



THE DAYBREAKER



September 1st, 2022



Today we had 20 in person and 3 Zoom attendees

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

Service Opportunities:

If you have interest in volunteering at Food Finders Food Bank, please contact Larry Fisher

GUESTS: Dimitria – sister of Mekey



INVOCATION: Diann Robinson

Stu Boehning presented his autobiographical sketch at Thursday's meeting

PROGRAM: District Governor Mekey McAllen

DG Mekey introduced herself, as she also introduced her 3-minute younger sister Dimitria. Mekey is a member of the Fishers Club and a graduate of Brandman University. She has worked for Wal-Mart for 31 years and is a People Operations Lead for 10 stores in the Indianapolis area. She is married and has one son who has "retired" from the US Army.

She spoke about her interpretation of the focus of RI President Jeni Jones. She notes the first of these is Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and hopes this can be a basis for our ongoing Rotary experience and our lives. She spoke of her personal story of being invited to come to a Rotary meeting, but learning her sponsor was not present at that meeting. Another member welcomed her and asked her to join them at her table and this was an incredibly important first experience. She stressed that it is equally important that we make the Rotary experience a positive one for our present members and spoke of a Comfort Care culture for our present members.



The second part of the triad was Empowering Girls, which she felt was less difficult in the US than in many countries abroad. We do need to be aware of this in our dealings with all people, both here and abroad.

The last was Imagining, which she felt was a need to Imagine a better world, a world full of Joy, and to work toward this goal. She noted that the Rotary Foundation enables us to make an impact on the world and encouraged continued giving, but also noted that we needed to expand our reach locally and enhance the participation and engagement of our members. She noted our ability to adapt, particularly as we were able to retain relationships with all our members through technology.

She praised the opportunity to engage the Community – demonstrated by the donation by Bob and Rhonda Feuer of the Clock

downtown and praised our efforts to address mental health issues and offered to help with our Toast to Mental Health in any way she could.

Mekey ended by highlighting upcoming Rotary events:

Zone Conference – Pathways to our Future in Chattanooga, TN 9/27-10/2

Mid-Year Conference – tentatively to be held in Fishers October 7

District Conference – April 2023

2023 Rotary International Conference – Melbourne, Australia

She ended her presentation by giving her contact information:
Email: mekeymcallen6560@gmail.com
Or text to 317-336-6794

Thought of the Week: Know what sparks the light in you. Then use that light to illuminate the world. ~ Oprah Winfrey

Trivia Question for the week: Neil Armstrong was the first man to walk on the moon. Who was the last?

Answer from last week's trivia question: What was the name of the strike which led to making Labor Day a national holiday?

The Pullman Strike was a nationwide railroad strike that took place during the summer of 1894. It began when nearly 4,000 factory employees of the Pullman railway company started a strike in response to reduced wages. Boycotts and riots ensued, and President Grover Cleveland eventually called in the Army to bust up the strikers. On June 28, 1894, just six days after the end of the deadly Pullman strike, President Grover Cleveland declared Labor Day a national holiday, as a conciliatory gesture toward the American labor movement.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

September 8 – Carl Schwamberger – Mary T Klinker Foundation and Veterans Affairs

September 15 – John Hughey – Long Center and Lafayette Theatre

September 22 – Raquel Lopez – Civic Theater of Greater Lafayette

