

## Connect and Serve

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### MARCH 25, 2025

FAYE COLE will be the greeter, MARY KAY DAVIS and BECKY ROBLED0 will be the money takers, and WES MCDIVITT will be the money counter

### PROGRAM:

MICHAEL TETREAUULT is the Executive Director of the Wabash & Erie Canal Park as well as a member of Delphi Rotary. He started in this position about four years ago. In the 1800's, the Wabash and Erie Canal was the second-longest canal ever built and the longest in the



Western Hemisphere. It was over 460 miles long, connecting the Great Lakes to the Ohio River near Evansville, Indiana. The canal was built by hand with immigrant labor. It was an artificial waterway such that boats could be pulled along by mules attached by tow ropes. It functioned from the 1830's until it closed in 1874. The canal enabled farmers and merchants to distribute their goods across the eastern half of the country at reasonable expense. With the advent of the steam engine and railroad lines crisscrossing the country, canals became obsolete. The canal passed through Lafayette and helped to grow the population and commercialization of this area. Men such as Moses Fowler and John Purdue were able to build their fortunes from shipping goods on the canal. There was a time that fifteen canal boats came to Lafayette each day. Currently, the Wabash & Erie Canal Park is a place for school students and the public to learn about this rich history. There is a model canal boat that visitors can ride to experience this 1800's mode of transportation. To find out how you can get involved, there is a volunteer open house at the park on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm.

### THANKS FOR YOUR HELP:

CHRISTA KECK served as greeter, WES MCDIVITT and TIM LUZADER were the money takers, DAN HEMAN was the money counter, and NATASHA CORBETT provided the moment of inspiration.

### HIGH SCHOOL GUESTS:

Emily Kendall and Owen Toro joined us from McCutcheon High School. VICKI BURCH was their host. They were joined by parents Jon and Kristi Kendall and Heather Toro, as well as school counselor, Tonia Withers.



### HIGH FIVE:

To JIM KLUSMAN for his years of service as the club accountant. Thanks for a job well done, JIM. We are seeking a volunteer to take over these duties. Let JIM or KATHY MEEKS know if you are willing to discuss the possibility.



## GUEST:

Joshua Lolling, guest of KARISSA MOONEY

## PROPOSED NEW MEMBER:

Brian Rund has been proposed for membership by JANE TURNER. He is interested in the good works that we do and to find ways of giving back to the community. Be sure to speak to Brian and make him feel welcome when you see him.



## BEQUEST FROM RAY PEETERS:

Lafayette Rotary Club Foundation has received a donation in the amount of \$4,000 from the estate of former member RAY PEETERS. RAY specified that the money should be used for "service to youth." LRCF Board of Directors has determined that the money will go towards the campership program in 2025. This will be in addition to the \$2,000 that was already allocated. The Campership Committee wishes to thank the Board of Directors of LRCF for making this decision.

## PROGRAM SPEAKERS SCHEDULE:

**March 25** – Paul Robinson, Climbing Mt. Everest

**April 1** – David Anders, The Rotary Foundation

**April 8** – Michelle Wise, Cellar Wine Bistro

**April 15** – Kacie Kessler, American Red Cross

## HOORAY FOR YOU!

LANE CUSTER has agreed to serve as chair of the monthly service projects committee, which will be meeting in April. Let him know if you are willing to be part of his team!



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**March 19** – Backpacking at Miami School @ 4pm  
Extra help is needed – Purdue students are on spring break

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



**March 26** – **NO BACKPACKING** – spring break for Miami School

## NEW VOLUNTEER PROJECT:

On Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

## THANKS, FROM SALVATION ARMY:

The Salvation Army wrote to say thank you for the **\$10,395** that our members raised through the bell-ringing campaign and direct donations. A total of \$93,911 was raised through the kettle campaign and \$75,000 was received in additional matching funds. These dollars go to support local families with food, financial assistance, casework, and family-building activities. Plan to volunteer again in 2025!

## 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.

### 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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