

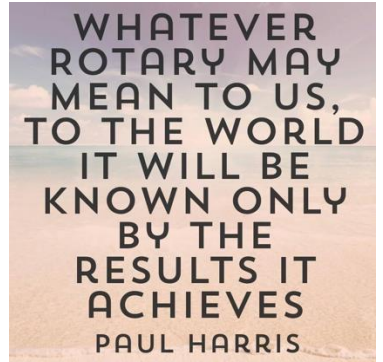


# THE DAYBREAKER

March 27th, 2025



Today we had 22 in person attendees and 9 on ZOOM.



**GUESTS:** Michael Olson – guest of Susie Eros

**VISITING ROTARIANS:** Honorary Rotarian Stephanic Shrock

**INVOCATION:** Kristen Edmundson

## **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. **I will also send out an email with the Amazon ordering links.**

## **Cleaning/Paper Items**

- Clorox Disinfecting Wipes
- Tissues

- **Unscented Clear Liquid Hand Soap**
- **Window Cleaner**
- **Dishwasher Detergent Pods**
- **Dishwasher Liquid Spot Preventer**
- **All Purpose Disinfecting Cleaner Spray or Similar Item**
- **Toilet Paper**
- **Paper Towel**
- **13 Gal. Kitchen Garbage Bags**
- **30-Gal Large Trash Bags**
- **Foil**
- **Plastic Wrap**

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](mailto:cfotogo@yahoo.com) OR can be given to Linc and he will scan them to Gerard.

<p>This Grant Funding will conclude on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 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!</p>
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- 3. MHA will be holding a Bowl-a-Thon Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> 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. The links to sign up follows:**

The link to participate and or donate is below.

In addition, they need a few people to help with set up, sign in and clean up. That volunteer link is also below.

Here's a link to get the \$20

tickets: <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/mhawvr/event/bowlingfundraiser/>

Here's a link to the volunteer sign up page:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054CADA82AABF9C34-55844275-mhabowling#/>

- 4. District Conference will be held on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. This will be an all-Indiana Rotary District Conference. You can register at <https://allindianarotary.com>.**

## **Fellowship Opportunity:**

### **PROGRAM: West Lafayette Mayor Erin Easter**



Mayor Erin began her talk by giving us an update on Bennett, who is now a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at West Lafayette Jr/Sr High. He is also about to become an uncle as Brian's daughter is expecting her first child.

Erin is a native of the area and has worked in attracting new businesses to the area and then in the planning department for West Lafayette and now as Mayor.

She highlighted a number of the accomplishments in West Lafayette including:

1. Trail system – the two municipalities have now been joined by the trail across the Wabash River bridge. West Lafayette was fortunate to receive an INDOT grant to fund part of this. The hike is challenging, but she said the views are well worth

the effort. They have also completed the Cherry Lane trail, providing a safe option for runners and cyclists. In addition, they will soon complete the Salisbury/Grant trail project.

2. Cason Park – this 28-acre park is scheduled to formally open on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, completing a \$17.7 million project.
3. Public Safety Complex – after efforts to find a way to upgrade Fire Station #2 failed the city realized they needed to consolidate Police and Fire departments in town and will sell bonds for this project next Monday. The planning for this complex located on the site of the previous city hall on Navajo St are continuing and will allow modern technology to be used by both departments as well as providing a location for public interaction.
4. Replacement of department heads – the city had to say good-bye to 6 department heads, either to retirement or new job opportunities and has sworn in 6 new people in these roles.
5. Strategic Plan 2025 – this is an effort to improve the city in several areas. In Operational Excellence this is dedicated to good financial stewardship and best practices. The city is fortunate in having good people in many roles and being able to retain organizational history. In Housing the city wants to work toward more owner-occupied housing and is working to invest in some of the older areas of the city. In terms of growth management, she highlighted the SK hynex project, a semi-conductor manufacturer who is planning on investing \$3.8 billion dollars in a facility north of Kalberer. This should bring 800-1,000 jobs to the area. The city hopes to receive a \$2.1 million federal grant to provide the infrastructure for this project.
6. Other projects – the city hopes to start soon on constructing 425 North and will soon begin the planning for upgrading the wastewater plant, a project that may cost \$100 million. The Mayor also reported that they are working cooperatively with several agencies to promote early childhood education.

The Mayor also highlighted several upcoming events in West Lafayette:

1. May 1 – Farmer's Market Opening
2. May 22 – Cason Park
3. July 15 – Public Safety Center Groundbreaking
4. September 12 – Naturalization Ceremony
5. September 20 – Global Fest
6. Fall – SK hynix Groundbreaking

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:** Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving. ~ Albert Einstein

**TRIVIA QUESTION FOR THE WEEK:** Who is the most recent U.S. President without a college degree?

**THE ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA QUESTION:**

What famous actor has never played a president even though he was related to one?

Tom Hanks has played historical figures such as Walt Disney and Mister Rogers throughout his illustrious career, but he's never been a president — not even the one he's related to. As if he weren't already enough of an American icon, the Oscar-winning actor is also a distant relative of Abraham Lincoln.

Honest Abe's mother was named Nancy Hanks Lincoln, and through her, the president and actor are third cousins four times removed. Though Hanks has never depicted his distant relative on film, he did narrate *National Geographic's* 2013 docudrama *Killing Lincoln*, based on the book of the same name.

#### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS:**

**April 3rd ~ David Huhnke ~ The Lafayette Bicentennial Celebration**

**April 10<sup>th</sup> ~ 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 8<sup>th</sup> ~ Bryan Smith ~ City Bus**

**May 15<sup>th</sup> ~ David McGaughey ~ Daybreak Rotary**

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