



# THE DAYBREAKER



September 15th, 2022



Today we had 19 in person and 4 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**



**We also plan to visit the local Girl Scout Camp October 13 @ 11:30 AM. They will provide a lunch and then tour their facility. This will be a kickoff for a joint service project with the Noon Club and the Satellite Club. Please contact Linc for more information.**

**GUESTS:** None

**INVOCATION:** Carl Schwamberger

**REACQUAINTANCE SPEAKER:** Dean Huddleston

## **PROGRAM:** John Hughey – Long Center and Lafayette Theatre

Bob Smith introduced John, noting he was a Hoosier native, having been born in Columbus, IN. He joined the Long Center in 2019, having managed a facility in Fort Wayne previously.

John began his program by explaining that he finds his job with the Long Center to be a fantastic ability to bring live entertainment to the greater Lafayette area. He



explained that the city owns the Long Center, which was previously the Mars Theatre. This is an 1,100-seat facility which the not-for-profit Long Center has been established to manage for the city. When the city purchased the Lafayette Theatre around the corner which had built in 1938 this was added to the Long Center's responsibility. This facility had been abandoned for a number of years and needed a lot of love! The seats had been removed, leaving the facility as a large open space. The Long Center has found this to be very complimentary as it is available for stand-up concerts or can be filled with tables and chairs to become a wedding venue or many other uses. Being less than a block apart there are many efficiencies in storage and moving materials as well as being ideal for different kinds of presentations. They are presently looking at architectural drawings to add new dressing rooms and a hospitality area for performers.

When the Loeb Stadium expanded, they reached out to the Long Center to manage their live concerts as well, and with a capacity of up to 3,000 attendees this added a new level of performers that can be attracted to the Lafayette area. This year they have two concerts, and both of these have been very successful. The biggest challenge has been protecting the field turf, so they have brought in a portable decking material and then brought in the stages on semi-trailers. The performers have been able to use the locker rooms for preparation and have greeted the venue positively. The hope is they can have four concerts in 2023. One of the positive results of this has

been bringing in 1,000 new ticket purchasers that have never attended a Long Center event previously.

For the future he highlighted the comedy show this evening as well as a Fox Network Master Chef Junior Cooking Show in the next few weeks and a Motown Christmas on December 8.

**Thought of the Week:** *You don't get paid for having ideas, you get paid for making them happen.* ~ adillaresh.com

**Trivia Question for the week:** Who was the President of the United States when Queen Elizabeth II ascended to the throne?

**Answer from last week's trivia question:** In 1976, Ron Wayne sold his 10% ownership of which company for \$800?

Ronald Wayne co-founded Apple Computer with Steve Wozniak and Steve Jobs on April 1, 1976. Serving as the venture's "adult supervision," Wayne drew the first Apple logo, wrote the three men's original partnership agreement, and wrote the Apple I manual. Wayne's stint at Apple did not last very long. After 12 days with the company, Wayne had his name taken off the contract and sold his 10% stake in Apple back to Wozniak and Jobs for a measly \$800. If Ronald Wayne had kept his 10% stake in Apple, it would be worth approximately \$280 billion today.



### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS:**

September 22 – Raquel Lopez – Civic Theater of Greater Lafayette

September 29 – Ken Ritchey – Rwanda water issues

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