

Connect and Serve

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ZOOM MEETING JANUARY 5:

Note: No more meetings in 2020!

Here is the Zoom link that is good through March 23rd.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81420211299?pwd=QXBWai9uTIJVM2I5WVU4M3hjTHpXUT09>

Meeting ID: 814 2021 1299

Passcode: 614185

VIRTUAL PUB CLUB:

Wednesday, Dec 16th at 5:30. Here is the zoom info:

Meeting ID: 829 0564 8018

Passcode: 867515

PROGRAM:



Janet McCabe has had a long career working in the area of environmental policy and law. She is currently director of the IU Environmental Resilience Institute. This institute was created in 2017 and its mission is to enhance resilience to environmental change in Indiana by accurately

predicting impacts and partner with communities to implement feasible, equitable and research-informed solutions. She gave two examples of policy changes that had positive environmental impacts. One occurred in the 1980's and addressed the harm done by acid rain resulting from coal-burning plants. A lawsuit brought by northeastern states against midwestern states was successful and the problem abated. Another example occurred in the 1990's with amendments to the Clean Air Act that helped to limit air pollution. Four midwestern states worked together to form the Lake Michigan Air Directors Consortium and they were able to make progress towards decreasing ozone. From these experiences, the following lessons were learned regarding efforts to improve our environment: 1) complex problems can

be solved; 2) facts and science are essential for finding solutions; 3) the parties involved do not fall into "good" and "evil" categories. One basic fact to keep in mind is that Indiana is getting warmer. The annual temperature has increased 1.3° F over the last century. By 2050, summer weather in Indiana will be comparable to current summer weather in the state of Arkansas. In Tippecanoe County, the number of days per year with temperatures above 95° F will go from 3/year to 37/year by 2050. With hotter weather, there will be more air pollution, more allergies, more heat-related illnesses, and more stress on the power grid. With more severe storms, there will be more frequent floods and challenges to farmers. All of these changes impact the poor and people of color disproportionately. The Environmental Resilience Institute seeks to use accurate predictions, feasible solutions, and effective communication to implement significant and positive environmental changes. More information can be found at: <https://eri.iu.edu/>

On Zoom there were 40 members as well as guests from the League of Women Voters, State Representative Sheila Klinker, Assistant Governor DAVID STRAND, and guest Dennis Figueroa.

SPECIAL MUSIC:

We were treated today to a creative version of "Covid Christmas" written and sung by ARVID OLSON. Thanks, ARVID. We all need a good laugh during times like these.

PROPOSED NEW MEMBER:

Dennis Figueroa, husband of RENEE FIGUEROA, is interested in becoming a Rotarian. JANE TURNER is his sponsor. Dennis is a CAD designer for Cartesian Corporation. Be sure to say hello when you see him on Zoom!

HIGH FIVE:

To FLOYD GARROTT for leading the Red Kettle campaign effort for many years. Thanks, Floyd, for your dedication to this important project.

FOUNDERS 1905 COFFEE:

Founders 1905 coffee sales are off to a strong start with over \$1500 in sales and 3 Partner Clubs. Until we are meeting in person again, we are not taking orders for pick-up so all orders should be placed on the website for no-contact delivery right to your front door. Please share our link founders1905.com with all your coffee loving friends, consider serving Founders 1905 in your business, and remember that Founders 1905 makes great Christmas gifts.

CHILDREN'S TOYS:

Last year we collected money to provide toys for the children of Qais Amarkhil, our Todd Scholar. We would like to do this again this year. His wife, Rahima, really enjoyed shopping for toys and clothes for her children. The children are ages 6, 4 and 3. Contact Renee if you would like to donate. Shopping day is Dec 22nd. Your generosity is most appreciated.

ROTARY FACE MASKS:

Rotary face masks are available for \$8. Contact Renee if you are interested.

MAJOR PROJECTS 2020:

We are proud to say that because of a grant from Tipmont/Wintek of \$3000 and the hard work and generosity of our members as well as District 6560 grants, we have been able to accomplish the following:

- Coder Dojo total grants: \$15,000
 - Imagination Library total grants: \$16,500
- With these monies, many students will be able to learn valuable coding skills and many children will receive free books. Well done, Lafayette Rotary!!

DIRECTORY UPDATES:

Do you have the current yellow directory? If not, let Renee know and she will see that you get one. Here are some updates:
New member: Ellie Wang 1733 King Eider Dr WL 47906; ph: 410-207-5077; elliewang9@gmail.com
New address: Mary Kay Davis 510 Rose St WL 47906
Remove the following names: Christian Beaver, Cecil Bignaut, Jonathan Fisher, Ed Geswein, Vicki Gregory, Jim Hankins, William Hinze, Neonilia Lechman, Beatrix Rausch, Lewis Runnels, Fred Spath, Kyle Wallace

BELL RINGING FOR SALVATION ARMY:



Here is the latest update for the campaign.
Donations: 50 checks for \$13 040.00
Kettle collections Dec 5: \$1,635.52
Total to date: \$14,675.52.

Kettle breakdown:

Walmart grocery entrance.	75.80
Walmart main.	304.24
Sam's Club.	508.80
JCPenney.	238.40
Kohl's.	508.28

We will continue to receive check donations until Christmas. Send to FLOYD GARROTT payable to Salvation Army.

We have averaged \$9,761 total donations and kettle collections the last ten years, so our Club has really stepped up in this time of need!

Donating to Lafayette Rotary
To donate to our Club's current projects:
Make check payable to:
Lafayette Rotary Club Foundation

To donate to our Club's endowment:
Make check payable to: *Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette*
with "Lafayette Rotary" in the memo.

To donate to our Club's international projects:
Make check payable to: *District 6560 Foundation* with "Lafayette Rotary International Fund" in the memo.