



## Connect and Serve

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ZARJON BAHA will be the greeter, PAUL ZIEMER will be the money taker, and ELAINE TODD will provide the moment of inspiration.

### PROGRAM:

David Krakower is the President and General Manager for the Lafayette Aviators baseball team. He came to Lafayette four years ago, just as the new Loeb Stadium was being built. He is also Vice President of the Prospect League, which the Aviators are part of. There has been much success with increasing the attendance at games and also the revenues. This is because the new stadium is such a draw and because the greater Lafayette community has supported the team. David's goal is to keep the games affordable for family entertainment. Tickets remain at \$11 and a hot dog is only \$4. Each year a new team has to be created. Jamie Sailors is the Field Manager. He and David Krakower decide which players to keep from the past year and then reach out to college coaches for recommendations. All players must be current college players or high school graduates with a commitment to a specific school. The players pay a fee to participate and local citizens provide housing during the season. In 2023, the Aviators started to sell baseball cards of the players and share part of the revenue with them. One former Prospect League player has made it to the Detroit Tigers major league team. Plan to attend a game in summer, 2025, when Lafayette Rotary is the non-profit of the game.



### THANKS FOR YOUR HELP:

MARY KAY DAVIS served as greeter, PRIS GERDE was the money taker, WES MCDIVITT was the money counter, and JO WADE provided the moment of inspiration.

### GUESTS:

Jenna Sparks, guest of NATASHA CORBETT and Richard Pennell, father of STEVE PENNELL.

### READ TO SUCCEED:

Kelci Fox is the Community Impact Associate at United Way of Greater Lafayette. She spoke to us briefly today about the need for more volunteers to participate in the Read to Succeed program, which requires only one hour per week of time. The number of volunteers is much less now than before the Covid pandemic and more help is needed with this important program. Contact her by emailing:

[kfox@uwlafayette.org](mailto:kfox@uwlafayette.org)

### COFFEE BREAK:

Founders 1905 Coffee committee chair, DENNIS FIGUEROA, shared that currently there are 938 bags of 1905 coffee in inventory with a sell-by date of June, 2025. Financially, there is \$1152.98 in the bank account; \$5,000 in personal loans; and \$15,602.74 worth of packaging materials being held by Copper Moon and waiting to be used. Each time an order is placed for a pallet of ground coffee, \$400 worth of packaging materials is used.

### PROGRAM SPEAKERS SCHEDULE:

**October 29** – Morgan Gamble – Purdue University Veteran and Military Success Center

**November 5** – Open World program with delegation from Tajikistan

**November 12** – Christina Loveless – Mary T. Klinker Veterans Center

**November 19** – Greg Petrowich, President & CEO of WFYI/WBAA

## OPEN WORLD VISIT:

Many Rotarians have stepped up to help with carrying out this visit. The schedule sent via email gives details of each day's activities and the list of program guides tells who is leading each event. Many thanks to BETTY TONSING for putting all of these pieces together and for communicating with Rotary International and the delegates. Look through the list of program guides to see where you could be of help.

## OPEN WORLD PARTICIPANTS:

There will be six women participants in all. Here is some information about two of them:

### Rangina

Since 2017, I have been working with American Space, implementing impactful programs such as women entrepreneurship courses, coding for girls, communication programs for the younger generation, and the Mobile American Spaces program in remote areas. Currently, I serve as a Project Specialist at the Aga Khan Foundation, where I focus on health-related programs for adolescents.

Married, with a son and a daughter. Age 37

### Zahina

Current Position: Intervention Advisor, USAID Learn Together

Her role focuses on enhancing literacy and numeracy through TV, radio, and app resources while advocating for inclusive and gender-sensitive learning.

Married, with two daughters. Age 41

## DID YOU KNOW?

That Uncle Sam provides the funds for Open World visits? The Congressional Office for International Leadership allows \$3,840 for meals and transportation during their time in Lafayette and \$420 for cultural events and museums. The flights to and from the U.S. are paid directly. The Open World program brings leaders from partner countries to the United States in order to give them firsthand exposure to the American system of participatory democracy and accountable governance.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### October 23 – NO BACKPACKING THIS WEEK

Pub Club at Bru Burger in downtown Lafayette 5:30

### October 24 – Truck

unloading at Miami School  
8:15am



**October 26** – Purdue Half Marathon water station.  
8am until noon.

**November 6** – Lunch at Westminster Pub with the Open World delegation. 11am. All are welcome. Everyone orders and pays on their own.

**November 8** – All-club farewell dinner for the Open World delegation from Tajikistan. 5:00pm  
Location: First United Methodist Church, 1700 Mitch Daniels Blvd – at the corner with U.S. 231. Cost: \$15  
Tickets are available at the welcome table. Spouses and guests are welcome to attend.

**November 12** – Blood Drive at Northend Community Center 10am – 2pm. Click on this link to schedule an appointment:

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

## RED KETTLE BELL RINGING:

Our annual volunteer effort to ring bells for Salvation Army will take place on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars now and look for the signup to be available in a few weeks. FLOYD GARROTT is organizing the event.

## MAJOR PROJECT FOR 2025:

Do you have a favorite charitable cause that you would like to see receive the money raised by the Ice Cream Crawl? If so, let STEVE PENNELL know your idea and plan to be part of the Major Project committee, which will meet in January. This is your opportunity to help decide where our charitable funds will go in 2025.

## CALLING FOR NOMINATIONS:

Nominations are now open for Directors to serve on the Club Board starting July 1, 2025 for a three-year term. Give names to Renee after you have asked the nominee.

## **DUES ARE DUE:**

Our Rotary dues are due in October. For the full year, the amount is \$300 (\$310 if using a bank card); for six months, it is \$150 (\$155 if using a bank card). Thanks to all who have paid already.

## **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.

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