

Connect and Serve

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SANGITA HANDA will be the greeter, CHRISTA KECK and TIM LUZADER will be the money takers, CHRISTY PRESTON will be the money counter, and LUISA WHITE will provide the moment of inspiration.

PROGRAM:

DAVID ANDERS is our District 6560 Foundation chair representing The Rotary Foundation (TRF). TRF is the charitable arm of Rotary International and works to support projects in the following seven areas of focus:



Promoting peace; Fighting disease; Providing clean water, sanitation, and hygiene; Saving

mothers and children; Supporting education; Growing local economies; and Protecting the environment. TRF has been given a four-star rating by Charity Navigator because contributions are spent wisely. A major emphasis of TRF since 1985 has been polio eradication. Unfortunately, even though cases are limited to just Pakistan and Afghanistan, the numbers are increasing. Last year there were twelve cases and this year, seventy-two. Many of the dollars that are given to TRF come back to our club as District Grants. We have been receiving at least \$5,000 from District Grants since 2020. This year we are applying for grants for Caregiver Companion and Mackey Children's Cancer Foundation. DAVID explained the many ways that giving is recognized: Paul Harris Fellow (increments of \$1,000) and Major Donors (total of \$10,000 and more). He thanked our club for our generosity to TRF as we have many Paul Harris Fellows and several Major Donors.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP:

BECKY ROBLEDO and TIM LUZADER were the money takers, MELINDA BAIN was the money counter, and KATHY MEEKS provided the moment of inspiration.

PROGRAM SPEAKERS SCHEDULE:

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

WOMEN BUILD DONATION:

KATIE NIELSEN presented a check in the amount of



\$6,200 to Habitat for Humanity of Lafayette for the 2025 Women Build to Habitat Director BOB ANDERSON and Laura Walls, Chief Revenue Officer. For the second year in a row, we are sponsoring two teams, one team led by KATIE and the other led by RITA ZAWISZA and PRIS GERDE. Your birthday table donations help to provide this donation for the build.

LOCAL BUSINESS OF THE MONTH:

Q106.7 Woof Boom Radio is our Local Business of the Month for April. The station went on the air in February, 2018. Jim Stone attended our meeting today and explained their vision: "We will use our voice to build our community." In 2024, Q106.7 promoted our Ice Cream Crawl in a major way on the air and their intent is to do it again in 2025. Thanks, Jim!



NEW MEMBERS:

Monica Steinhubl was introduced as our newest member. She has been a Rotarian in Anchorage, Alaska and owns a B&B there called Susitna Place. Monica is originally from Oregon and she and husband Steve have two children. Monica was in the Air Force and has traveled and lived in many states and countries. The next time you travel to Anchorage, she invites you to check out their B&B.



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

Take time to welcome these two new people!

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 with 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.

HOORAY FOR YOU!

Our current Todd Scholar, Amare Hailessilase shared the following news:

I am excited to share that I

have received two prestigious honors from Purdue University's Department of Agronomy:

1. The Johan Axtell Plant Breeding, Genetics, and Genomics Award (May 2024)

2. The Dr. Wyman E. Nyquist Scholarship Award (March 28, 2025)

These awards recognize excellence in academics, research, and innovative discoveries in agriculture. Being acknowledged for my work and academic accomplishments in plant breeding, genetics, and genomics is a tremendous honor and reflects the supportive community here at Purdue. In addition

to the recognition certificates, I received \$1,900 from each award.



DID YOU KNOW?

That Visit Lafayette/West Lafayette has given us a grant of \$1500 to sponsor the 2025 Ice Cream Crawl! This is the second year that they have supported the Crawl. Our Crawl provides a family-friendly event enjoyed by hundreds of locals and visitors to the area. This year the Ice Cream Crawl takes place from 1-4pm on Saturday, August 23rd. You can help by distributing posters this summer and inviting your friends to participate with you.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 2 – Backpacking at Miami School 4:00pm

April 8 – Monthly Service Projects committee meeting at 11:00am; Community College Scholarship meeting after Rotary

April 17 – Thursday lunch at Westminster Village Pub 11:30am. Sign up at the welcome table.
Pub Club at Capo Wine Bar 5:30pm

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. Sign up at the welcome table.

April 26 – Saturday volunteer event with Caregiver Companion – providing lawn cleanup for their elderly and disabled Neighbors. 9:00am – noon
Meet at St. Ann’s Church.

May 7 – Last backpacking of the year. Extra help will be needed – Purdue students will be taking finals.

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

May 15 – Thursday evening, 6:00-7:30 meal at Pizza Hut on Sagamore Parkway in West Lafayette. All-you-can-eat pizza and soft drinks. \$10 cash at the door. Guests and spouses are welcome. Sign up at the welcome table.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE:

BAHA	ZARJON	22
BAIN	MELINDA	2
BAKER	DEREK	1
BOENER	DIANE	5
COPPOC	GORDON	8
COPPOC	HARRIET	8
CORBETT	NATASHA	12
CUSTER	LANE	7
DAVIS	MARY KAY	18
FIGUEROA	DENNIS	51
FIGUEROA	RENEE	112
FREISER	HELENE	8
GALBRAITH	ROB	1
GARROTT	FLOYD	6
GERDE	PRIS	14

GIBBS	RICHARD	20
HANDA	SANGITA	5
HATFIELD	BILL	1
HEMAN	DAN	31
KECK	CHRISTA	350
KELLEY	JACK	169
KLUSMAN	JIM	169
LUZADER	TIM	2
MCDIVITT	WES	17
MEEKS	KATHY	31
MILLER	BILL	632
MITHOEFER	STAN	2
MOONEY	KARISSA	4
NEIE	VAN	7
NIELSEN	KATIE	111
OLSON	ARVID	22
OVERMAN	RHONDA	1
PENNELL	STEVE	31
PRESTON	CHRISTY	62
RAHDERT	DICK	8
ROBLEDO	BECKY	40
RUTLEDGE	CHIP	5
SCHNEIDER	JOHN	2
SOLBERG	LIZ	1
STOLZ	BOB	101
TONSING	BETTY	6
TROTT	JOHN	15
TURNER	JANE	67
WADE	JO	112
ZAWISZA	RITA	6
ZIEMER	PAUL	2

HELPING CAREGIVER COMPANION:

We will be supporting Caregiver Companion with funds raised during our Ice Cream Crawl. They are asking for our help with the following:

On Saturday, April 26th, Caregiver Companion will be organizing 30 volunteers to serve their elderly and disabled Neighbors (what they call those they serve) through yard work services.

The service event will last from 9:00am to around 12:00pm and will involve a variety of lawn care tasks (weeding, raking, trimming, mowing, etc.). All volunteers will gather in the parking lot of St. Ann’s Catholic Church (612 Wabash Ave) where they will be split into teams and sent to a Neighbor’s home to serve. For the sign-up form and details, please visit <https://x.gldn.io/e/bLc8iR1B3Rb>

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.

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