and waited waited – - for them to start. Forty-five minutes later, still no wedding. Now what I want to know is, do

I have the right to be upset? I didn't say anything to them because I didn't want to ruin their special day, but I did respond 'yes" to the invite and sent them a wedding card and cash.

I just thought they should have made sure we were going to be able to celebrate with them. I guess in the end, they didn't really care if they shared the day with us at all. I'm feeling very hurt.

**GENTLE READER**: If you have never had a computer glitch, Miss Manners congratulates you. Evervone else has, and some may even have learned not to take others' such problems personally.



Why would anyone, no matter how callous, cut a Zoom guest list? It is not as though it would enable them to avoid feeding you.

Please give your friends the benefit of the doubt. It would be gracious of vou to express regret to the couple that you missed the wedding and ask if they would let you see any pictures or videos of

**DEAR MISS MANNERS**: Due to the virus and my age, I am living in isolation, but a dear friend recently went out to a restaurant and brought me an order of clam linguini. It was very good, but

Please advise me on how to handle getting the clams out of the shell when eating out. I'm afraid I made a mess at home by myself, so I have decided never to order clams or mussels when dining with friends.

GENTLE READER: That seems too drastic a solution. What you need is a seafood fork, which is small enough to spear those critters in their shells.

You don't actually need it at

home, as no one knows you made

a mess — or wouldn't, if you hadn't told Miss Manners — but you should ask for one in a restaurant if it is not supplied.

**DEAR MISS MANNERS:** While etiquette dictates sending thank-you notes for significant gestures, such as sending flowers or bringing food to your home, is it not necessary to send thank-you notes for sympathy cards? Do you send them if there was money in the cards?

My mother just passed, and I am not familiar with how to address these issues. I have never experienced a close, personal loss before now

**GENTLE READER**: Giving anything, even money, counts as a significant gesture. So does writing a thoughtful condolence letter. Those require an expression of gratitude.

Miss Manners counts a mere signature on a pre-printed sympathy card as a minimal gesture, although perhaps better than nothing. A response is optional.

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