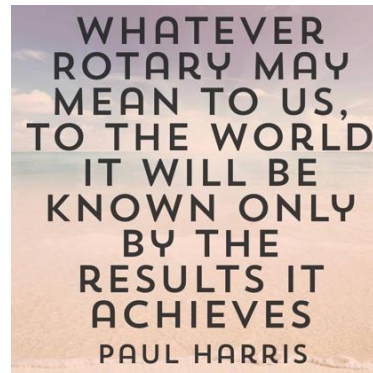




# THE DAYBREAKER

September 19th, 2024



Today we had 21 in person attendees and 9 ZOOM attendees.

## Service Opportunities:

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

**GUESTS:** David Teter

**VISITING ROTARIANS:** None

**INVOCATION:** Rob Malnight

## Program: Bob Anderson – Habitat for Humanity

Bob was introduced by Cory Shively. Bob comes to Lafayette from Chicago where he was a Youth Pastor and author of 15 books. In 2020 he became the Executive Director of Lafayette Habitat for Humanity

Bob explained that this is one of 1,100 Habitat chapters in the US, but they are also international. Habitat has been in Lafayette since 1984, celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary this October with a Family Reunion of people who have lived in these homes. Over the years they have built 348 homes in the Lafayette area. Presently they are working on 9 homes, which is a high number at the same time. Tempest Homes is presently building 3 of these that they have donated. Their Mission is "Seeking to put God's love into action, we bring people together to build homes, community and hope." Lafayette Habitat has 17 Board slots, filled with many active leaders.



He explained the process, where Habitat will put out a request for applications. They often will receive over 100 applications, and they then sort these into the people that qualify. This narrows the list to about a dozen applicants and they then make a home visit to these families to see who is in the most need. The families are told where the house will be built, and the Board then selects the family to work with.

Each adult in the family is required to provide 250 hours of service. The first 125 hours come in community service or work with a house already being built. When they have reached 125 hours the work starts on their home and then they have to provide another 125 hours, although most go well beyond this level. They also go to homeowner education classes and financial classes to learn about the nuts and bolts of home ownership and how to pay for this. The criteria is that no family can pay over 30% of their income toward the home. As their home is being built, they have a ceremony when the walls are raised and a blessing of the home when it is finished. The family then goes to a title company to complete the sale process.

The organization has several site supervisors, who are very special in both having to know all the details of construction, but also having to work with volunteers. They often have the home sites donated, but sometimes do purchase them. They have many donations from many sources, both in materials and labor. He noted they seldom have to pay for roofing as the local companies are so good at donating both materials and labor. They also have several trades that have apprenticeship programs and use their apprentices to get experience under supervision.

Bob highlighted several projects:

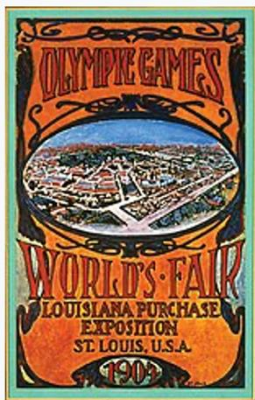
1. The House that Reunites – a project to build a 5 bedroom home to allow a family that could no longer stay together in their trailer to have a true home
2. Apostle Build – every other year churches will help finance a home build, donating up to \$60K for a build.

3. Catholic Build – the alternate years Catholic churches provide this, with financing up to \$80K.
4. Bars and Breweries build – a combined effort from local bars and breweries to build a home, including providing a Habitat beer!
5. The House that Schools Built – a project where students became involved in providing a logo and signing the studs and teachers worked on this during the summer
6. She Nailed It – these are women coming together to build homes. He praised the women on their efforts saying he would be pleased if women could build all their homes as they do such a great job.
7. Brush with Kindness – a program to help people, often seniors on fixed income, with home repairs. They have done 40 so far this year.

He also mentioned their ReStore, where people can donate construction materials, appliances and furniture. This helps to support the builds financially and with materials. He concluded by emphasizing that they can always use donations and volunteer hours!

**Trivia Question for the week:** Which state hosted the first Olympics in the United States?

**The answer to last week's trivia question:**



The **1904 Summer Olympics** (officially the **Games of the III Olympiad** and also known as **St. Louis 1904**) were an international [multi-sport event](#) held in [St. Louis, Missouri](#), United States, from 1 July to 23 November 1904. Many events were conducted at what is now known as [Francis Field](#) on the campus of [Washington University in St. Louis](#). This was the first time that the [Olympic Games](#) were held outside Europe.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

**September 26 – Lafayette Symphony Orchestra**

**October 3 – Toast Presentation**

**October 10 – Matt Melody – United Way**

**October 17 – Tour of the new Humane Society**

**October 31 – Dave Anders – The Rotary Foundation**

# WHAT DOES THE ROTARY WHEEL MEAN?

