

## Connect and Serve

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SANGITA HANDA will be the greeter, PRIS GERDE will be the money taker, DAN HEMAN will be the money counter and MARY KAY DAVIS will present the moment of inspiration.

### PROGRAM:

Dr. Aaron Baute, Chancellor of Ivy Tech in Lafayette, spoke to us today about the SK Hynix chip manufacturing plant to be built in West Lafayette. The building will be at the intersection of



Kalberer Road and Yeager Road and is to be ready for production in 2028. The computer chips will be used for Artificial Intelligence, the military, and in medical devices. Because computer chips are fragile and easily damaged, they must be protected by material described as “packaging.” This is what will be produced in West Lafayette. Ivy Tech is in the process now of planning the coursework that will be needed by those who will be part of the workforce. The goal is to train students to be ready to work when the facility is open and ready for production. Bringing the SK Hynix plant to our area was the result of support from local governments as well as the CHIPS act funding from the federal government and a READI grant from the state. A cleanroom has been prepared for Ivy Tech students, which will provide realistic work experience as part of their training. Currently, instructors are being trained to learn more about semiconductor technology.

### HIGH FIVE:

To KARISSA MOONEY for moderating the panel discussion last week about Leadership Lafayette. Thanks, KARISSA!

### LOCAL BUSINESS OF THE MONTH:

Beth Dow, owner of Beyond Gallery & Gift Shop visited us today to receive the certificate naming her store as our Local Business of the Month for February.

The shop displays work from local artists. The current exhibition is entitled “Space” and features thirty-three pieces by twenty-one artists. Stop in at 414 Main Street, Lafayette, to see all that she has to offer.



### GUESTS:

Brian Rund contacted us through Rotary.org and is interested in joining our club. He visited us today. Charles Holbrook, guest of PRIS GERDE; Wasima Hassan, daughter of ZARJON BAHA; and SHARON SCHENDEL, Rotarian visiting from California.

### THANKS FOR YOUR HELP:

JANE TURNER served as greeter, RITA ZAWISZA and CHRISTA KECK were the money takers, CHRISTY PRESTON was the money counter, and JO WADE provided the moment of inspiration.

### PROGRAM SPEAKERS SCHEDULE:

**February 18** – Erin Easter, West Lafayette Mayor

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

**March 4** – Presentation by the Major Project committee describing our projects for 2025 that will be the recipients of funds from the next Ice Cream Crawl.

**March 11** – Lindsay Hamm, AI grading at Purdue

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**February 12** – Backpacking at Miami School at 4:00

**February 18** –

Community College Scholarship committee will meet after Rotary.

Imagination Library committee will meet after Rotary and then go to STAN MITHOEFER's office at 903 Columbia St to process books.

**February 20** – Truck unloading at Miami School 8:30am



## 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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## HOORAY FOR YOU!

Hooray for Rotarians who do the “heavy lifting” to unload the food for backpacks and put it up on shelves – ready for the packers. This Rotary year, the following members have helped: BECKY ROBLEDO, WES MCDIVITT, JOHN TROTT, GORDON COPPOC, HARRIET COPPOC, RENEE FIGUEROA, DENNIS FIGUEROA, JOHN SCHNEIDER, and DICK RAHDER. Thanks to all for helping in this way.



## ROTARY BLOOD DRIVE:

Today's blood drive schedule was completely filled with thirty-three donors, including many from the Northend Community Center. For eight years we have been sponsoring four blood drives per year. That's THIRTY-TWO blood drives! Thanks to KATIE NIELSEN for making the arrangements.

