

Connect and Serve

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ZARJON BAHA will be the greeter, BECKY ROBLEDO and TIM LUZADER will be the money takers, MELINDA BAIN will be the money counter, and KATHY MEEKS will provide the moment of inspiration.

PROGRAM:

Paul Robinson is a professor at Purdue who climbed Mt. Everest in 2009 at the age of fifty-six. To prepare for the

Everest climb, Paul climbed Mount Denali and Mount Manaslu, the eighth-highest



mountain in the world. Climbing Mt. Everest took a total of nine weeks. Much of that time was spent going up and down nearby mountains as a way of acclimatizing his body. After flying to Kathmandu, the capital of Nepal, he then flew to Lukla. The hike from Lukla to base camp was fifty miles. Between base camp and the summit of Everest, there are four intermediary camps. The journey involved traversing over deep crevasses on ladders that were put in place by other mountaineers. At all times climbers need to be roped in. Climbing takes place in the dark of night because the colder temperatures guarantee that the ice blocks stick together and are safer for travel. While staying in the tents or climbing, it was common for wind speeds to reach more than fifty mph. When Paul arrived at the summit (29,030 feet), it was cloudy and he was unable to see the beautiful views of the mountains around him!

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP:

FAYE COLE served as greeter, MARY KAY DAVIS and BECKY ROBLEDO were the money takers, WES MCDIVITT was the money counter, and VAN NEIE provided the moment of inspiration.

PROGRAM SPEAKERS SCHEDULE:

April 1 – David Anders, The Rotary Foundation

April 8 – Michelle Wise, Cellar Wine Bistro

April 15 – Kacie Kessler, American Red Cross

April 22 – Morgan Hoover, Homestead Resources

April 29 – High School Service Above Self Scholarship Awards luncheon

HIGH FIVE:

To LANE CUSTER for stepping up to be the chair of



the Monthly Service Projects committee. This committee is reforming at this time and only a couple Rotarians have signed up. If you are interested in seeing us do service projects, please sign up to be on his team. The signup is at the welcome table and the first meeting will take place in April.

GUESTS:

Tim Scott and Peter Hollenbeck, guests of LANE CUSTER; Hal King, guest of DICK RAHDERT

NEW MEMBERS TO BE:

Monica Steinhubl has been a Rotarian in Anchorage, Alaska, and will become our newest member soon.



Brian Rund will soon have his orientation meeting and will be introduced to the club after that.

Take time to introduce yourself to these two new people!

HOORAY FOR YOU!

The Todd Scholarship Committee is working to find two new candidates for this award. They are interviewing seven students – the largest number of potential candidates we have ever had. The total scholarship amount is \$40,000 per student over two years. This will provide funding for a Purdue graduate student from another country. Thanks to TIM LUZADER and his committee for working to find worthy candidates.

SIX MONTHS DUES ARE DUE:

For those who paid for half of the year in October, it is time to pay the second installment. The amount is \$150 if paid by check or \$155 if paid by bank card by going to lafayetterotary.org. Scroll to the bottom of the page. Treasurer KATHY MEEKS will send an email to those who owe at this time.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 26 – NO BACKPACKING – spring break for Miami School

April 21 – Help 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.” Sign up at the welcome table.

May 13 - Rotary Blood Drive. Northend Community Center, 2nd Floor, 10:00am-2:00pm. Please go to: RedCrossBlood.org and enter lafayetterotary in find a blood drive to schedule a donation. Contact KATIE NIELSEN with questions.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

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| BOB | ANDERSON | April 23 |
| JAMES H. | BODENMILLER | April 19 |
| WILBUR L. | HANCOCK | April 20 |
| CHARLES M. | HORNER | April 28 |
| JAMES E. | KLUSMAN | April 16 |
| VICTOR L. | LECHTENBERG | April 14 |
| STANLEY M. | MITHOEFER | April 15 |
| STEPHEN R. | PENNELL | April 7 |
| BECKY | ROBLEDO | April 17 |
| PATRICIA | TRUITT | April 26 |

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.

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.

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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