

Connect and Serve

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FEBRUARY 4, 2025

SANGITA HANDA will be the greeter, DIANE BOENER and CELE MCCARTHY will be the money takers, MELINDA BAIN will be the money counter.

PROGRAM:

Lafayette Mayor Tony Roswarski provided an update on the State of the City. He is in his sixth term as major and has served the city for forty-three years, including his time as a Lafayette policeman. Currently, the finances of the city are healthy with \$9 million in the rainy day fund. For three years in a row, the city has lowered the tax rate, although citizens may not know because of increases in assessments. Parks have received a lot of attention recently with the final upgrades to Columbian Park completed in 2024 and additional amenities at McCaw Park scheduled to be completed in June of 2025. Park East Boulevard will be extended from McCarty to Haggerty Lane at a cost of \$21 million. The city owns four solar fields, including the one on top of the new city safety building, which has proven to save a lot of electricity. New development in the city will include Anvil 26, an apartment building at the corner of 26th and South streets. This will complete the redevelopment of the old Home Hospital property. Two new senior living facilities are planned: the Jeffersonian and Snowy Owl Commons. Working together with community partners, the city provides \$100,000 to Habitat for Humanity for their Brush with Kindness program of home repairs. In 2025 Lafayette is marking its 200th birthday – stay tuned for lots of celebrations to come.



GUESTS:

Former member, Ellie Wang, and her friend, Pat Rayburn; Ginger Borden, guest of RENEE FIGUEROA.

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS:

JO WADE was recognized for her contributions to Lafayette Rotary Club Foundation which have reached the Diamond Level of giving. Thanks, JO!



COFFEE BREAK:

DENNIS FIGUEROA, chair of the Coffee Committee, informed us that Founders 1905 has paid off all loans. There is a new arrangement with LTHC that they will purchase fifteen cases of Founders 1905 coffee per month at a steep discount. DEREK BAKER has agreed to step in to help the coffee project by paying all of the bills and preparing all of the invoices for customers. Thanks for handling this responsibility, DEREK.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP:

SANGITA HANDA served as greeter, CHRISTA KECK and KATHY MEEKS were the money takers, WES MCDIVITT was the money counter, and ARVID OLSON provided the moment of inspiration.

PROGRAM SPEAKERS SCHEDULE:

February 4 – Participants from the Leadership Lafayette program

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

February 18 – Erin Easter, West Lafayette Mayor

February 25 – Representatives of the summer youth camps that we support

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 29 – Backpacking at Miami School at 4:00
Pub Club at Black Sparrow in Lafayette at 5:30pm

February 2 – Purdue Women's Basketball game at 2:00pm 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 4 – International Committee meeting after Rotary

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>



HOORAY FOR YOU!

Hooray for members who pack backpacks on a regular basis on Wednesday afternoons: These Rotarians have helped during the past semester: CATHY BARRON, VICKI BURCH, LARRY GIBSON, CHRISTA KECK, JACK KELLEY, VAN NEIE, BECKY ROBLEDO, JULIE SCHLECK, BETTY TONSING, and PAUL ZIEMER. Thanks for your "Service Above Self."

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

GAIL	BRICKLER	February 15
KEN C.	DECKER	February 1
HELENE	FREISER	February 22
JACK	KELLEY	February 23
CELE	MCCARTHY	February 19
KATHRYN	NIELSEN	February 5
JOHN	SCHNEIDER	February 27
JOANN L.	WADE	February 12

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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LOCAL BUSINESS OF THE MONTH:



This new ice cream shop opened at 840 Main Street in December. They will be part of this year's Ice Cream Crawl. Stop by and give their ice cream a try – it's delicious!

