

Connect and Serve

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JULY 20 MEETING:

Professor Briony Horgan will talk about her involvement with NASA and the Mars Lander Perseverance.

Here is the zoom link for the meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88556715835?pwd=ZUN1cW5keWxBV3FyWFhCSUxyYmN5Zz09>

Meeting ID: 885 5671 5835

Passcode: 004944

Kindly reserve your meal in advance before Friday noon by going to: lafayetterotary.org.

PROGRAM:

Rik Hagarty founded the organization called Servants at Work, otherwise known as SAWs, in 2003. He spoke to us today about the work they do and the impact they have on the lives of those needing wheelchair ramps and their families. They started with just four adults doing one ramp build and to date, SAWs has built nearly 3,000 ramps in the state



of Indiana. They work in sixty-three counties in Indiana and there are SAWs organizations in Phoenix, Arizona and Fredericksburg, Virginia. The cost of materials for a ramp is approximately \$1,600, which is double the cost in 2019. The goals of SAWs are to change the lives of those who will use the ramp, demonstrate God's love through their actions, and provide a transforming experience for volunteers. To qualify for a ramp, clients must be low-income and be permanently disabled. The ramps are built with the intention that they can be removed and reused elsewhere. In the past year, they have removed twelve ramps that were no longer needed. With 19,000 disabled people in Tippecanoe County, the need for wheelchair ramps is great in our local area. Both men and women can participate in the building process. It would help the local SAWs organization tremendously if they had access to a storage facility in

Tippecanoe County large enough to store materials and to do some of the pre-fabrication work on the ramps. Would you like to help to build a ramp? Our Rotary team will be building a ramp on August 7, 2021 in Lafayette. Let JACK KELLEY know that you are interested.

At Lafayette Country Club there were 34 members and 7 members joined by zoom.

GUESTS:

Van Neie, physics professor (retired) from Purdue; Loren Randall from the Sagamore Council of Boy Scouts of America; and Sana Booker, guest of RHONDA OVERMAN.

PROPOSED NEW MEMBER:

Loren Randall has been proposed for membership by CHRISTINE MILLS. Loren is the district executive for Wabash Valley District of the Sagamore Council of Boy Scouts of America. Say hello to Loren the next time you see him at Rotary!



LINK TO VIEW 100 YEAR HISTORY OF LAFAYETTE ROTARY:

This is a link to the Power Point for the first 100 years of our Rotary Club created by JACK KELLEY:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O6_iQi6pRPM

FREE SMALL LIBRARIES:

Our thanks go to JACK KELLEY who continues to check on all the free small libraries. He keeps them stocked with books and in good repair. Unfortunately, many are vandalized. After replacing the door on the library in Tapawingo Park six times, it will be removed altogether. West Lafayette Library has pictures and the location of the libraries on their web site.

Location of Rotary's "Free Small Libraries" that are in the parks of West Lafayette.

<https://wlaf.lib.in.us/freesmalllibraries/>

UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 21 - Pub Club will meet at BRU Burger at 5:30.

July 27 - Blood Drive at LCC.

Currently there is a blood supply shortage and there is no substitute for blood. People need people. Blood is precious, vital, and perishable. Please schedule your donation today at

https://donate.indiana.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/145388.

August 7- SAWs Ramp Build. 8:30 am - 1:00 pm at 925 Rosemont St. Here is the link to sign up for Saturday, August 7th :

<https://sawsramps.volunteerhub.com/lp/lafayetterotary/>

August 13 - Help at It's My Closet 10 am - noon. Sign up at the welcome table.

August 21 - Our 4th 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 5:30-7:30 pm. 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 are available to send to potential members.

These businesses have given financial support for this event so that special guests can attend free of charge:

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September 1 - Serving a meal at Lafayette Urban Ministry. 8:00 pm. The New Rotarians Committee is in charge. Donations now being accepted of the following items: individually wrapped breakfast items, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, soap, and cash! Items can be placed in the box by the badges and cash in the marked container on the table.

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Be sure to thank these businesses. They have contributed a total of \$6000 to our funds to be given to Imagination Library and It's My Closet!

JEAN'S JOURNEY:

Thanks to CHAD WELCH for organizing the Parkinson's Walk on Saturday and for those who participated in "Jean's Journey" to support JEAN JACKSON and Parkinson's research. Here are some photos:

