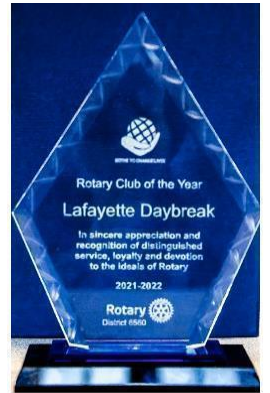




# THE DAYBREAKER

May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023



Today we had 22 in person attendees and 4 Zoom attendees.

## Service Opportunities:

Hello, Daybreak Rotarians!

1. LUM needs help each month with bulk mailings. The dates available are 5/30, 6/29 and 7/27 and the hours each month are from 11-2. The link that follows allows you to sign up for the shift of your choice. <https://www.lumserve.org/volunteer/volunteer-sign-up-sheets>.
2. You have been invited to sign up for "2023 'Round the Fountain Art Fair Volunteers." David reports that the sign up link is <https://signupgenius.com> to sign up, but you may also want to contact TAF if necessary 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.
3. Taste of Tippecanoe, the event that funds the arts in our communities June 17 5:30p.m. - 8:30p.m. Work admittance Gate 3, take and sell admission tickets, stuff like that Pretty easy.You receive.free admittance to the grounds & hear all the music you want as well as a free t-shirt We 10 Rotarians & we need your names before May 19. Contact David Strand for more information.

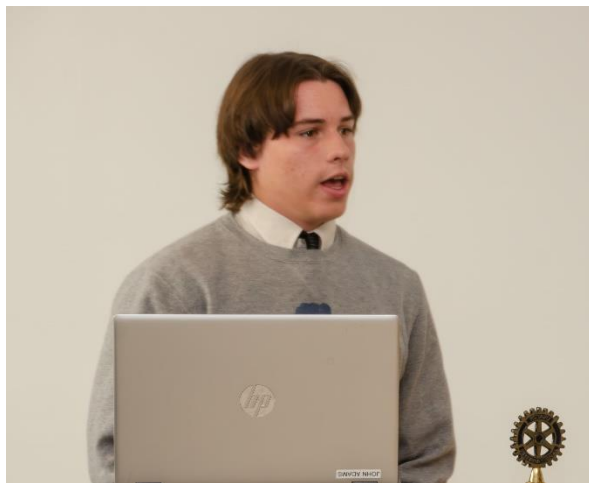
Founders 1905 now has Decaf Coffee and Whole Beans - and brand-new pricing on our



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:** Rose Hillard , guest of Monica Casanova  
Dailey Tingley

Peter Xavier and his father. Peter gave a thanks to the Club for his opportunity to go to RYLA and a very positive report on the program.

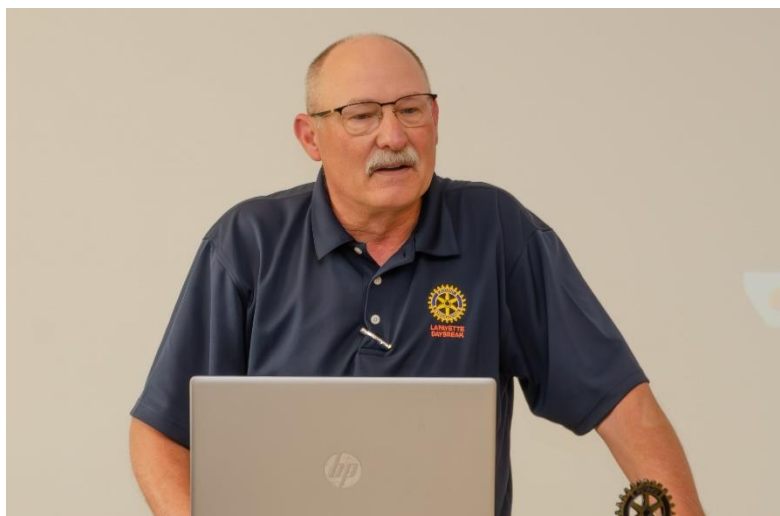


Terry and Jason Anderson  
– guest of John Polles

Susan Rowe, guest of Chris  
Campbell

**INVOCATION:** Ken Ritchey

**REACQUAINTANCE MESSAGE:**  
Steve Wagner



**PROGRAM:** Rep Chris  
Campbell with a  
Legislative Update

Chris, who is the State Legislator for the 26<sup>th</sup> District, began her presentation by talking about the two different legislative years, the short session lasting from January through March, and the longer session on the odd years

which lasted until April and contained the budgeting process. This year was a long session when the legislators produced the budget for the 2024-25 biennium.



About one-half of the \$40B budget is designated for school funding, particularly since the state took over much of the school funding. While this was meant to provide fairness throughout the state, it led to a very complicated funding formula and a lack of the school corporations to be able to forecast their income. In

previous years, the funding formulas fell far behind inflation and there was an attempt to address this in the present session. Indeed, local schools received a >6% increase for 2024, but only 1.9-2.3% increase for 2025. This reflects that the school budgets will not keep up with inflation in 2025. On top of this, many of the legislative initiatives this year were positive for private and charter schools at the expense of public schools. Funding was taken from the public-school budget to fund vouchers for private and charter schools. These vouchers had been initially available only to low-income households for a portion of the cost, but now will be available even to families with a \$220K income for full cost of the education. Unfortunately, new legislation also allows monies given to public schools for educating a student to now follow the student to a private or charter school, but if the student comes back to the public school the money is not returned to the public school. The legislature also passed a bill that would provide private schools with access to referendum funds generated by the public-school corporations even though the private schools are not required to help fund these referendum costs. Another issue was to limit teachers' unions to only negotiate salary and benefits during labor negotiations, but school administrators no longer are required to address important educational concerns, although many school corporations will still address these to improve communication with teachers and staff. The state did make important improvements to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholarship programs providing college support for low-income students by ending the requirement that parents of these children enroll their child in the program during their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year. All low-income students will now be automatically enrolled to be able to participate after high school.

The legislature also made some efforts to address the mental health crisis in the state. They established the 988 mental health emergency number, but the budget fell well short of the estimated \$130M per year needed to operate the system. They were able to address the problem of the correctional system being used as a primary mental health treatment center and provides for emergency commitment of an individual to a true mental health facility once a need for incarceration has passed.

Chris noted her disappointment that the state only funded ½ of the recommended allocation to support county public health departments.

HB#1207 was an attempt to decriminalize cannabis, and although it did not pass it did receive a hearing.

HB#1568 allows pharmacists to provide hormonal contraception without a doctor's prescription, making prevention of pregnancy more accessible in a time when abortion is becoming much less of an option as a birth control measure.

HB#1177 provides 40 hours of instruction for teachers to carry handguns in schools for those districts which allow this.

HB#1417 allows utility companies to increase rates based on potential projects without going through the usual process of including consumer input.

HB#1499 attempts to control property tax increases, particularly at a time when assessments have increased dramatically. This also limits the amount schools can increase obtain from new referendums.

**Thought of the Week:** The supreme quality for leadership is unquestionably integrity. Without it, no real success is possible, no matter whether it is on a section gang, a football field, in an army, or in an office.  
— *Dwight D. Eisenhower*

**Trivia Question for the week:** According to Guinness World Records, what is the record number of children born by one woman?

**Answer from last week's trivia question:** Who is known as the inventor of solar panels?

Take a light step back to 1883 when New York inventor Charles Fritts created the first solar cell by coating selenium with a thin layer of gold. Fritts reported that the selenium module produced a current "that is continuous, constant, and of considerable force." This cell achieved an energy conversion rate of 1 to 2 percent. Most modern solar cells work at an efficiency of 15 to 20 percent. So, Fritts created what was a low-



impact solar cell, but still, it was the beginning of photovoltaic solar panel innovation in America.

Source: [Smithsonian Magazine](#)

### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS:**

May 25 – Terry Smith – Rubia Floral Designs

June 1 – Israel Quintero – Downtown Security

June 8 – LPD Chief Scott Galloway – LPD Follow-up

June 15 – Chad Welch – BoxFit – a program to help patients with Parkinson's Disease