

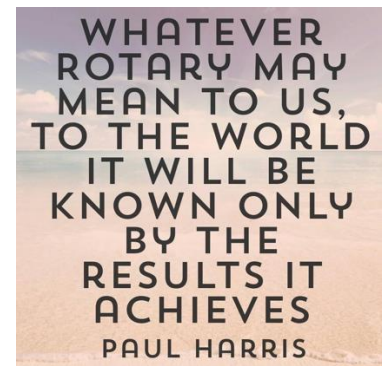


THE DAYBREAKER

February 27th, 2025



Today we had 22 in person attendees and 7 on ZOOM.



GUESTS: Christy Harrison

VISITING ROTARIANS: Tim Luzader

INVOCATION: Scott Brunton

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 15th, 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!

Fellowship Opportunity:

Rotarians playing Euchre!

The noon club has a unique fellowship opportunity. Periodically some of their members gather to play Euchre, and we are invited to join them. The next Euchre gathering is Sunday evening, on the 9th of March.

Interested? Contact Rotarian Renee Figueroa, at reneerotary@gmail.com, or 765-413-2977



We were able to welcome Peggy Johnson as our newest member!

PROGRAM: Purdue Nurse Practitioner Scholarship Awards

Our program today was the distribution of scholarships to the Purdue Mental Health Nurse Practitioner students. President Bill began by pointing out that the Club has raised over \$650,000 for mental health causes through the Toast. He explained that we have also raised over \$90,000 for these scholarships over the last 5 years and is able to present \$17,000 to students this year. This included \$8,500 raised from direct contributions, \$5,000 from a District matching grant and \$3,500 from North Central Health Services. He also read a wonderful thank you note from Ashley Schmitt, one of the recipients who was unable to attend today. He then introduced Laura Hawkins from the program itself.



Laura is one of the directors of the Nurse Practitioner program and has a 20-year history as a Mental Health Nurse Practitioner before she began to teach. She reported that they will graduate 7 students this spring and 12 in 2026. Their pass rate for the certifying exam for their specialty is 100% and 65% of their graduates have stayed in the area. She also introduced Robin Eddy, another of the recipients of the scholarships this year.

Tom Gilliom finished by explaining the need for this program. In 2024 all 92 Indiana counties have been listed as mental health shortage areas. There are presently 663 psychiatrists in Indiana, and this is projected to decrease by 27% by 2030. The 2 Psychiatry Residencies in the state graduate only 10 psychiatrists annually, but only 3 presently are from Indiana. Thus there is a tremendous need for practitioners who can manage medication and treatment for mental health issues. The positive news is that the supply of Mental Health Nurse Practitioners has increased from 389 two years ago to 569 this year. The negative news is that the need for services continues to increase. He praised the Purdue program as they are an in-person program and well organized for clinical experience. He also noted that of the 30 students we have supported over the last 5 years 10 have stayed in the area and a number more in District 6560.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: Beautiful young people are accidents of nature, but beautiful old people are works of art.– Eleanor Roosevelt

TRIVIA QUESTION FOR THE WEEK: Which president used to be governor of Cuba?

THE ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA QUESTION: Which cartoon character was used as the face of the IRS in promotional campaigns?

Facing wartime shortages in late 1941, the Treasury Department turned to Walt Disney to help rollout expansive new tax programs. Eager to support the war effort, Disney created a seven-minute short titled *The New Spirit*, which featured Donald Duck filling out his tax forms. *The New Spirit* earned an Oscar nomination for Best Documentary, leading to the production of a sequel, *The Spirit of '43*, just in time for the next tax season. Donald Duck was chosen as the star of these shorts because he was the franchise's most popular character at the time, making him the perfect ambassador for the message.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

March 6th – David Teter – Greyt Event Media

