

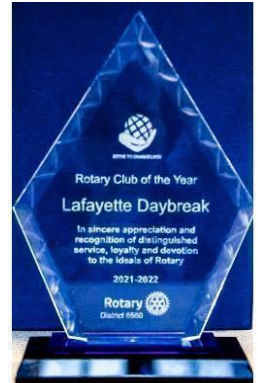


THE DAYBREAKER

September 26th, 2024



WHATEVER
ROTARY MAY
MEAN TO US,
TO THE WORLD
IT WILL BE
KNOWN ONLY
BY THE
RESULTS IT
ACHIEVES
PAUL HARRIS



Today we had 17 in person attendees and 7 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: None

INVOCATION: John Adams



Diann delivered our Rotary Exchange banners, which we were able to hang at the Downtowner.



We were also able to induct our newest member, David Teter!

Welcome to David!

Program: Sara Mummey – Lafayette Symphony Orchestra

Our speaker today was Sara Mummey, introduced by David Strand. He related that Sara is a Lafayette native and has been the executive director of Lafayette Symphony Orchestra since 2012. She is also the youngest director in the Symphony's history and is also involved in many civic activities and national orchestra organizations.

Sara explained that the LSO was founded in 1950, with their first concert in 1951. They have gone from a volunteer organization to a paid group with 3 full-time staff members and over



60 paid musicians. With this they are the largest arts employer in the 14 county area. They are starting this season with a new conductor, the sixth in the organization's history. Kellen Gray was hired from a national search with over 200 applicants and will have his first performance in November.

The orchestra has two concert series – their Mainstage series at the Long Center with 4 events scheduled for the year. These are Pleased to Meet You in November, Holiday Pops in December, This Little Light of Mine in April and

Born This Way in May. Their B-Side Series consists of smaller groups and somewhat more varied music and is held at the Rat Pak Venue. Their first performance of the year was in August with the Art Reiner Quartet and earlier in September they have Sessions Live: Hidden Gems. In October they will have They Call Us Mellow Cello, Irish Spring in March, (Re)Light a Fuse in April and Blown Away in June.

They also have a mission to reach youth and reach about 8,000 students each year. Along with some school performances their big event is their Lollipop Concert with two daytime performances each year and this also includes a very successful instrument petting zoo.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

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?

