

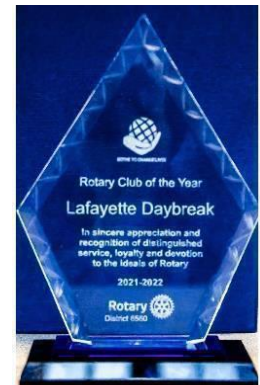


# THE DAYBREAKER

August 15th, 2024



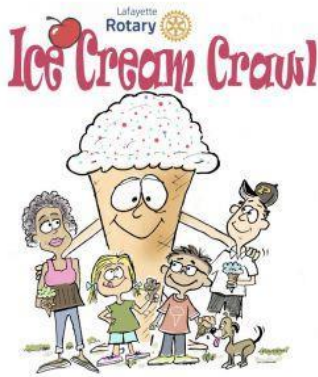
WHATEVER  
ROTARY MAY  
MEAN TO US,  
TO THE WORLD  
IT WILL BE  
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ACHIEVES  
PAUL HARRIS



Today we had 16 in person attendees and 6 ZOOM attendees.

## 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. MHA has opportunities to serve youth in a teaching or support role. If interested in obtaining the training for this, please contact Brandi Christiansen.
3. Joyful Journey Classic – August 25<sup>th</sup>



The Rotary Ice Cream Crawl will take place on Saturday, August 17, 2024, from 1-4 PM. Enjoy an entire afternoon of ice cream by visiting any/all of nine participating locations: Budes Drive In, Igloo Frozen Custard on Tazer Drive, The Original Frozen Custard, Freddy's, McCord Candies, Culver's on Creasy Lane, Silver Dipper, and Westside Scoops.

Order passports (tickets) for Ice Cream Crawl

Follow this link to Eventbrite to order passports (tickets) for the Ice Cream Crawl on August 17, 2024, from 1-4 PM \$10 for individuals and \$25 for families in the same household.



**GUESTS:** None

**VISITING ROTARIANS:** ADG Tim Luzader

**INVOCATION:** Denis Horn

**Program:** David Krakower – Lafayette Aviators Baseball

David was introduced by President John and was noted to be from Florida but having stints in many locations. After obtaining his master's degree from St. Thomas University in Miami, FL, he has spent his career working with a number of different sports franchises.



David began his presentation by saying he had joined the Aviators in October of 2020 on a leap of faith. This was in the middle of the pandemic and followed a year when the Prospect League's entire schedule had been cancelled. He was also dealing with new stadium construction and was given an ambitious deadline that it would be open the following spring. He had previously been affiliated with 2 other new stadium constructions, both of which were significantly delayed and over budget. He was rewarded

with a stadium finished on time and on budget and with attendance records that have been broken each year since the completion of the stadium. He felt Mayor Roswarski's leadership, and the community support were responsible for this success and noted that the Aviators are the most profitable of all the 18 teams in the league. Because of this and the welcoming attitude he and his family have felt in the Lafayette area, he feels he has found his home.

He takes pride in the fact that the team is profitable and has had 25 players to go on to play professional baseball and the first Aviator may actually make it to a major league team in September. He is also proud that he gets requests from players on other teams in the league and their parents to join the Aviators and that several of his employees have already gone on to jobs in the sports industry with increased levels of responsibility. He also is proud of Loeb Stadium, which most feel is the best facility in the league as well as the fact that his players feel they receive the best treatment from their host families of any league teams. He noted that since the players actually pay to come and play in the league, they need to receive good accommodations and food.

In answer to questions, he said that the players pay to play here to be able to be scouted by scouts from professional teams and are either recruited from other teams or from college teams. The league rules are that only 4 players from any college team can be on the team, but they have good relationships with several college coaches and will usually get the 4 best players from their colleges.

He encouraged us to come out next season and watch the Aviators and is working to make sure that will be a good experience!

**Trivia Question for the week:** The original Declaration of Independence is preserved in a bulletproof case filled with which gas?

**The answer to last week's trivia question:** Why were the phone directories printed on yellow paper?

One day in [1883, Cheyenne, Wyoming-based printer Reuben H. Donnelley](#) was busy printing the latest edition of the phone directory when he unexpectedly ran out of white paper. Unwilling to put off production until he could restock, he instead resorted [to finishing the job with yellow paper](#), unknowingly creating an icon of the then-nascent information age. After subscribers commented on



how these yellow pages were easy to find amid piles of white-hued publications, Donnelley produced the first official [Yellow Pages phone book three years later](#). Using the color yellow for telephone business directories then became the norm around the world.

**Thought of the Week:** Do the one thing you think you cannot do. Fail at it. Try again. Do better the second time. The only people who never tumble are those who never mount the high wire. This is your moment. Own it.~ Oprah Winfrey

### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS:**

**August 22 – Purdue Theatre**

**August 29 – Chelsea Gochenour – Homestead Resources**

**September 5 – Jim Stone – Q106**

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

**September 19 – Bob Anderson – Habitat for Humanity**

**September 26 – Lafayette Symphony Orchestra**

**October 3 – Toast Presentation**