

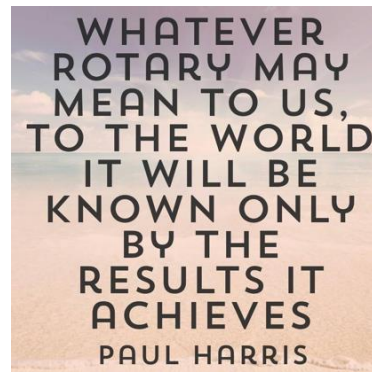


# THE DAYBREAKER

January 23rd, 2025



Today we had 13 in person attendees and 10 ZOOM attendees.



**GUESTS:** None

**VISITING ROTARIANS:** None

**INVOCATION:** John Adams

## Service Opportunity: PHF Matching Program

**.Fellow points until January 31<sup>st</sup> of 2025. With this program an anonymous donor will match your contribution to The Rotary Foundation of up to \$500. You can contact Steve Wagner to see where your contributions stand at this point and donate to "The Rotary Foundation". You can send your checks to Steve @ 3714 Litchfield Place, West Lafayette 47906.**

**Program:** Wes Tillett – LUM

Wes was our speaker today and has been the executive director of LUM since April of 2020. He comes from a background as a Pastor and was drawn to LUM

because of its relationship with many churches in the community. He also has found that he is able to practice the teachings of Christ to care for “the least of these”.



He explained that LUM has a number of programs. Their Assistance programs include financial assistance, Immigration Clinic, Tax Assistance and ID Clinic. Their financial assistance distributed \$48K last year with an average of only \$66 per client.

Their Homeless Services include their Emergency Shelter with 48 beds per night and their Winter Warming Station with another 48 floor mats. With the present Polar Vortex they are again above capacity with 110 guests per night. He noted that the number of guests served, and indeed homelessness in the Lafayette area, has increased markedly each year. In answer to questions he felt this is because of the lack of affordable housing in the community, which is due to a number of factors. He presently has reached out to the mayors to see what can be done cooperatively to meet this need.

Their Youth Programs include after school programming, 5<sup>th</sup> quarter summer learning, Day for Dads, LUM camp and Jubilee Christmas.

Their Food Programs include the Protein Food Pantry and Community Thanksgiving Feast.

Their Community Programs include their Social Justice Team, Community Partnerships, Referrals and Community Events.

The services of LUM are open to all irrespective of their faith and last year reached 48,000 interactions with people from 4,362 households. These services are often provided by their volunteers and included over 22,000 volunteer hours last year.

Their funding is 60% from donations, 13% from area churches and 10% from corporate grants. They are not a United Way agency and get only 3% of their funding from government. Besides the monetary support they also need volunteers and there are many different ways to volunteer. They also need advocacy in the community to end much of the stigma associated with their work.

You can contact them @ [LUMserve.org](http://LUMserve.org) for more information.

**Thought of the Week:** Well done is always better than well said. ~  
[adillaresh.com](http://adillaresh.com)

**Trivia Question for the week:** Why do we say o'clock?

**The answer to last week's trivia question:** What states don't observe daylight savings time?

If you're one of the [61%](#) of Americans who'd like to stop resetting the clock twice a year, it might be time to move to Arizona or Hawaii. Except for the Navajo Nation in Arizona, the Grand Canyon and [Aloha states](#) don't observe daylight saving time, meaning they won't be falling back in November or springing forward next March. Rather, they live in what must be a permanent state of bliss, never having to remember whether the latest clock change means they're getting an hour less of sleep the next night or an hour more.

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS:**

**January 30<sup>th</sup> – Ryan O’Gara – Area Planning Commission**

**February 6<sup>th</sup> – Luisa White – Legal Aid**

**February 20<sup>th</sup> – Offsite Meeting at Wanderlust Coffee**

**February 27<sup>th</sup> – Purdue Nurse Practitioner Scholarship Awards**

**March 6<sup>th</sup> – David Teter – Greyt Event Media**



## **JANUARY IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH**

### **Rotarian Code of Conduct** **As a Rotarian, I will:**

1. Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life
2. Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect
3. Use my professional skills through Rotary to: mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world
4. Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians
5. Help maintain a harassment-free environment in Rotary meetings, events, and activities, report any suspected harassment, and help ensure non-retaliation to those individuals that report harassment.

**IT'S A GREAT TIME TO REVIEW & SHARE THIS!**

**Rotary**  
District 6560

