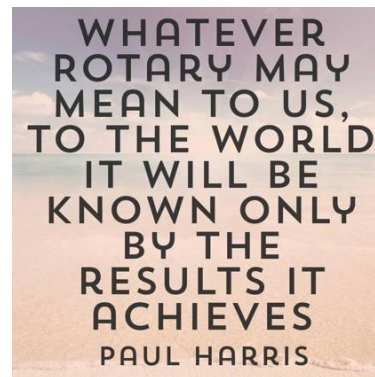




# THE DAYBREAKER

August 1st, 2024



Today we had 18 in person attendees and 6 ZOOM attendees

## **Social Opportunity:**

Daybreak Rotary will have its Summer Social on August 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7 PM at Bistro 501. Please contact John Polles if you have not already signed up.

## **Service Opportunities:**

1. John Polles needs help with supporting our efforts at LUM – please contact him if you are interested in helping with this important Rotary project.

## **2. Committee Assignment Time**

*Where do you see yourself? Prepare yourself to have a first and second choice.*

**(I would hate to have Polles pick a committee for me!)**

<b>Committee</b> <b>Current Chair</b>	<b>Service Projects</b> <b>Peters</b>	<b>Speaker</b> <b>Shively</b>	<b>Gifts &amp; Requests</b> <b>McGaughey</b>	<b>Toast</b> <b>Salsbery</b>
<b>Committee</b> <b>Current Chair</b>	<b>Membership</b> <b>Gilliom</b>	<b>New Member</b> <b>Polles</b>	<b>District Grants</b> <b>Lapcheska</b>	<b>Foundation</b> <b>Wagner</b>
<b>Committee</b> <b>Current Chair</b>	<b>Fellowship</b> <b>Johnson</b>	<b>Website</b> <b>Adams</b>	<b>RYLA</b> <b>Robinson</b>	<b>Interact</b> <b>Fletcher</b>

**Talk to a Committee Chair to see if their committee is just right for you! Do it now!**

John Polles and Bill Lapcheska want to offer each member an opportunity to sign up for a committee for 2024-25. This is an opportunity to volunteer for a committee that interests you!

**3. MHA has opportunities to serve youth in a teaching or support role. If interested in obtaining the training for this, please contact Brandi Christiansen.**

**4. Joyful Journey Classic – August 25 – they will need volunteers to cook hot dogs, but also to work at the Home Run Derby and Celebrity Softball game – save the date**

**Gerard also asked for volunteers – Joyful Journey needs Hot Dog Cookers – 2 from Noon – 2:15 PM and 2 from 2:15 PM – 4:30 PM. Please contact Gerard if you are available.**

**GUESTS:** Kristen Edmundson and Dean Smoll

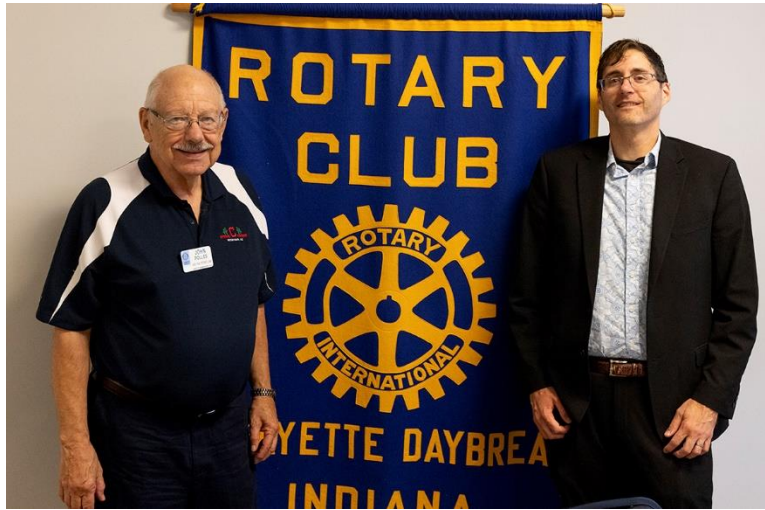
**VISITING ROTARIANS:** None

**INVOCATION:** Tom Gilliom

**Program: Chris McCauley – The Art Museum of Lafayette**

Chris was introduced by David Strand, noting that he was originally from Michigan and started his career with the Boy Scouts, which led him to Indiana. He subsequently became involved with Museum management and has been the Executive Director of The Art Museum of Lafayette (TAML) for the last several years. He has led the museum in fund raising activities,

establishment of a 5-year plan document and a reaccreditation cycle. He lives here in Lafayette with his wife and infant daughter.



Chris explained that the origins of the museum go back to the establishment of the Art Museum of Greater Lafayette in 1909. At that time, it was founded by Laura Ann Fry and Judge Vinton who gathered 25 other area residents to form the structure. At that time there was no physical location, and the collection was shared with people's homes. In the 1940's the first building was purchased in Downtown Lafayette, moving to its present location in

the 1960's with two additions in the 1980's. In the 60's you could purchase a membership for \$5/month and actually check out art works, much as a library book. In 1982 they were accredited as a museum and are reaccredited every 10 years.

The museum is free to anyone to visit and is open 11-4 all but about 5 days per year. There are presently about 1,400 art items owned by the museum with about 100 on display at any one time. They have 4 galleries, three of which have rotating displays and their main gallery with more permanent displays, although these are rotated every 6 months. Their Creative Features exhibition will open on August 17<sup>th</sup>, while their Heather Vikes exhibition will be on display until September and their Laura Ricks exhibition will be on display until October. They also have the Robert Pulley Art Crawl with large outdoor art works on display in Lafayette and West Lafayette. He is an artist from Columbus, IN who makes structures from materials similar to concrete blocks and joins them together. Chris explained that the Museum is centered to support Indiana and US artists.

They also feel that arts education is a major activity for the Museum and to do this they have classes to help educate and influence people to learn about the arts.

Since the museum is free to visitors their financial support comes from individual and corporate contributions, grants and fund-raising activities. The Heart of Art is their major fund-raiser, but they also cooperate with Arts of the Wabash and have some ticketed special activities that help support the Museum. It is also possible to purchase a membership in the Museum which allows benefits to participate in some tours and have access to special activities.

**Trivia Question for the week:** What was the first remote control invented for?

**The answer to last week's trivia question:** As of 2023, who is the most decorated Olympian of all time?

Legendary American swimmer Michael Phelps is the most successful male Olympian of all time with 28 Olympic medals. Incredibly, 23 of them are gold medals, which is also the record for most Olympic golds won by a male athlete. Among countries, the United States of America leads the way, having won 2,522 Olympic medals over the years, 1,022 of which were gold - also the most won by a single nation. Source: [Olympics.com](https://olympics.com)

**Thought of the Week:** Curiosity will conquer fear even more than bravery will. — James Stephens

#### UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

**August 8 – Gifts and Requests Presentation**

**August 15 – David Krakower – Lafayette Aviators Baseball**

**August 22 – Purdue Theatre**

**August 29 – Lafayette Symphony Orchestra**

**September 5 – Jim Stone – Q106**

**September 12 – Raquel Lopez – Civic Theatre of Greater Lafayette**