

## Connect and Serve

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### LUNCH MEETING JUNE 15:

Our speaker will be Jessica Morin of the Community Cancer Network.

The menu will be grilled chicken and penne pasta.

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

Here is the zoom link that is good through June 22<sup>nd</sup>:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87456656438?pwd=a0xoMzZxT0dLemNERnVpWm5heWhRdz09>

Meeting ID: 874 5665 6438

Passcode: 935354

### PROGRAM:

Emily Sampson is the Expansion Coordinator of Isaiah



117 House for Tippecanoe County. This organization was started in 2017 in Elizabethton, Tennessee and has grown to be in several states. The founder, Ronda Paulson, saw a need when she became aware that children who are removed from their homes must wait in the offices of

the Department of Child Services before they are connected to a foster home. Sometimes this waiting period lasts several hours or even overnight as the caseworker goes through the process of finding a foster home and completing necessary paperwork. Children are removed from their homes when social workers determine that the environment is unsafe, but to the child it is still their home and their family. When removal takes place, the child is traumatized and needs a safe and comforting place to be. An Isaiah 117 House would provide such a place with the opportunity for bathing and eating as well as provisions such as clean clothing and toys. The name "Isaiah 117" came from the name of the founder's adopted son and also the Bible verse Isaiah 1:17. The non-profit organization focuses on reducing trauma for foster children, easing the burden on the Department of Child Services caseworkers, and supporting foster families. Indiana ranks fourth in the nation for percentage of children entering foster care so

the need for an Isaiah 117 House is great in our area. The local group began their efforts in March of this year and so far, they have received an offer from a contractor to build the house and are in the process of securing land. The anticipated cost of construction is \$150,000 with \$15,000 raised so far. On July 17<sup>th</sup> there will be lemonade stands around town with proceeds going to this effort. When the house is built, Emily will be on call to serve as coordinator for the volunteers, case workers, and children who will come. Obviously, having an Isaiah 117 House will add to the number of resources our community has for meeting the needs of children.

At Lafayette Country Club there were 34 members. On Zoom there were 21 members and Assistant District Governor DAVID STRAND.

### CONGRATULATIONS:

To DENNIS SAVAIANO and RAY PEETERS who have achieved Golden Service Plus level of giving to Lafayette Rotary Club Foundation. We thank them both for their generosity.

### IS YOUR NAME BADGE MISSING?

Let Renee know if you need a new or updated badge as she will be placing an order soon.

### 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.

### ZOOM CHANGES:

To enable those running the meeting at LCC to be able to do so without technical glitches, we will be removing the chat function and will keep zoomers on mute the entire time.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER:



CHAD WELCH joined Rotary on June 1<sup>st</sup> sponsored by MARTI GUTWEIN. CHAD is the owner of Boxfit gym in Lafayette. He and his wife and two sons moved to the Lafayette area from St. Louis because they wanted to be someplace where they could really be involved in the community. His wife Valerie is a physician. He

spent eighteen years staying at home to care for his sons, Cooper and Lincoln. He has worked with Parkinson's patients teaching Rock Steady Boxing as movement therapy. He does other types of fitness training as well. He has experience with social media and will work with our marketing committee to promote our club. Welcome, CHAD!

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 9 - Pub Club on zoom at 5:30:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84564469752?pwd=UC9rS21GZXRIbjZNLzBtbG5lM2Jldz09>

Meeting ID: 845 6446 9752

Passcode: 452345

June 17 - Habitat Women Build

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 benefitting 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 - SAWs Ramp Build. 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.

## THANK YOU RECEIVED:

From Brianna Boyer: "I am honored to have been selected out of the 10 students who received the generous \$1,000 scholarship! This gift will help me to focus more on my studies rather than the stress of figuring out how to pay for my tuition. With this funding I will strive to excel in all of my courses to become a physical therapy assistant. Enhancing the lives of those in our community who need rehabilitation for a better quality of life is my goal. I promise to be a good role model and support system for those who are in 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.