



THE DAYBREAKER



April 13th,

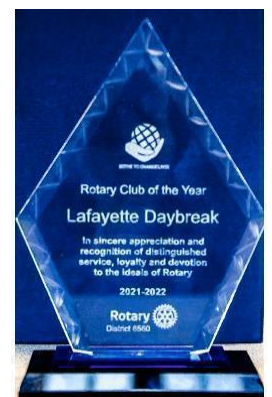


2023

Today we had 17 in person attendees and 5 Zoom attendees.

Service Opportunities:

1. **A Toast to Mental Health is coming!! Save the date for May 4 as we need all hands on deck!**
2. **The Tippecanoe Arts Foundation will need some help with mulching around their facility – “Subject: TAF Volunteer Day**



Thank you so much for offering the assistance of the Lafayette Daybreak Rotary Club to help TAF spread mulch! Depending on how many people are available, I am expecting there to be about 2 hours' worth of work. **Wednesday, April 12 any time after 12 PM.** I expect our custodian will be available to provide guidance and offer the use of his wheelbarrow. If anyone else is able to bring a wheelbarrow or shovels, please let me know! **Audrey Cooks** <audrey@theartsfederation.org>”

3. **We will be helping spread mulch at Columbian Park on Friday, April 21st @ 8:30 AM. If you are interested in helping, please contact Linc Perkins.**
4. David Strand was approached by Bee Scettrini with another service opportunity for April 29th:
“If you have any rotary volunteers that are interested in helping with set up and/or tear down at the roller derby game on 4/29 here is the info:

Volunteers should arrive at 5 for check-in. They get free entry to the game and pizza is provided.

Set up before the game starting just after 5 involves putting chairs up, tables, signs, checking in skaters, etc.

Tear down is usually 8:45-10:00 and involves taking down all chairs, tables, signs, tents, trash.

Our biggest need is people who can stay after the game to help with tear down. If you have anyone interested can you send me their names and emails?

Thank you!!

Bethany "Bee" Scettrini

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5. A new Opportunity for later in May:



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Hello, Daybreak Rotarians!

You have been invited to sign up for "2023 'Round the Fountain Art Fair Volunteers." Please click on the button below to view the online sign-up sheet.

Help kick off the summer by volunteering at this year's art fair! The fair will take place in downtown Lafayette on Saturday, May 27. Hope to see you there.

[Sign Up](#)

Fellowship Opportunity: Save the date for Friday evening April 21 when we will celebrate the 30th anniversary of Daybreak Rotary! The

cost will be \$35 per person, but the Club will cover 50% of that for members and past-presidents. Please contact John Polles or Rachel Johnson by Friday, April 14.

Founders 1905 now has Decaf Coffee and Whole Beans - and brand-new pricing on our premium blend ground coffee! Through our partnership with our roaster, Copper Moon, we are now able to offer **Decaf Coffee in 12oz**



bags and single serve K-cups as well as 2lb bags of Whole Bean! We have also reduced our premium blend of Founders 1905 to only \$10/bag while still giving ALL profits to charity! *Sales would be contactless on the internet. The club will make*

\$3 for each bag and \$5 for a box of 24 K- cups. Orders will be taken at <https://founders1905.com/ref/LafayetteDaybreak-29377>.

GUESTS: Shelley Foley, guest of Scott Brunton

INVOCATION: Linc Perkins

REACQUAINTANCE MESSAGE: Diann Robinson

PROGRAM: Iris Besillisario – Broadband infrastructure – The American Connection

Iris is a recent graduate of Purdue University with a BS in Natural Resources and working for her master's in public health. She is presently employed by the Southern Indiana Development Commission working with broadband internet access for southern Indiana residents.

She pointed out that this is an important issue because of the benefits of having broadband access. Studies have shown that those with broadband access have higher household income, employment levels, farm profits, civic engagement, housing values and job productivity. Despite these benefits 60% of farmers report they have low internet speeds and 33% report they are limited in the quality of farm equipment they can purchase because of these slow internet speeds, costing the nation's farm equipment producers \$13B in sales annually.

Iris explained that she works with 5 counties in southern Indiana including Knox County, which was surveyed between 2015-2020 about internet access. Part of the population was included due to their Amish faith, but of the respondents 50% reported they had slow internet and a speed test confirmed that over 50% had speeds below 25/3, with 100/20 being the level necessary for successful remote work or school. This led to the formation of a Digital Divide Index with scores from 0-100, with 100 being the worst and Knox County rated 52.

A Digital Inclusion Plan was then formulated, which included digital literacy, Community government presence, access to quality and reliable devices and access to broadband internet. In 2020 the index was developed, in 2021 the communities were surveyed and in 2022 they received community input and this year they have worked to implement the Digital Inclusion Plan.

She also noted that there is a FCC Map Challenge Community Strategy which looks at what communities presently have high-speed internet access and that is presently in the stage of accepting community challenges, which are frequent and often question whether the access they have scored is actually real. It is an important process and needs to be correct because funding is attached to this, and internet providers use this to assess whether entering a particular market would be financially advantageous.

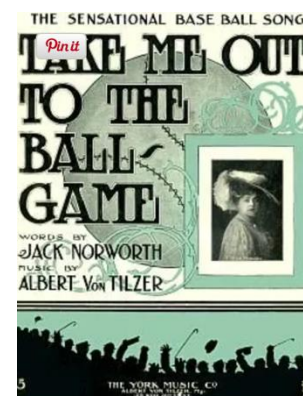
In answer to questions she noted that one of their goals is to have these counties have a digital presence, such as an updated website and a mechanism for residents to contact local governments digitally.

Thought of the Week: Ultimately a genuine leader is not a searcher for consensus but a molder of consensus. — Martin Luther King Jr.

Trivia Question for the week: Whose library formed the basis of the Library of Congress?

Answer from last week's trivia question: During which inning is “Take Me Out to the Ballgame” traditionally sung at a Major League Baseball game?

“Take Me Out to the Ball Game” is a song that is sung at baseball games across America. It is part of the tradition of baseball to sing the chorus in the seventh inning. The inspiration for the tune is charming in its creation. The song is about a fictional young woman named Katie Casey who wants to go



to the ball game. The tune celebrates shots of the game with, “For it's one, two, three strikes, and you're out.”

Katie Casey is invited out on a date by her young beau, to which she responds, “You know what you can do” . . . “Take me out to the ball game.” Katie’s request makes the eight lines of the chorus that ballparks are familiar with. While the song is usually sung beginning with “Take me out to the ball game,” the opening verse is actually “Katie Casey was baseball mad, had the fever and had it bad.”

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

April 20 – Norma Ross – NAMI’s “The Living Room”

April 27 – Matt Salsbery – Toast Preview

The Toast to Mental Health May 4th at the Tippecanoe County Fairground

Celebrating Paul Harris

In April, we’re honoring Rotary founder Paul Harris, who was born in Racine, Wisconsin, USA, on 19 April 1868. His vision of finding fellowship and making community connections endures to this day. Join us in celebrating the anniversary of his birth by **learning about his legacy** or **making a special gift** to The Rotary Foundation. **Subscribe to the quarterly Paul Harris Society Resource** to receive updates and learn more about how society members are leaders in giving.



Happy 30th

Birthday Lafayette Daybreak Rotary Club!!

Daybreak members who were there for the start, including Rachel Johnson, Bill Lapcheska, John Polles, Michael Wilson.

