

## Connect and Serve

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### ZOOM MEETING DECEMBER 15:

*Note: This will be our last meeting of the year.*

Janet McCabe - IU Environmental Resilience Institute Director

Here is the Zoom link that is good through Dec 15<sup>th</sup>:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81271962009?pwd=T21GZDJvRiRLZWpBL05TT29qUTZnUT09>

Meeting ID: 812 7196 2009  
Passcode: 569995

### VIRTUAL PUB CLUB:

Wednesday, Dec 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. Here is the zoom info:  
Meeting ID: 829 0564 8018  
Passcode: 867515

### PROGRAM:

Dan Rhodes is one of nine Community Relations Managers for Duke Energy. His primary responsibilities revolve around grants provided by the Duke Energy Foundation to a specific area of Indiana, including Tippecanoe County. In Indiana, Duke Energy serves 850,000 customers and employs 2,600 people using 36,200 miles of power lines.

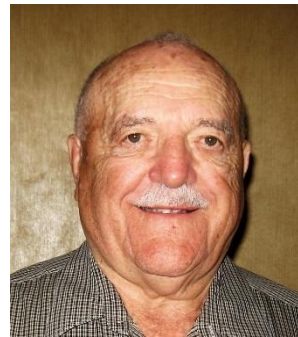


In our county, there are 62,000 customers. Decisions about awarding grants are partially determined by employee input through Employee Research Groups. The types of grants given are for K-12 education, workforce development, nature conservancy as well as smaller grants for local needs of non-profit organizations. The overall goal is to impact a diverse, at-risk, underserved community or population. It is also important for grants to include volunteer opportunities for Duke employees. In 2019, a total of \$3,230,000 in support was provided statewide. Some specific grants in our area have gone to Food Finders Food Bank, the Northend Center, Tree Lafayette,

Clegg Memorial Garden, and Greater Lafayette Commerce to name just a few. During our current pandemic, Duke suspended disconnections to customers even before it was mandated by the state. They have worked with customers to provide payment plans so that when the accumulated bills come due, homes will still have the electricity they need. Duke Energy uses all sources of fuel for energy production, not just coal. They are on a path to net zero carbon emissions by the year 2050. Currently, two big solar projects are being planned that will contribute to progress toward this goal. Our community benefits from the grants awarded for a variety of projects thanks to Dan and his team.

On Zoom there were 50 members.

### CONGRATULATIONS:



SAM BIEDERSTEDT has achieved the Golden Service level of giving to Lafayette Rotary Club Foundation. Thank you for your generosity, Sam!

### HOLIDAY MUSIC PROGRAM:

Here is the link to the video of musical numbers from our members. Please note: There is no audio under the 'story' of each song.

<https://vimeo.com/488072040>

### BACKPACK SCHEDULE:

There are two more weeks of backpacking this year. December 9 and 16 at 4:00 pm at Miami School. Currently, 77 backpacks are being distributed. Contact CATHY BARRON if you would like to help.

### 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](http://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 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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](mailto:elliewang9@gmail.com)

New address: Mary Kay Davis 510 Rose St WL 47906

Remove the following names: Christian Beaver, Cecil Blignaut, Jonathan Fisher, Ed Geswein, Vicki Gregory, Jim Hankins, William Hinze, Neonilia Lechman, Beatrix Rausch, Lewis Runnels, Fred Sputh, Kyle Wallace

### BELL RINGING FOR SALVATION ARMY:

Thanks to those who rang bells on Saturday and also to those who have contributed \$11,200 so far.



## HOLIDAY POEM:

T'was a month before Christmas,  
And all through the town,



People wore masks,  
That covered their frown.  
The frown had begun ☹️



Way back in the Spring,



When a global pandemic  
Changed everything.  
They called it corona,

But unlike the beer,  
It didn't bring good times,



It didn't bring cheer.  
Contagious and deadly, ☹️  
This virus spread fast,



Like a wildfire that starts



When fueled by gas



Airplanes were grounded,  
Travel was banned.  
Borders were closed



Across air, sea and land.



As the world entered lockdown  
To flatten the curve, 📉  
The economy halted,  
And folks lost their verve. 🛑



From March to July

We rode the first wave  
People stayed home,



They tried to behave.



When summer emerged  
The lockdown was lifted.  
But away from caution,



Many folks drifted.



Now it's November  
And cases are spiking,



Wave two has arrived,  
Much to our disliking.  
Frontline workers,



Doctors and nurses



Try to save people,  
From riding in hearses. ☠️

This virus is awful,  
This COVID-19.  
There isn't a cure.



Not yet a vaccine.  
It's true that this year



Has had sadness a plenty,  
We'll never forget  
The year 2020. 📅 📅 📅 📅



And just 'round the corner -



The holiday season,  
But why be merry?



Is there even one reason  
To decorate the house



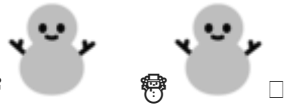
And put up the tree,  
When no one will see it,



No one but me.  
But outside my window



The winter now calls,  
And I think to myself,



Let's deck the halls!



So, I gather the ribbon,



The garland and bows,  
As I play those old carols,  
My happiness grows.



Christmas is not cancelled



And neither is hope.



If we lean on each other,



I know we can cope  
Anonymous

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.