

## Connect and Serve

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### **EVENING MEETING JUNE 29:**

President CHRISTINE MILLS will pass the gavel to RHONDA OVERMAN who will begin her year as president on July 6<sup>th</sup>. Our menu will be rack of ribs with cheddar whipped potatoes.

**Kindly reserve your meal in advance before Friday noon by going to: [lafayetterotary.org](http://lafayetterotary.org).**

There will be no zoom connection for this meeting.

### **PROGRAM:**

JACK KELLEY provided a thorough history of projects that Lafayette Rotary has supported and participated in over our 105-year history. A legacy of generosity was established in 1917, the first full year of the club's existence, when a total of \$6,500 was given for charitable projects. At that time, the average wage was \$18



per week. Some of the money went for the care of French orphans, an indication of the ravages of World War I. In 1921, Lafayette Rotary president Edgar Goldsberry purchased property along the Tippecanoe River and donated 5.4 acres to be used as a youth camp called Rotary Park. At the time, there were no other youth camps in the area. It was used by the YMCA, Girl Scouts, and other organizations. For a time, it was used as a fresh air camp for tuberculosis patients. The property became too costly to maintain and was sold in 1976. In 1927, Lafayette Rotary gave \$25,000 towards Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis. Other organizations to receive support through the years have been: YMCA, YWCA, Purdue International Center, Tippecanoe Amphitheater, Boys and Girls Club, the Boy Scout Camp, the Monon Theater in Lafayette, Loeb Stadium, Lafayette Adult Resource Academy, Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity, the Long Center, and many others. In 2008 we started the backpack program at Miami School which continues today. In 2018-2019, money was given for Rotary Plaza at Columbian Park with flags and medallions to honor each of the military service

branches. In addition to all of these local projects, much work has been done internationally. Some of these projects have included grants for micro-loans in the Philippines, sewing machines for India, water wells in Haiti, microscopes for Liberia, Shelter Boxes after the Haiti earthquake, and water treatment systems for the Dominican Republic. In addition to these grants, since 2004 we have hosted and provided educational opportunities for 90 guests from 18 countries. Lafayette Rotary has a rich history of generosity and volunteerism locally as well as internationally.

At Lafayette Country Club there were 37 members. On Zoom there were 11 members.

### **WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER:**



DALE DRIGGS was introduced today and welcomed by his sponsor, STEVE PENNELL. DALE is a financial advisor in West Lafayette.

### **CONGRATULATIONS:**

TERRY WEST has reached the Diamond level of giving to Lafayette Rotary Club Foundation. Thanks for your generosity, TERRY.



### **GUESTS:**

Robert Naab, father of CHRISTINE NAAB; Van Neie, guest of STEVE PENNELL; Jim Stone, guest of MARTI GUTWEIN.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 23 - Pub Club will meet at Red Seven at 5:30.

June 29 - EVENING MEETING with officer transition.  
No zoom connection for this meeting.

July 8 - Aviators Game at the new  
Loeb Stadium. 7:00 pm

**Tickets on sale now:**  
\$8 each.



July 17 - Jean's Journey - Walk benefiting Parkinson's  
Foundation and honoring JEAN JACKSON. 9 am at  
Columbian Park Memorial Island. Join/Donate at

<https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/communitywalklafayette21>

August 7- SAWs Ramp Build. 8:30-1:00 at 925  
Rosemont St. Contact JACK KELLEY if you are willing  
to help.

August 13 - Help at It's My Closet 10 am - noon.

August 21 - Our 4<sup>th</sup> annual ICE CREAM CRAWL  
Here is the link to purchase passports (tickets):

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lafayette-rotary-ice-cream-crawl-tickets-143853249943>

August 31 - **Rotary Meet and Greet** at Lafayette  
Country Club from 5:30-7:30pm. This will be our  
regular Rotary meeting. Plan to invite your friends  
who might be interested in Rotary. Cost will be  
\$25/person. Cash bar. Invitations will be available to  
send out in mid-July.

September 1 - Serving a meal at Lafayette Urban  
Ministry. 8:00 pm. The New Rotarians Committee is  
in charge.

## IS YOUR NAME BADGE MISSING?

Let Renee know if you need a new or updated badge  
as she will be placing an order before the end of June.

## IS YOUR INFORMATION CORRECT?

Let Renee know of any changes or updates as she will  
be having new directories printed soon.

## FOUNDERS 1905 COFFEE:

Coffee will be available for purchase at meetings. To  
help the money-taking processes to go smoothly,  
lunches and Aviators' tickets can be purchased *before*  
the meeting and coffee can be purchased *after* the  
meeting. New! Free home delivery of coffee is  
available for those members unable to attend  
meetings. Just contact Renee.

Please encourage members to not only order coffee  
for themselves, but to share the link with their coffee  
loving friends/family/colleagues who like to support our  
community!

We would also be happy to give a shout-out to any  
business that elects to serve Founders 1905 to their  
clients and employees.

### 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.