

## Connect and Serve

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### APRIL 15, 2025

JANE TURNER will be the greeter, PRIS GERDE and JACK KELLEY will be the money takers, DAN HEMAN will be the money counter, and JO WADE will provide the moment of inspiration.

### PROGRAM:

Michelle Wise is the owner of Cellar Wine Bar, along with her sister, Marla. They originally opened in 2015 soon after Michelle came back to the area from California. Michelle's son had received his culinary degree in California and was asked to come to Lafayette to be the chef. He served in that capacity for nine years,



but has now moved on to other opportunities. The wine bar was located at 422 Main Street, but it was a small venue with room for only thirty customers. In 2019 they moved to 1001 Main Street, just before the city began the streetscaping project. That made it difficult for customers to enter the building. But the result was an attractive space with some outdoor seating. During Covid, the indoor dining space was closed and so they had to pivot to delivering food and wine to customers. Noticing that there was not a coffee shop in the area, the sisters opened Reveille Coffee Bar. Both bars are now in one location so that customers can come in the morning for a coffee or in the evening for some wine. Michelle and Marla work to create an inviting venue with a relaxing atmosphere. Cellar Wine Bar has Wine Wednesdays with wines at \$6 per glass. Michelle expressed appreciation for the loyal customers with whom they have formed friendly relationships through the years.

### THANKS FOR YOUR HELP:

SANGITA HANDA was the greeter, CHRISTA KECK and TIM LUZADER were the money takers, CHRISTY PRESTON was the money counter, and LUISA WHITE provided the moment of inspiration.

### HIGH FIVE:

To ZARJON BAHA and JOHN SCHNEIDER for participating in not one, but TWO committee meetings on a single Tuesday! Thanks, gentlemen, for your Service Above Self!



### HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

Madison Evans and Charlie Walker are seniors at Harrison High School. They visited us today along with Madison's parents, Cindy and Paul Evans. VAN NEIE was their host.



## FOUNDERS 1905 COFFEE UPDATE:

Coffee committee chair DENNIS FIGUEROA shared that our supplier, Copper Moon, has raised the prices on pallets of coffee as follows:

Ground : previous: \$5,359.20 new: \$7,249.20  
K-cups: previous: \$2,938.80 new: \$3,478.80

Here are the reasons given by Copper Moon for the increases:

- Despite good Brazil flowering, concerns persist about the impact of hot weather in Brazil for the 2025 harvest.
- Speculative trading by hedge funds has fueled volatility.
- Rumors of margin calls from Brazil importers that had short positions in the market due to not receiving delivery from farmers.
- The USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) has revised their 2024/25 Brazil crop size estimation to 66.4m bags down from the previous 69.9m bags.
- Brazilian farmers continue to hold back from selling.
- Macro volatility is making commodities vulnerable to price shocks.
- Geopolitical risks in the Middle East and Ukraine are contributing to macro volatility and freight challenges.
- The expected delay of EUDR was not implemented (yet).

## PROGRAM SPEAKERS SCHEDULE:

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

**April 22** – Morgan Hoover, Homestead Resources

**April 29** – High School Service Above Self Scholarship Awards luncheon

**May 6** – Community College Scholarship luncheon

## PROPOSED NEW MEMBER:

Harold "Hal" King was a Rotarian for fifty years with the Kokomo noontime club. He is a retired dentist and now lives at University Place in West Lafayette. DICK RAHDERT is his sponsor. Say hello to Hal the next time you see him at a meeting.



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**April 9** – Backpacking at Miami School 4:00pm

**April 17** – Thursday lunch at Westminster Village Pub 11:30am. Sign up at the welcome table.  
Pub Club at Capo Wine Bar, 210 Main St 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 6<sup>th</sup> and Ferry in Lafayette. Sign up at the welcome table.

**April 24** – Truck unloading at Miami Elementary School 8:30am. Let WES MCDIVITT know if you can help.



**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](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter [lafayetterotary](http://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.

## NEW MEMBERS:

Monica Steinhubl was introduced as our newest member last week. 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 has been approved for membership by the executive committee. He will soon have his orientation meeting and will be introduced to the club after that.

Take time to welcome these two new people!

### 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. 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 Stone!



### 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](http://lafayetterotary.org). Scroll to the bottom of the page.

### DID YOU KNOW?

That we have THREE scholarship projects? They are for: Ivy Tech students (Community College scholarships) – fourteen awards at \$1,000 each; college freshmen (High School Service Above Self awards) six awards at \$1,000 each; and graduate students at Purdue (Todd Scholarships) \$80,000 for two students over two years. All three committees are in the process of selecting the award winners. Thanks to all Rotarians who are serving on these committees and doing this important work.



### 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.

To donate to our Club's local projects:  
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