

Connect and Serve

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AUGUST 17 MEETING:

Morgan Jessup will talk about the Alzheimer's Association.

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

Here is the zoom link for the meeting:

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

Meeting ID: 885 5671 5835

Passcode: 004944

Note to zoomers: There will be no zoom connection for the meetings on 8-31; 9-7; and 9-14.

PROGRAM:

Walt Foster, owner of Walt's Other Pub in Lafayette and Walt's Bar and Grill in West Lafayette spoke about the impacts of the pandemic on his restaurant business. He talked about four stages during the last year and a half. The first stage started in March of 2020 and was the scariest because of the high level of uncertainty that surrounded all aspects of our lives. During this stage, the restaurants served carry-out only. Because the community was so supportive by purchasing meals to go and tipping employees, they were able to weather that time. The second stage was the time of the PPP loans given to employers to be able to pay and retain their employees, which is exactly what Walt did. However, when extra money became available through unemployment, many employees did not stay. A third stage came when restaurants were allowed to reopen with limited capacity. The percentage of customers allowed was irrelevant because the need for social distancing determined the number of customers they could accommodate. The outside seating helped during this time. Now that the restrictions are lifted, there are problems with supply chain and more importantly, finding employees. Many are still



unwilling to seek employment even though Walt and others are paying the \$15/hour that many voices are calling for. The result is that some restaurants are limiting their seating capacity or hours of operation. Walt has had to close sections and works to retain employees by offering incentives. He is looking forward to a return to more normal times with adequate supplies and staff.

There were 42 members present at the meeting and 9 members joined by zoom.

NEW MEMBERS:

Two new members were introduced to the club today.



VAN NEIE hails from Texas and is retired from teaching physics at Purdue. During his time at Purdue he received seven Outstanding Teacher Awards, including being listed in the inaugural Book of Great Teachers. He is married to Marilyn and has two children. In addition to teaching and science, VAN loves to sing and is part of the Tippecanotes Barbershop Chorus and is their former director. LOREN RANDALL is from Michigan and is the district executive for Wabash Valley District of the Sagamore Council of Boy Scouts of America. He has been a coach for youth soccer, baseball, and softball. He spent most of his career in corporate finance but a year ago was offered the opportunity to work with the Boy Scouts. He is married to Karen and they have two children. He loves music and is a member of a local cover band, The Infringements. LOREN also serves on the board of directors of the Ouibache Music Festival.

We welcome both men to Lafayette Rotary.

HIGH FIVE:



This week's high five goes to STEVE PENNELL in appreciation of his efforts to bring two new members into Rotary. Thanks, STEVE, keep up the good work!

MATCHING GRANT:

Donations to **Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette** with "Lafayette Rotary" in the memo line will be matched dollar-for-dollar between now and Feb 2, 2022. You will receive credit towards Golden Service for your donation AND the matching donation. Ask BOB GRIFFITHS for more details.

NEWS FROM TODD SCHOLAR:

We received this news from Abigail Ekeigwe:
"I am humbled to have received the MTAWA Outstanding Graduate Student Award 2021. MTAWA (MenToring network for African Women in Academia), through this award, recognizes African women graduate students who have demonstrated extraordinary commitment to succeed in graduate or professional programs. Thanks for your steadfast support in my graduate studies. I couldn't have achieved this without your loyal support."
Our congratulations to Abigail for this well-deserved recognition.

WHAT GOOD DOES OUR MONEY DO?

Check out this link sent by Wes Tillett, LUM director. It shows kids at summer camp and also some who are playing a game in a gaga pit! Part of our campership money went to support kids at this camp.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lfhwb0s5XyQ>

UPCOMING EVENTS:

August 11 - Pub Club will meet at Red Seven at 5:30.

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

August 21 - Our 4th annual ICE CREAM CRAWL Passports (tickets) are available at Tuesday meetings. If you can't attend, you can buy family passports and donate them to be given to families at It's My Closet.

August 26 - Leta Kelley 2021 Women Build House Blessing 5:30 pm. 2521 Poland Hill Rd

August 31 - Rotary Meet and Greet at Lafayette Country Club from 5:30-7:30 pm. This will be our regular Rotary meeting. Invite your friends who might be interested in Rotary. Cost will be \$25/person. Cash bar. The deadline to pay for reservations is Tuesday, August 24th at noon.

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.

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To donate to our Club's current projects:

Make check payable to:

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Make check payable to: *Community*

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with "Lafayette Rotary" in the memo.

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Make check payable to: *District 6560*

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