

## Connect and Serve

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### JULY 27 MEETING:

DAVE LUHMAN, FLOYD GARROTT, and BOB GRIFFITHS will share a bit of history and the current status of Lafayette Rotary Club Foundation. JIM KLUSMAN will review the financials of the Club. 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](http://lafayetterotary.org).

### PROGRAM:

Dr. Briony Horgan spoke to us today about the Mars rover and her involvement with the teams working on this. In July, 2020 the Perseverance rover was launched and it arrived on Mars in February, 2021. This is not the first rover to go to Mars. The Sojourner rover was sent in the 1990s. The Spirit and Opportunity rovers were sent in 2003 and were looking for signs that there had ever been water on the planet. It was determined that yes, water did exist on Mars billions of years ago. The Curiosity rover was sent in 2012 and looked to see if the water areas could have been suitable for life. The Perseverance rover is looking for signs of organic materials. There are cameras on the rover and an arm that can extend seven feet and has the capability of doing a variety of investigations on rocks. One goal is to collect rock samples that will one day be brought back to earth for scientific testing. The Perseverance rover landed in Jezero crater where there had been a lake with river channels moving in and out of the lake as well as a large delta. This seems an opportune location for searching for signs of microbial life. A helicopter was also part of the equipment that went to Mars. It is called Ingenuity and weighs only four



pounds but has rotor blades that are four feet across. The atmosphere on Mars is only 1% as dense as the atmosphere here on earth. That fact made it difficult to design a craft that could fly, but the engineers were successful and already Ingenuity has done ten flights. This allows exploration beyond the area that the rover can reach. One encouraging idea for continued Mars exploration is a recent agreement between NASA and the European Space Agency to work together and pool resources. More exciting discoveries are yet to be made!

At Lafayette Country Club there were 27 members and 9 members joined by zoom.

### GUEST:

Richard Pennell, father of STEVE PENNELL

### JUMPED RIGHT IN:



VAN NEIE is waiting for his orientation meeting before he is introduced as our newest Rotarian. In the meantime, he has jumped right in to volunteer at a club meeting by leading us in singing "songs of summer" today. Thanks, VAN, and welcome aboard!

### 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!



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

VICKI	BURCH	aug 15
FRITZ G.	COHEN	aug 05
MICHAEL E.	FRAMPTON	aug 28
THOMAS C.	FREY	aug 14
ROBERT E.	HANNEMANN	aug 08
JEAN E.	JACKSON	aug 26
CAROLYN T.	JONES	aug 03
J. PHILIP	KLINGER	aug 26
GEORGE	RAMSEY	aug 14
NERLENE	RAMSEY	aug 08
MARIANNE	ROSE	aug 09
W. SCOTT	RUMBLE	aug 24
TERRY R.	WEST	aug 15

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**July 28** - Pub Club will meet at BRU Burger at 5:30.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> annual ICE CREAM CRAWL Passports (tickets) are available at Tuesday meetings or here is the link to purchase them online:

<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 guests can attend free of charge:

**McLaughlin Asset Management, Brokerage  
Brewing and The Russell Company.**

**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.

## ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL BLOOD DRIVE:

Thanks to MIKE FRAMPTON who volunteered at the last minute to donate blood. High Five, MIKE!



Thanks to JIM KLUSMAN and all who donated:



KATIE NIELSEN has been organizing and promoting these blood drives since 2017. This encourages our members to provide "service above self" in a different way. Thanks for doing this, KATIE. Our next blood drive will be November 2, 2021.

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