



Connect and Serve

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VAN NEIE will be the greeter, MELINDA BAIN will be the money taker, and MARY KAY DAVIS will provide the moment of inspiration.

PROGRAM:

District Governor Santos Salinas spoke to us today and gave us an update on the work of District 6560. The main goal is to support the forty-one clubs and 1,600 members of the District. This includes helping clubs grow their membership and helping to start new clubs. Other goals include encouraging donations to The Rotary Foundation and promoting Rotary in general. Currently, about 10% of the members in the District are under 40 years old and 38% are female. There are 1.4 million Rotarians worldwide with numbers in the United States declining but increasing in Asia. There are three different club models: traditional, such as our own club; interest-based and corporate-based. During Rotary year 2017-2018, we had our best record of giving from the District to The Rotary Foundation with a total of \$433,000. The goal for this Rotary year is to match that amount. In the spring, there will be an All-Indiana District conference on Saturday, April 26th at the Sheraton Keystone. Make plans now to attend.



THANKS FOR YOUR HELP:

TERRI ANDERSON served as greeter, MARY KAY DAVIS was the money taker, WES MCDIVITT was the money counter, and BOB ANDERSON provided the moment of inspiration.

GUESTS:

Kacie Kessler, guest of KATIE NIELSEN; Homer Patrick, guest of FAYE COLE; and DAVID STRAND from Lafayette Daybreak Rotary.

PROGRAM SPEAKERS SCHEDULE:

October 1 – Dean Eric Barker – Purdue College of Pharmacy

October 8 – Adam Baxmeyer – Purdue airport expansion

October 15 – Dan Ricks – Statewide Perfusion Manager, IU Health

October 22 – David Krakower – Lafayette Aviators

DUES ARE DUE:

Our Rotary dues are due in October. For the full year, the amount is \$300 (\$310 if using a bank card); for six months, it is \$150 (\$155 if using a bank card).

Note that the last time dues were raised was in October, 2019. Checks should be made payable to Lafayette Rotary.

Help out your treasurer, KATHY MEEKS, by paying in a timely fashion. Everyone owes at this time.

Thank you!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

ZARJON	BAHA	October 15
FLOYD	GARROTT	October 12
RICHARD	GIBBS	October 5
MARTI	GUTWEIN	October 10
MICHAEL	MADRID	October 6
JAMES K.	RISK, III	October 4
CHARLES	RUTLEDGE	October 1
PAULINE	SHEN	October 8
ELAINE	TODD	October 1

MEMBERSHIP:

The membership committee has challenged us to invite friends to attend a Rotary meeting. For the member who brings in the most new members this year, there will be a \$75 cash gift for Recruiter of the Year in June, 2025.

WHAT IS THE TODD SCHOLARSHIP?

ROBERT TODD was a member of the Attica-Williamsport Rotary Club. He was a farmer and he died in 1965. When his wife, Alice, died in 1986, there were several large bequests to Rotary in her will. One bequest was specifically set aside for scholarships for either local students studying abroad or international students coming to study at Purdue. In 2015, the Attica-Williamsport Rotary Club turned over the administration of the scholarship to Lafayette Rotary. Currently, TIM LUZADER is the chair of the committee and these Rotarians serve as committee members: ZARJON BAHA, MELINDA BAIN, JOHN SCHNEIDER, and LUISA WHITE.

Here is a list of recent scholarship recipients:

Patrick Ongom 2014-2016
from Uganda to Purdue
Abigail Ekeigwe 2018 - 2020
from Nigeria to Purdue
Qais Amarkhil 2019 - 2021
from Afghanistan to Purdue
Abigail Ekeigwe 2020 - 2022
from Nigeria to Purdue
Amare Haillessilase 2024-2025
from Ethiopia to Purdue

We were pleased to meet Amare today. He is a PhD student studying under Dr. Gebisa Ejeta in the area of Agriculture focusing on genetics and crop improvement.



DID YOU KNOW?

...that Founders 1905 Coffee has a gift bag of a beautiful Rotary mug and a bag of ground coffee available for just \$22? Also, there is a sale on ground coffee: 3 cases (18 bags) for \$100.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 25 – Backpacking at Miami School 4:00
Pub Club at Digby's in downtown Lafayette 5:30

September 26 – Truck unloading at Miami School 8:15 AM.



October 3 – House blessing for the Women Build house at 450 S 5th St. at 5:30

October 5 – SAWS ramp build. 3830 Sickle Ct
Sickle is a street just a little east of the intersection of Creasy and McCarty Lane. North off McCarty Lane.



October 26 – Purdue Half Marathon water station. 8 AM until noon. See Richard Gibbs to volunteer.

November 8 – All-club farewell dinner for the Open World delegation from Tajikistan. 5:30 PM
Location: First United Methodist Church, 1700 Mitch Daniels Blvd – at the corner with U.S. 231. Cost: \$15
Tickets will be available at meetings soon.

LISTEN TO PAST ROTARY MEETINGS:

Each week an audio recording of the Rotary meeting is saved so that members can listen at any time. Click on the link below to listen to a recent meeting.

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WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S:

On Saturday, September 21st, several Rotarians volunteered at the Walk to End Alzheimer's. Pictured below are HARRIET and GORDON COPPOC.



GAME NIGHT SHUFFLE:

Everyone had a great time at BOB STOLZ's party barn playing euchre on Sunday evening. Linda McDivitt took home the trophy for the night. We will have another euchre night in the future – stay tuned. If you don't know how to play, it's a simple game and members will be happy to teach you.



COLE ACADEMY:



Rotarians NATASHA COLE, TIM LUZADER, and STEVE PENNELL presented a program to the students at Cole Elementary School as part of the Cole Academy. Thanks for representing Rotary so well.

Here is a note from the 5th grade students:
"On behalf of the entire James Cole community, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you for taking the time to speak to our fifth graders. Thank you again for your generosity and support. We hope to welcome you back to James Cole."



Pictured above are VAN NEIE, PRIS GERDE, KATHY MEEKS, JO WADE, ELAINE TODD, KARISSA MOONEY and STEVE PENNELL.