

Connect and Serve

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SANGITA HANDA will be the greeter, WES MCDIVITT and TIM LUZADER will be the money takers, DAN HEMAN will be the money counter and NATASHA CORBETT will present the moment of inspiration.

PROGRAM:

Lindsay Hamm is a professor of sociology at Purdue.



She sometimes teaches as many as 500 students at a time. When students have a writing assignment to turn in, it is difficult for an instructor to provide timely and frequent feedback. Dr. Hamm uses artificial intelligence to critique student work. She started

this in 2019 and identifies the AI bot (robot) as “Charlie.” Although the use of AI to grade student writing is imperfect, it has helped the students to be more confident and to turn their work in on time. Students may choose whether they want to receive the feedback from Charlie or not. Unfortunately, Charlie cannot detect plagiarism.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP:

ZARJON BAHA served as greeter, PRIS GERDE and CHRISTY PRESTON were the money takers, CHRISTY PRESTON was the money counter, and BOB ANDERSON provided the moment of inspiration.

HIGH SCHOOL GUESTS:

Mackenzie Green and Richard Berry joined us today from Faith Christian High School. ARVID OLSON was their host.



HIGH FIVE:

To DICK RAHDERT for serving as The Rotary Foundation chair for many years and to CHIP RUTLEDGE for agreeing to take over those duties.



GUEST:

HAL KING, Rotarian from Kokomo and guest of DICK RAHDERT.

PROPOSED NEW MEMBER:

Monica Steinhubl has been approved for membership. She is sponsored by RENEE FIGUEROA. Monica has been a Rotarian before in Anchorage, Alaska. Be sure to greet Monica the next time she attends Rotary.

PROGRAM SPEAKERS SCHEDULE:

March 18 – Michael Tetreault, Wabash & Erie Canal

March 25 – Paul Robinson, Climbing Mt. Everest

April 1 – David Anders, The Rotary Foundation

April 8 – Michelle Wise, Cellar Wine Bistro

MANY THANKS:

After many years of devoted service, our Club Accountant, JIM KLUSMAN, would like to retire. Thanks, JIM, for serving in this important role. We are looking for a Rotarian to join the finance team as the club's accountant. The work includes some light bookkeeping duties on a weekly basis, compiling the monthly financial statements, reconciling bank statements and working with the Club Secretary and Treasurer for annual reports. There will be training and much continued support as needed. See KATHY MEEKS or JIM KLUSMAN for interest and questions.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 12 – Backpacking at Miami School @ 4pm

March 13 – Monthly Pub Club at Bru Burger @ 5:30pm

March 18 – Social committee meeting after Rotary

March 20 – Truck unloading at Miami School @ 8:30am.



April 21 – Volunteering at the LUM food pantry at St. John's Episcopal church at the corner of 6th and Ferry in Lafayette. 11:30am – 4pm.

PUB CLUB RESTARTING:

Pub Club will be held once per month starting on THURSDAY, March 13th at Bru Burger in Lafayette at 5:30pm. Contact HELENE FREISER if you are interested in attending.

NEW VOLUNTEER PROJECT:

On Monday, April 21st, we will be helping at the LUM food pantry from 11:30am – 4:00pm. This takes place at St. John's Episcopal Church at the corner of 6th and Ferry in Lafayette. This is another way we can provide "Service Above Self." Contact TERRI ANDERSON if you are interested in helping.

LOCAL BUSINESS OF THE MONTH:



Stall & Kessler's Diamond Center is our Local Business of the Month for March. The store is located at 333 Columbia Street in Lafayette. Be sure to stop in to check out the beautiful diamonds they have on display.

NEW MEMBERSHIP TYPES:

We now have new membership categories. They are:

- For those new members under 40 years old, 25% discount on dues for the first two years
- For businesses, \$450 for two members and \$600 for three members
- For non-profits, \$300 for a single member and \$400 for two members

Do you know of someone or a business or organization that would fit into one of these categories? If so, contact KARISSA MOONEY for more details.



ROTARACT PARTY:

This group of Purdue students met at the home of JACK KELLEY to enjoy pizza and fun.



EUCHRE FUN:

There were twenty-one Rotarians, spouses, and guests who joined the fun on Sunday at BOB STOLZ' party barn to vie for the Euchre Traveling Trophy. Daybreak Rotary president, BILL LAPCHESKA, took home the prize!



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
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