

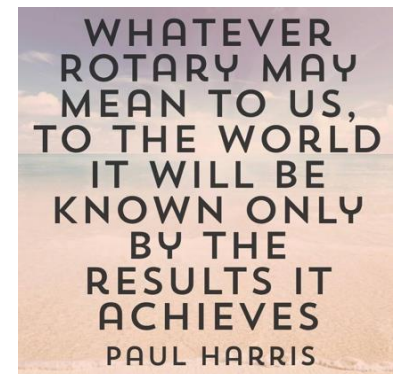


THE DAYBREAKER

October 24th, 2024



Today we had 17 in person attendees and 6 ZOOM attendees.



Service Opportunities:

A unique service project is available this November as the Rotary Open World program brings a team from Tajikistan to the Lafayette area. We will be hosting them for our meeting on November 7th, but there may also be an opportunity to become a host family for these visitors. If you would be interested in hosting, please contact John Adams and we will get you in contact with the organizers from the Noon Club.

GUESTS: Shelby (Brandi's mom)

VISITING ROTARIAN: Betty Tonsing

INVOCATION: Linc Perkins

Congratulations to Pushpa and her Ankit Foundation for their award from NAMI!



Betty Tonsing came from the Noon Club to invite us to the dinner for the guests from the Open World program who will be visiting the Lafayette area the first week of November. This program, funded by Congress, reaches out to people from previous Soviet republics to visit the US. This group of 6 women from Tajikistan, all of whom are working in STEM professions will be visiting our meeting on November 7th. The dinner will be held at the First United Methodist Church in West Lafayette @ 5:30 PM on Friday, November 8th and cost \$15 per person. You can make reservations by emailing Reneerotary@gmail.com by October 29th. You can pay by check or exact cash at the dinner itself.

Program: Cameron Kuhl – Caregiver Companion

Cameron is the Executive Director of Caregiver Companion. This 501c3 organization was founded in Lafayette in 1995 to offer non-medical services to the elderly and disabled. Their mission statement is: “Caregiver Companion is a network of interfaith volunteer committed to improving the quality of life in the homes of our elderly and disabled neighbors, as well as their caregivers.”



Their group of interfaith volunteers provides services such as companionship, Respite breaks, transportation, phone calls, shopping and yard care. To accomplish this a person with needs calls to describe their need. A team member then does a home visit to assess the situation and if it is felt these services can be provided, they are brought on board. An attempt is made to pair them with volunteers with some similarity of interests.

Volunteers are vetted with 3 references, a background check and an in-person interview. If these all are positive, they undergo in-person training and then are able to pair with a neighbor.

Transportation is a major emphasis and neighbors call a week ahead of appointments and such and ask to schedule a visit. The Transportation Coordinator then works to find an available volunteer and they go to the neighbor's home and establish a relationship and then are able to transport them to such things as doctor's appointments.

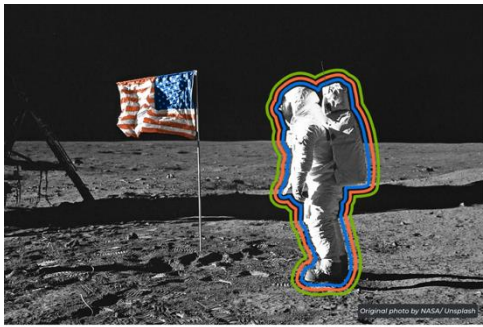
Caregiver Companion presently serves 84 neighbors and has 45 volunteers. They need 3 more male and 3 more female volunteers as well as 2 transportation volunteers and 2 yard care volunteers.

Often these relationships are continued over time, with the volunteer providing the neighbor with companionship as well as allowing their caregivers time to perform their own activities.

Thought of the Week: I have no special talents. I am only passionately curious. — *Albert Einstein*

Trivia Question for the week: Which rock singer was named Farrokh Bulsara at birth?

The answer to last week's trivia question: What does outer space smell like?



It being a vacuum and all, space isn't often thought of as having a scent of its own. And while no one has *directly* smelled outer space — exposure without a helmet would be fatal — many astronauts have [reported](#) that it smells like a mix of gunpowder and burnt steak. The odor is most noticeable after an astronaut returns to their spacecraft through the airlock and removes their helmet, at which point the lingering scent can be detected by both the astronaut who had been outside the ship and their crewmates who remained aboard.

It's been theorized that the source of space's scent is dying stars, which release molecules called polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons — a chemical compound also found in coal, oil, and food — as they near the end of their existence. There's even a [cologne](#) named "Eau de Space" based on the smell, which was originally synthesized by biochemist Steve Pearce at NASA's behest to better prepare astronauts for every aspect of the job. Based on his interviews with astronauts who had been to space, Pearce described the aroma as "hot metal, burnt meat, burnt cakes, spent gunpowder, and welding of metal."

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

October 31 – Dave Anders – The Rotary Foundation

November 7 – Stan Jacobs – Club Membership

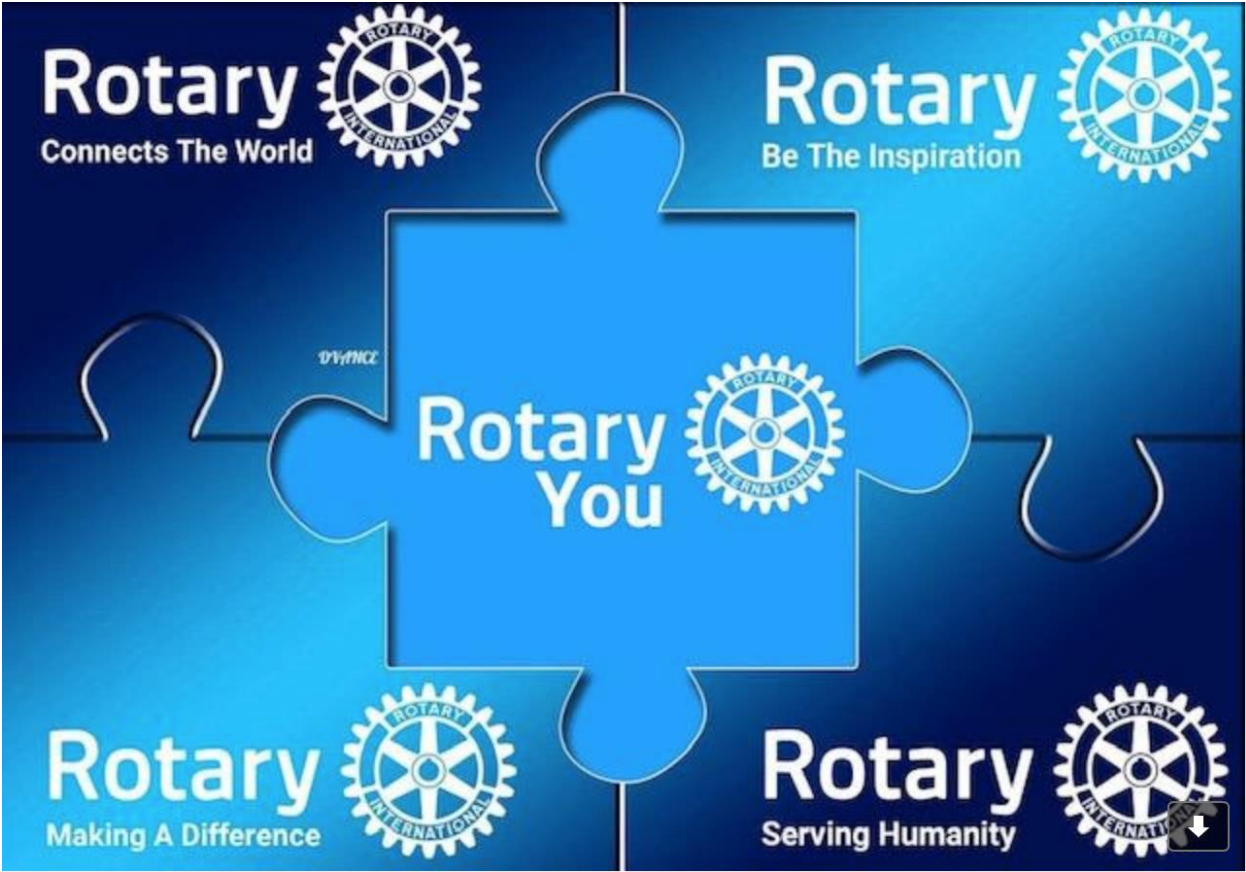
November 14 – Pat Harrington – Tippecanoe County Prosecutor

November 21 – Rep. Chris Campbell – High School Diploma Update

November 28 – Thanksgiving – No meeting

December 5 – The First Edition

December 19 – Adam Baxmeyer – Purdue Airport Upgrade



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