

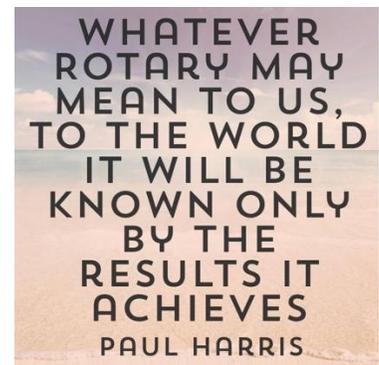


THE DAYBREAKER

March 20th, 2025



Today we had 20 in person attendees and 9 on ZOOM.



GUESTS: Neil Baker – guest of Dean Smoll
Patty Payne – guest of Mayor Roswarski

VISITING ROTARIANS: None

INVOCATION: Lisa Dillum

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY:

1. Joyful Journey Supply Collection–We will be collecting supplies for Joyful Journey from now until the end of March. Please refer to the email sent out with the list of supplies needed and bring these to any of our upcoming meetings.
2. As we shared in last week's Meeting, The Club is seeking donations to the Rotary District 6560 Foundation. The Foundation is raising matching dollars for a District Grant to Joyful Journey Adult Day Service. This is a similar process we set up for the Nursing Scholarship. All funds raised

through members of our Club will be matched with dollars from the Annual Fund Allocation at the District

Level, up to \$5,000. Checks should be made payable to Rotary District 6560 Foundation and can be snail mailed to Gerard Benner at 9281 Quarry Dr Naples FL 34120, scanned into an email and sent to cfotogo@yahoo.com OR can be given to Linc and he will scan them to Gerard.

This Grant Funding will conclude on April 15 th , so if you're interested in making a difference to the Friends and families dealing with adults with cognitive impairment and related life challenges, please submit your contributions before that date. Thank you!

3. MHA will be holding a Bowl-a-Thon Saturday, April 19th from 1-3 PM at Arrowhead Lanes to support a therapy initiative. Sponsorships are available for \$200. They are also asking for 2 gift baskets aimed at 9–13-year-olds and people to help with set-up and tear-down before and after the event. Rebecca will have a sign-up sheet next Thursday.
4. District Conference will be held on Saturday, April 26th. This will be an all-Indiana Rotary District Conference. You can register at <https://allindianarotary.com>.

Fellowship Opportunity:

PROGRAM: Lafayette Mayor Tony Roswarski



Mayor Tony Roswarski opened his remarks by explaining that he has now worked for the city of Lafayette for 43 years, first as a police officer and then as Mayor. He is proud of his efforts with the city and, in answer to a question said he will be running for re-election one more time in 2027.

He had a program explaining what the city has done:

Parks – The city has had a major commitment to parks with an emphasis on serving families and seniors. At the Columbian Zoo they have now opened their new

commissary which will provide veterinary services and food for the animals. They also have opened the new Dog Park near McCaw Park and will soon double the number of Pickleball courts in the park system.

Solar power fields – the city now has 4 solar power fields at the Public Safety Building, the wastewater treatment plant and 2 lift stations. The field at the PSB provides so much electricity that it purchases much less power than the much smaller city hall.

Wastewater Treatment – the city has spent over \$100 million to prevent storm water from going to the Wabash untreated.

Park East Blvd – this is being extended south of McCarty Lane.

3rd – 4th Street Conversion – one of the Mayor's most controversial decisions, the conversion to 2-way traffic has now been welcomed by the local businesses and drivers. The transition was very smooth and has drawn in some new businesses.

Economic Development – Since 2003 there are 10 new buildings in the downtown area. One of these is the new Ryder Development on S 8th St and the John Tebel Townhouses on S 3rd/4th St using old railroad land cleared when the railroads relocated to their present location. There is also a major addition to the John Purdue Block which will keep the appearance of the original structure.

Affordable Housing – the city is very dedicated to providing affordable housing and is assisting with the Snow Owl Senior Living project as well as the Jeffersonian St Housing project. They have also supported Habitat for Humanity with over \$6 million of investment.

Arts – the city knows this is important to the community and supports the Mural Project as well as the performing arts.

Tree Lafayette – the city appreciates the efforts of this organization and plans to plant 1,000 trees over the next 5 years.

Public Works Campus – the city has been able to relocate all these functions to the new 15-acre campus on McCarty Lane with space for all the city vehicles. The state-of-the-art facility allows the city to do all the maintenance on city vehicles in house, saving millions of dollars. The past site will be cleared and available for redevelopment. Considering street department, sanitation department, police, fire and parks the city owns over 1,000 vehicles!

Public Safety Campus – the Fire department has now moved in. The Mayor explained that over the last 12 years the city has developed a program to replace fire engines, purchasing an average of 1 every 2 years. These now cost over \$1M each and the wait between ordering one and delivery has now stretched to 4 years. The Mayor also reported that crime has actually been down over the last 2 decades.

Industrial Development – the major new player is the Sustainea Plant, a \$400 million development near the south Tate&Lyle plant which will product sustainable materials from corn products.

Humane Society of Greater Lafayette – this has opened and been an immediate success.

In answer to a question about the LEAP project and water diversion he reported that the city has hired a firm from Boston to refute some of the “data” previously reported. They found that the water needs had actually included water for central Indiana communities and these communities have now been working to provide for their own needs. The State has assured us that the pipeline project is no longer on the table.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: Rock bottom has built more heroes than privilege. ~ Unknown

TRIVIA QUESTION FOR THE WEEK: What famous actor has never played a president even though he was related to one?

THE ANSWER TO LAST WEEK’S TRIVIA QUESTION: What is an Oscar worth?

Oscar winners aren’t allowed to sell their statuettes without first offering them back to the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences for the nominal fee of \$1, which is meant to maintain their prestige. As the Academy’s [official regulations](#) explain, honorees “have no rights whatsoever in the Academy copyright or goodwill in the Oscar statuette or in its trademark and service mark registrations” and “shall not sell or otherwise dispose of the Oscar statuette, nor permit it to be sold or disposed of by operation of law” before first giving the Academy the chance to buy it back. Presumably, the Academy *always* accepts that \$1 offer to protect the brand, though it’s not clear how often, if ever, it’s actually happened.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

March 27th ~ West Lafayette Mayor Erin Easter

April 3rd ~ David Huhnke ~ The Lafayette Bicentennial Celebration

April 10th ~ Chad Evans ~ What about the Weather

April 17 ~ Matt Salsbery – A Toast to Mental Health

April 24 ~ Kitty Campbell – Leadership Lafayette
May 1 ~ A Toast to Mental Health - No meeting
May 8th ~ Bryan Smith ~ City Bus
May 15th ~ David McGaughey ~ Daybreak Rotary



Starting with the first club meeting in 1905, our founding years focus on building an organization that encourages community connections based on friendship and service.



The first four Rotarians: Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, Hiram Shorey, and Paul P. Harris.

1905: Rotary begins

Attorney Paul P. Harris **convenes the first Rotary meeting on 23 February in Chicago, Illinois, USA.**

Harris envisions a professional club that brings together local men from a variety of vocations.