Meeting Notes – May 25, 2021

Another great program today at LaFayette Rotary. Rotarian Ken Sealy invited Greg Leikvold, Director of Workforce Development at Southern Union State Community College to be our speaker. Greg spoke on the importance to businesses and communities of having a competent workforce. There are currently four Workforce Initiatives within their Workforce Development program at SUSCC. 1)Technical Careers-high demand leads to high wage jobs; work-based learning opportunities are provided; successful program completers graduate with no debt and an excellent career; 2)Economic Development-Greg and his team work with existing companies to develop the competencies of current employees. This leads continuous progress which results in improved business results; 3)-Workforce Training and Development-in the Ascend Program students attend classes 3 hours a day for 16 days and earn two credentials. Students are recruited locally from courtrooms, rehab facilities, etc. If successful, they become certified production technicians and receive CDL training; and 4) Collaborative Initiatives -the Ready to Work program is implemented in high schools with pathways that lead to productive employment.

Next week is our business meeting. We will have a meal. Please plan to attend!

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Secretary/Treasurer