

Connect and Serve

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DECEMBER 3, 2024

FAYE COLE will be the greeter, PRIS GERDE will be the money taker, MELINDA BAIN will be the money counter, and ALEA FAVERO will provide the moment of inspiration.

PROGRAM:

Wes Tillett came to Lafayette Urban Ministry (LUM) in 2020. Today he spoke to us about the many ways that LUM seeks to meet needs in our community. Their mission is to restore human dignity to our neighbors by giving a practical hand up. LUM is a Christian ministry, but they serve people of all faiths. Fifty-two local churches provide funding, although that makes up only 15% of the operating budget. Support from the federal government represents 3%. The bulk of their funding comes from private donations. The projected budget for 2025 is \$1.7 million. LUM provides an overnight shelter every night of the year for those who are homeless. They also have a protein food pantry, an immigration clinic, and a tax preparation service. The immigration clinic provides legal counsel to those needing help with visas and other legal documents. The summer camp program, which we support, provides an overnight experience for eighty-four children at Hanging Rock Camp. The cost to parents is \$5, whereas the actual cost per camper is \$400. To learn about these and other programs of LUM or to volunteer, go to LUMserve.org.



GUESTS:

In addition to Kiwanis members who attended today, our Rotary guest was: Steve Mogensen, guest of TERRI ANDERSON.

On November 19th, we had several guests: STEVE and SUSAN HYCHKA, former members of this club and currently members in New Mexico; Jennifer Wingard and Julia Roames, daughters of RENEE FIGUEROA, Denise Smith, guest of RICHARD GIBBS, and Tim Scott, guest of LANE CUSTER.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP:

CHRISTA KECK served as greeter, DIANE BOENER and VAN NEIE were the money takers, WES MCDIVITT was the money counter, and JO WADE provided the moment of inspiration.

PROGRAM SPEAKERS SCHEDULE:

December 3 – Candace Britten and Kelli Briscoe, Purdue student athlete trips

December 10 – Annual meetings of Club and Foundation to elect officers and directors.

December 17 – Holiday music program

December 24, December 31, January 7 –
NO ROTARY MEETINGS

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

TERRI	ANDERSON	December 21
PRIS	GERDE	December 5
DAVID W.	LUHMAN	December 22
DENNIS	SAVAIANO	December 28

NOMINEES FOR CLUB BOARD, 2025-2026:

President: Pris Gerde
President-Elect: Arvid Olson
Vice President: Lane Custer
(to be President 2027-2028)
Secretary: Renee Figueroa
Treasurer: Kathy Meeks

Continuing as Directors: Zarjon Baha, Mary Kay Davis, Richard Gibbs, Katie Nielsen, Christy Preston
Steve Pennell will serve as the Board Chair.

NOMINEES FOR FOUNDATION BOARD, 2025-2026:

President: Rhonda Overman
Vice President: Marti Gutwein
Secretary: Renee Figueroa
Treasurer: Paul Ziemer

New Director: Bob Stolz
Continuing as Director: Elaine Todd
Club Representative: Pris Gerde

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:
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Lafayette Rotary Club Foundation.

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Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette
with "Lafayette Rotary" in the memo.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

**November 27 – NO BACKPACKING;
NO PUB CLUB**

December 10 – Annual meetings and elections of Directors and Officers of both the Club and the Foundation.

December 12 – Annual Holiday Jingle and Mingle Party at the Habitat Junction House, 215 Smith St, Lafayette. 5:30pm Sign up at the welcome table or on [signupgenius](#).



December 14 – Red Kettle Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army. Please mark your calendars now and look for the signup to be available soon. FLOYD GARROTT is organizing the event. Sign up here: [2024 Rotary Red Kettle Campaign](#)

No Rotary meetings on Dec 24th or 31st or Jan 7th

January 14 – Major New Project committee meeting after Rotary

DID YOU KNOW?

That we have had a change of plans for our leadership? For the 2025-2026 Rotary year, PRIS GERDE will serve as president. For the 2026-2027 Rotary year, ARVID OLSON will serve as president. This change was made to accommodate additional work responsibilities for ARVID during the upcoming year.

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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