Meeting Notes – Apr. 27, 2021

LaFayette Rotary Club met on Apr. 27, 2021.  Coach Juan Williams was our speaker.  Coach Williams is the relatively new Athletic Director and head football coach at LaFayette High School.  He has been in that position since February 2020.  In his first year, his football team reached the playoffs.

Coach Williams has been coaching and teaching for 18 years.  He is originally from Ashville and is a graduate of Alabama State University.  He is married to Crystal Bailey and they have a daughter, Peighton who is 10 years old and a son Preston who is 22 months old.  His hobbies include spending time with his family, playing cornhole and playing ball.

Coach Williams spoke to us about his desire and goal to prepare students for the future.  He uses sports to teach students to persevere and become successful.  He stated it is not enough to prepare students to get accepted into college.  We must prepare them to be successful and be able to remain in and graduate from college.  He also emphasized letting go of the things we cannot control.  He discussed the impact that COVID has had on all of the sports programs at LHS.

In addition to our speaker, our beloved honorary member, Bell Todd, announced her retirement, effective immediately. She has cooked for us for the past 14 years.  She will be sorely missed but we wish her nothing but the best.  It was noted that she was the best recruitment tool we have!

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