Meeting Notes – May 6, 2025

The LaFayette Rotary Club met on May 6, 2025 for its weekly meeting. President Stephen Wheeler gave the club some updates. At the recent Multi-District Conference held in Chattanooga, our club received three recognitions.

A Certificate of Excellence Award recognized our sponsoring of a LaFayette High School student to attend the RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) during the 2024-25 year. Also, we earned a Vibrant Club Citation for 2024-25 for our club’s leadership in the Operation Wipe Out program; involving the community in the RYLA program and sending two local students to the academy; our club’s weekly updates and news by our webmaster to our LaFayette Rotary website since 2018; and the startup of the LaFayette Rotary Facebook page.

The most notable award, a 9"x12" plaque, was the District 6860 Vocational Service Award "honoring Donald Busby (Butch)/Rotary Club of LaFayette for exemplifying the Rotary ideal of service above self and the ethics of Rotary's Four-Way Test.". Only one of these awards was given in the district. Rotarian Butch Busby has been instrumental in leading our club's involvement with Operation Wipeout, an initiative in partnership with the University of Alabama at Birmingham, TogetHER for Health, and other organizations, to eliminate cervical cancer in our county, state, and beyond. Rotarians Chester and Brenda Carter attended the conference and gave some additional updates and a summary of their time at the conference.

President Wheeler announced our new district governor will be Butler Cain. He will be installed on Jun 9, 2025, and will begin his tenure on Jul 1, 2025. Prior to May 31, our club will need to elect new officers for the new Rotary year beginning on July 1. He reminded club members of our scheduled trash pick-up day on May 20. We will pick up trash along a one mile stretch of County Roads 48 and 32.

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