Meeting Notes – May 20, 2025

The LaFayette Rotary Club held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 2025. President-elect Rotarian Dori Harmon presented Rotary's literacy program, the Rotary Ideal Literacy Project, to our club.

To enhance literacy among young children, Rotary has created two books: "Apple Orchard Park" and "The Apple Dumpling Adventure". Dori passed around both books for us to see. In Apple Orchard Park, Rotary's 4-way test of the things we think, say or do: Is it the TRUTH?; Is it FAIR to all concerned?; Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?; and Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned? is emphasized. In The Apple Orchard Dumpling Adventure young readers learn about the Rotary ideal of service above self. This book also includes a simple recipe for making apple dumplings.

When the program was first launched, Rotarians went into the classrooms and read the books to students. A workbook to go along with the books was also developed. Now students can download the app and read and interact with the books at any time. The books are designed for students in the second grade. Dori also showed the club a video of the Rotary Ideal Literacy Project which gave the full history of the project. The club discussed whether to sponsor such a program for the second-grade classes at Eastside/JP Powell magnet School and Chambers Academy.

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