

Connect and Serve

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SEPTEMBER 14 MEETING:

Shan Sheridan will speak to us about Saving the US 52 Diner.

Note to zoomers: There will be no zoom connection for the meeting on 9-14 because essential personnel will not be present at the meeting.

PROGRAM:

Chad Krockover spoke to us about the Big



Brothers/Big Sisters (BBBS) organization that has been in our area for fifty-five years. They match young people ages six through eighteen with members of the community that serve as mentors. After a thorough background check, volunteer "Bigs" are matched with a compatible "Little." The

suggestion is that the two spend about one hour each week together, although more time is possible. The most important aspect of the arrangement is for the "Big" to be trustworthy and reliable so that the child feels secure in the relationship. At the current time, there are eighty-one matched pairs in Lafayette. Big Brothers/Big Sisters has a staff of just four people who work to onboard the mentors, arrange the matches, and support the process on an ongoing basis. The office for BBBS is in the Northend Center. Currently, twenty-seven children are awaiting placement with a "Big." A new program just being launched will pair high school juniors and seniors from Lafayette Jefferson with elementary children. Funding for BBBS comes from United Way, the national BBBS organization, and grants. The long-term benefits for the "Littles" are that they are more likely to attend and graduate from school and to be successful in life. For more information, contact Chad at:

chad@bbbslaf.org.

GUESTS AND VISITING ROTARIANS:

Larry Gibson, guest of FAYE COLE; Natasha Corbett, guest of RHONDA OVERMAN; CAROL WELCH, mother of CHAD WELCH and Rotarian from Mahomet, Illinois; and BETTY TONSING, Rotarian from Indianapolis

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 8 - Pub Club at Digby's @ 5:30.

September 18 - Alzheimer's Walk. 9:30 am at Riehle Plaza. Contact GAIL BRICKLER if you have questions.

September 24 - Help at It's My Closet from 10 - noon.

October 16 - Purdue Half Marathon 7:45 am - 11:45 am. Select your two-hour shift and sign up at the welcome desk.

2021 ICE CREAM CRAWL WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!!

More than \$11,000 was raised at this year's event! These funds will be distributed to It's My Closet and Imagination Library. We will receive an additional \$5,000 for each project from District 6560 grants!

Thanks to all who worked to make this happen! Mindy Gilbert, co-founder of It's My Closet, is shown here receiving a check that they will use for purchasing new jeans for their shoppers.



CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS:

JACK KELLEY has reached the Platinum level of giving to Lafayette Rotary Club Foundation and GEORGE RAMSEY has achieved the Diamond level. We appreciate both of these members and their generosity.



PROPOSED NEW MEMBER:

Natasha Corbett has been proposed for membership by Rhonda Overman. She is the Deputy Prosecuting Attorney in the Tippecanoe County Prosecutors Office. Express a friendly welcome to Natasha the next time you see her at a Rotary meeting.

HOUSE BLESSING FOR 2021 WOMEN BUILD HONORING LETA KELLEY:

Several Rotarians participated in the House Blessing that took place on August 26th. At that time, the keys to the house were handed over to the new home owner. A momentous occasion!



NEW ROTARIANS PROJECT:

Members who joined Lafayette Rotary during the past year provided a meal at the LUM shelter on September 1st. JACK KELLEY helped out too.

100% ATTENDANCE:

BRICKLER	GAIL	20
BRIGGS	CAROLINE	12
BURCH	VICKI	5
DAVIS	MARY KAY	14
DECKER	KEN	5
FIGUEROA	DENNIS	8
FIGUEROA	RENEE	69
GERDE	PRIS	6
GUTWEIN	MARTI	1
HATFIELD	BILL	488
HEMAN	DAN	1
JOHANNSEN	CHRIS	1
KELLEY	JACK	126
KLIM	IYA	1
KLIM	RUDY	1
KLUSMAN	JIM	126
LUZADER	TIM	12
MCCARTHY	CELE	3
MCCARTHY	JERRY	3
MCDIVITT	WES	4
MILLER	WILLIAM R.	589
MILLS	CHRISTINE	20
NEIE	VAN	1
NIELSEN	KATIE	68
OVERMAN	RHONDA	49
PRESTON	CHRISTY	19
RAHDERT	DICK	1
RAMSEY	GEORGE	5
ROBLEDO	BECKY	5
RUMBLE	SCOTT	2
STOLZ	BOB	58
TURNER	JANE	24
VERPLANK	BOB	675
WADE	JO	3
WANG	ELLIE	1
WELCH	CHAD	3
WEST	TERRY	337
ZIEMER	PAUL	1

MATCHING GRANT UPDATE:

HOORAY FOR GENEROUS ROTARIANS!

To date, more than \$20,000 has been given to **Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette** for "Lafayette Rotary" and will be matched dollar-for-dollar. We are much closer to our goal of reaching the \$1,000,000 amount in the endowment. This will generate more than \$40,000 each year to be used for scholarships and projects. If you donate between now and Feb 1, 2022, you will receive credit towards Golden Service for your donation AND the match.

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.