

Connect and Serve

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ELAINE TODD will be the greeter, PAUL ZIEMER will be the money taker, DAN HEMAN will be the money counter, and TIM LUZADER will provide the moment of inspiration.

PROGRAM:

Adam Baxmeyer is the airport operations manager for the Purdue University airport. He spoke to us today about the new Amelia Earhart terminal which is set to be completed by September, 2025. The original terminal building was built in the 1940's. Currently, Southern Airways Express is providing scheduled commuter air



service between Purdue and O'Hare airport in Chicago, which began in May, 2024. The airport has six staff members and their focus is on safety. Plans are to extend the current runway, which would permit larger planes to land and take off. The airport plays a big role in the School of Aviation and Transportation Technology for their 1141 students. The school offers a variety of majors: aeronautical engineering technology, aviation management, professional flight, and unmanned aerial systems. The Hypersonics and Applied Research facility has the only MACH 8 quiet wind tunnel in the world. The entire airport property includes 525 acres. With Purdue airport as the second busiest in Indiana, it is positioned to serve the air transportation needs of holiday and business travelers in the region north of Lebanon and south of South Bend.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP:

FAYE COLE served as greeter, MARY KAY DAVIS was the money taker, CHRISTY PRESTON was the money counter, and KATHY MEEKS provided the moment of inspiration.

HIGH FIVE:

To DEREK BAKER and WES MCDIVITT who helped with the pre-fab for the ramp build. On Thursday afternoon, they cut and prepared wood for the build that took place on Saturday. WES is pictured with President STEVE PENNELL.



HIGH SCHOOL GUESTS:

Tim Tews and Braylyn Gudeman joined us from Faith Christian High School, along with their parents.



PROGRAM SPEAKERS SCHEDULE:

October 15 – Dan Ricks – Statewide Perfusion Manager, IU Health

October 22 – David Krakower – Lafayette Aviators

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

November 5 – Open World program with delegation from Tajikistan

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.

RAMP BUILD:

Last Saturday the weather was beautiful and we had a great time building a ramp for a woman in Lafayette. Thanks for donating your money through birthday table to fund this project.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 9 – Backpacking at Miami School 4:00
Pub Club at Ripples in downtown Lafayette 5:30

October 26 – Purdue Half Marathon water station.
8 AM until noon. See Richard Gibbs to volunteer.

November 6 – Lunch at Westminster Pub with the
Open World delegation. 11am. Everyone 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 will be available at the welcome table.
Spouses and guests are welcome to attend.

November 12 – Blood Drive at Northend Community
Center

OPEN WORLD PARTICIPANTS:

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

Zarrina is the group facilitator.

Current Position: CEO and Founder, Tamos Call
Center, Consulting Company

“I have had the privilege of visiting the U.S. several
times, and my most recent trip was as part of the
TechWomen program, which also focuses on
supporting women in the STEM fields. This experience
was truly unforgettable and had a lasting impact on
both my personal and professional life.”

She is married with one daughter. Age 38

Najmiya

Current Position: Dean of the Faculty of
Telecommunication and
Professional Training, Technological University of
Tajikistan

“As a Dean of the Faculty, I am responsible for
attracting girls to technical education, and I have a
professional interest in this and a personal interest. In
addition to being the dean of the faculty, I also teach
advanced mathematics for the first year and discrete
mathematics for programmers in the 3rd year.”

She is married with two daughters. Age 38

Look for more information in next week's *Ripples*.

ICE CREAM CRAWL BASKET:

Jackie Cole was the winner of this year's Ice Cream Lover's basket. She and her family hope to attend again in 2025!



BLOOD DRIVE NOV 12TH

Our next blood drive will take place on November 12th from 10am – 2pm at the Northend Community Center, 2nd floor Vinton Room. Click on the link below to schedule an appointment. Contact Katie Nielsen with questions.

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

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

That our club sponsored some of the activities at Habitat for Humanity's 40th Anniversary celebration that was held on Saturday, October 5th?

The local affiliate was started in 1984. Our marketing committee voted to show support of the organization and to promote awareness of our club by sponsoring the activities for children and families.



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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