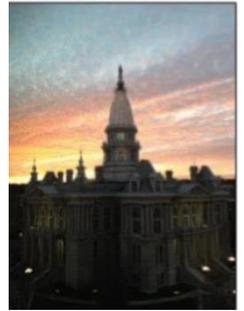




# THE DAYBREAKER

July 14th, 2022

Today we had 16 in person and 8 Zoom attendees



**This quarter all Happy Bucks will benefit Life Has No Boundaries. Please be very happy to benefit this great organization.**

## **Service Opportunities:**

**The Noon Club is having their next quarterly Blood Drive on July 26 – see the email sent out Wednesday, July 6 for the sign-up link**

**Invocation:** Dave Mecklenburg

**VISITORS:** Larry Fisher, proposed new member

**PROGRAM:** Bob Haan - Hahn Museum

Bob began his program with an explanation of why he and his wife returned to Lafayette. He had started a company that used fake fur to make animal toys and ended up with 70% of the market with 14 competing firms. He needed a plant to produce these and found a location in Otterbein. He and his wife found a lovely old home in Lafayette in 1984 and started their journey to the Accidental Museum.

The home has many historical roots, including the front door, which is over 200 years old. The architecture was breathtaking, with a double stairway to the second floor and 11' ceilings on the first floor and 10' on the second. Their first decision was to replace some of the furniture with American made furniture and they have collected some unique pieces, including 1 or 12 Wooten Superior desks ever produced and a clock made from a 4,500-year-old tree. In time they realized they also needed to put something on the bare walls. They decided to put up Indiana art and

started to collect artworks from Indiana artists. Soon they noted that established museums were asking to borrow their art and realized their home was starting to become a museum in itself. They continued to collect Indiana artworks and even began collecting more contemporary works and



displaying them at other locales. They now have over 160 contemporary works displayed at these locations.

In 2013, while still living in the house they began tours 3 times per weekend and found them often sold out. In 2014 they expanded their

collecting to Indiana ceramics and presently have the largest collection of Indiana ceramics in the state. In 2015 they donated their home to the Haan Museum Foundation and moved their residence to Lake Freeman. They also decided at that time to not simply collect from specific Indiana artists, but to collect the best artwork from all Indiana artists. At that time, they were honored as the Indiana State Art Museum borrowed 37 pieces for a special exhibit.

In 2016 they expanded to opening the home/museum 4 days per week, charging a minimal \$10 entrance fee and continued this until the pandemic. At that time everything shut down, but they have now reopened and returned to their previous schedule.

He also discussed another passion that he and his wife share, mountain bike riding. In 1998 they decided to construct a mountain bike trail on their property and by 2011 they were able to open a 6-mile trail to the public. This is now being maintained by the Tippecanoe Mountain Biking Association.

In 2016 they started to label trees of every species on their property and also opened an outdoor sculpture park with a 0.2-mile ADA compliant

path to view the 27 sculptures. The following year Bob and his wife retired as directors of the museum and in 2019 they hired an executive director. They are fortunate to have obtained grant monies from the State, the Lafayette Community Foundation and the North Central Health Systems to provide for operational support and capital projects for the museum.

This weekend they will host their annual Ice Cream Days, honoring the invention of the ice cream cone at the St. Louis World's Fair in 1904. Free ice cream will be available at that time, and he invited everyone to visit and see the Museum as well.

**Thought of the Week:** Amateurs sit and wait for inspiration, the rest of us just get up and go to work. — *Stephen King*

**Trivia Question for the week:** The hottest official temperature in the world was recorded in which location?

**Answer from last week's trivia question:** In 1950, Zenith introduced the first TV remote control. What was it called?

The first TV remote control, called the "Lazy Bones," was developed in 1950 by Zenith. The Lazy Bones could turn a television on and off as well as change channels and adjust the volume. It was not, however, a wireless remote control. A long, heavy cord connected the Lazy Bones remote control to the television. Although customers enjoyed having remote control of their television, they complained about tripping over the cord. The invention of the wireless TV remote control five years later would put an end to this issue.



### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS:**

July 21 – Tom Murtaugh ~ Tippecanoe County Update

July 28 – (Dave Mecklenburg)

August 4 – Karah Rawlings - Wolf Park

August 11 – (Brian Pohlar)

August 18 – Jack Kerman - District Treasurer

August 25 – (John Polles)

September 1 – (Matt Salsbery)

September 8 – (Carl Schwamberger)

September 15 – John Hughey – Long Center and Lafayette Theatre

September 22 – Raquel Lopez – Civic Theater of Greater Lafayette

October 6 – District Governor Visit

