



# THE DAYBREAKER

January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024



Today we had     in person attendees and     ZOOM attendees.

## Service Opportunities:

### 1. LSO:

"I'm reaching out today with a call for volunteers for both our **Symphony on the Go (SOTG)** school concerts and our **Lollipop Concert**, all being held on **Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>** at the Long Center for the Performing Arts.

The LSO presents two free daytime concerts for 4th and 5th-grade classes, introducing upwards of 2,000 students annually to the joys of live performance and symphonic music. There will be two **SOTG** concerts on the 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM and 12:30 PM.

• The call time for volunteers will be **8:45 AM** with an estimated dismissal around 1:30 PM if you plan on volunteering for both concerts (11:15 AM call time if you are only available for the afternoon concert).

- Lunch from Great Harvest will be provided for those staying for both concerts.

- Volunteer positions needing to be filled are parking lot volunteers to help with school bus traffic and ushers. I am looking for 7-8 parking lot volunteers and 12-16 ushers for each concert.

The **Lollipop Concert** will begin at 7:00 PM instead of our usual 7:30 PM, so the call time for volunteers will be **5:30 PM**.

- The usual volunteer positions are available.
- The instrument petting zoo will begin at 6:00 PM before the concert. “

**If you are available to volunteer, please respond to this email or call (765) 742-6463 ext. 1.**

As always, descriptions of the concerts this season can be found on the events page of our website: <https://lafayettesymphony.org/events/>. You can also fill out the Google form to let me know your volunteer interest/availability for the rest of the season: <https://forms.gle/MS4CCEhsc8dX8wcD8>

Please let me know if you have any questions!

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Thanks,  
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**2. United Way's Read to Succeed program needs volunteers to work with elementary school students: To sign up go to [www.unlafayette.org/readtosucceed](http://www.unlafayette.org/readtosucceed). To learn more about the program contact Amy O'Shey @ [aoshey@uwlafayette.org](mailto:aoshey@uwlafayette.org) or call 765- 742-9077 ext. 244.**

**3. Donate to the Joyful Journey matching program – with the District Foundation match and Gerard's match this will be a 3 for 1 donation! You can send checks to Gerard Benner @ 9281 Quarry Drive in Naples, FL 34120 or scan the checks and send them to his email of [cfotogo@yahoo.com](mailto:cfotogo@yahoo.com).**

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

5. Big Brothers/Big Sisters will have their annual Bowl for Kids program on February 10. You can participate in this by volunteering to bowl (contact David McGaughey if interested) or by supporting the team financially.

**This quarter Happy Bucks go to the Joyful Journey Match!**

**GUESTS:** None

**INVOCATION:** David McGaughey

**Program:** Prof. David Sanders ~ the LEAP Project

Professor Sanders presented what has become the community response to the Indiana Economic Development Council's project in Lebanon by giving some history. Despite being on the West Lafayette City Council his first knowledge of this came through the media, where he learned that the IEDC was proposing a pipeline to deliver up to 100M gallons daily of water from the Wabash River area to Lebanon. He understood that they were trying to recruit industry to the Lebanon area, and particularly semi-conductor producers who require large amounts of water. He was however surprised that they had gone this far with planning without having water available in the area.



He noted that there is a growing understanding nationally that water, unlike energy, is a finite resource and becoming the critical natural resource. He explained that technology can be used to find ways to tap into the energy from the sun, but there is no way to produce more water. He asked what the plan was for this locally as this area would be required to produce the water. He was told this was a state issue and not local. He was shocked to learn

that the “studies” being used to justify the transfer were done over only 3 days, despite the fact that Wabash River flow varies ten-fold throughout the year and that no studies were done about the recharge rate of the river.

Researching this he found that while the IEDC had been founded to recruit industry to the entire state, there had been some mission creep and now they were also involved in real estate and had become a taxing body. This reminded him of the movie “Chinatown” about a water steal and he decided to use a prop from the movie – a bandage on his nose – to bring attention to the issue. Expressing his concerns to the council he was amazed to find an immediate public response from people deeply concerned about the issue, and the fact that it was totally bipartisan. Indeed, when he made a proposal, it passed unanimously and has subsequently received support from officials and candidates in both political parties. He also noted that other communities in the area, from Attica to Benton County to Miami County have concerns.

He was quite surprised with the media coverage on this issue and the ongoing response from the public. He was amazed that during an open meeting at the Library where he had a 10-item agenda there were immediate volunteers to accomplish these items. But he was also concerned that the response might not be persistent and realized that Facebook posts and the like might pass on but there was a need for an ongoing presence and worked to get a webpage ([stopthewatersteal.org](http://stopthewatersteal.org)) that could be a center for information.

Now that the initial steps have been done and the concerns are understood he is hoping that the activities of the IEDC can be much more transparent and that they will be held closer to their initial mandate. He was particularly disappointed that when they were able to see IEDC reports available to the public they were so heavily redacted that they provided very little information. He also is hopeful that further studies can look at the river throughout its cycles, including droughts and that the effects on the areas providing the water can be studied. A specific goal would also be to have a state water resource authority that almost all states already have in place.

**Thought of the Week:** The major value in life is not in what you get, but in what you become. ~ From a fortune cookie

**Trivia Question for the week:** Which state has the highest average annual snowfall?

**Answer to last week’s trivia question:** What famous actress's birth was paid for by Martin Luther King?

Julia Roberts, the actress best known for her roles in *Pretty Woman*, *Erin Brockovich*, and *Steel Magnolias*, was born in Smyrna, Georgia, in 1967. But when it came time for her parents, Betty and Walter Roberts, to take home their new bundle of joy, there was one hiccup: They couldn’t afford the hospital bill. That’s when Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King — friends of the Roberts’ — stepped in to help, [covering the cost of the future actress’s birth.](#)

The arts drew the King and Roberts families together. Before marrying her activist husband, Coretta Scott King had earned a [bachelor's in music education](#) from the New England Conservatory, one of the country's most selective music schools. By the 1960s, married actors Betty and Walter Roberts had launched the Actors and Writers Workshop, a theater school in Atlanta near the Kings' home. With four young children and a passion for the arts, Coretta had been searching for a youth theater program, but struggled to find one that would accept Black students. She reached out to Betty to inquire about the Robertses' school, which stood out as the [only integrated children's acting program](#) in the area.

While the Actors and Writers Workshop was successful and [molded several actors who pursued the craft](#) into adulthood, it wasn't free from monetary issues. By the time Julia (the youngest of three children) was born, the Roberts family was struggling financially. However, the Kings and Robertses had developed a friendship that helped the family through a rough patch; Martin and Coretta graciously covered the expense, forever linking the two families.

### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS:**

February 1<sup>st</sup> ~ Sergeant Jeremy Piers - Indiana State Police

February 8<sup>th</sup> – Chief Davis of the West Lafayette Police Department