

Connect and Serve

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CELE MCCARTHY will be the greeter, PRIS GERDE and JACK KELLEY will be the money takers, DAN HEMAN will be the money counter, and KATHY MEEKS will provide the moment of inspiration.

LOCAL BUSINESS OF THE MONTH:



We were pleased to welcome Anna Watkins from Every's Ice Cream to our meeting today. Anna shared about the opening of their Main Street shop on December 13th. They wanted to provide a dessert option among all of the downtown eating establishments. Anna is pictured here with PRIS GERDE and CHRISTY PRESTON.



THANKS FOR YOUR HELP:

JOHN TROTT served as greeter, MARY KAY DAVIS and PRIS GERDE were the money takers, CHRISTY PRESTON was the money counter, and GORDON COPPOC provided the moment of inspiration.

PROGRAM:

DICK RAHDERT spoke about the Paul Harris Fellow program with The Rotary Foundation. He presented pins to DAVE LUHMAN (PHF +4) and JANE TURNER (PHF +3). Thanks to both of these generous Rotarians for their support of the worldwide efforts of Rotary International.



BOB ANDERSON, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Lafayette, shared

details about the Brush with Kindness program. Local homeowners who need repairs to their homes can apply to get help from Lafayette Habitat. These may be electrical or plumbing repairs, a need for a new water heater, or siding and gutter repairs. Habitat has a group of local volunteers willing to do the work. Someone from the Habitat office goes to the home to determine the extent of the repair and the materials needed, then the volunteers are contacted to see who is willing to help. In past years, the homeowner was required to pay for the materials, but currently Habitat seeks donations and grants to cover those costs. Habitat for Humanity's vision is for every person to have a decent place to live. This includes a home that is safe and in good repair.



PROGRAM SPEAKERS SCHEDULE:

January 21 – David Byers, County Commissioner

January 28 – Tony Roswarski, Lafayette Mayor

February 4 – Participants from the Leadership Lafayette program

February 11 - Dr. Baute, Chancellor, Ivy Tech, SK Hynix support

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 15 – Backpacking at Miami School at 4:00
Pub Club at Boomerangs in Wabash Landing
Shopping Center at 5:30 pm

January 21 – Membership committee meeting at
11:00 am; Marketing committee meeting at 1:00 pm

January 23 – Truck unloading at
Miami School 8:15 am



February 2 – Purdue Women's
Basketball game at 2:00 pm with
chili supper at LANE CUSTER's
house afterwards. Buy your
tickets at the welcome table and
sign up for what dish you will
bring.



February 11--Rotary Blood Drive.
Northend Community Center, 2nd Floor, 10:00am-
2:00pm. Please click on the link below to schedule a
donation.

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/dri-ve-results?zipSponsor=lafayetterotary>



RESULTS OF RED KETTLE CAMPAIGN:

Rotarians who participated in Bell Ringing on December 14th raised \$1,700. Additional donations came from thirty-seven Rotarians and totaled \$10,395. Thanks to all who volunteered and to all who sent in checks.



HOORAY FOR YOU!

Hooray for all Lafayette Rotary members – we have almost 100% participation in the Birthday Table program! This is our major source of fundraising each year for our charitable projects: backpacks, scholarships, camperships, build projects, etc. What are other ways you can help with fundraising? Look for businesses that might be willing to sponsor the annual Ice Cream Crawl. Any member can do this – not just those on the Ice Cream committee. Another easy way to promote the event is to take a poster or two to be put in the window of a business or office. Plan now to participate in this way for the 2025 Ice Cream Crawl.

LISTEN TO PAST ROTARY MEETINGS:

Each week an audio recording of the Rotary meeting is saved so that members can listen at any time. Click on the link below to listen to a recent meeting.

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Donating to Lafayette Rotary

To donate to our Club's international projects:

Make check payable to: District 6560 Foundation with
"Lafayette Rotary International Pass-Through Fund"
in the memo.

To donate to our Club's international endowment:

Make check payable to:
Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette with
"Lafayette Rotary International Endowment Fund"
in the memo.

To donate to our Club's local projects:

Make check payable to:
Lafayette Rotary Club Foundation.

To donate to our Club's local project endowment:

Make check payable to:
Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette
with "Lafayette Rotary" in the memo.

OUR NEXT MAJOR PROJECT:

Each year we select a project to receive our Ice Cream Crawl funds as well as a District grant. STEVE PENNELL is chair of the committee that is working on selecting a project.

We look for projects that will fall within one of the seven Rotary International areas of focus:
Peacebuilding and conflict prevention
Disease prevention and treatment
Water, sanitation, and hygiene
Maternal and child health
Basic education and literacy
Community economic development
Environment

Here is a list showing our past projects:

2018 Rotary Memorial Plaza at Columbian Park

2019 Imagination Library

2020 Imagination Library; Coder Dojo

2021 Imagination Library; It's My Closet

2022 Imagination Library; Girl Scouts Solar Panels

2023 Wabash River Greenway Trail pocket park

2024 Wabash River Greenway Trail pocket park