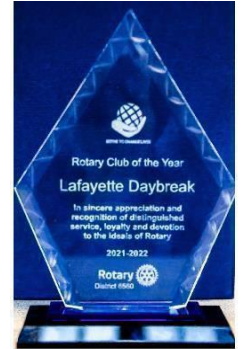




THE DAYBREAKER

October 26th, 2023



Today we had 16 in person attendees and 7 Zoom attendees.

Service Opportunities:

1. United Way's Read to Succeed program needs volunteers to work with elementary school students: To sign up go to www.unlafayette.org/readtosucceed. To learn more about the program contact Amy O'Shey @ aoshey@uwlafayette.org or call 765-742-9077 ext .244.
2. On October 28th Woodhaven Rescue Farm is having an open house from 11 to 4. They need volunteers to help park cars. There are two shifts 10 to 1 and 1 to 4.
3. KLD Foundation

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Volunteers Needed

**We are looking for volunteers for
"A Night to Remember" on Saturday, October 28th.**

We have various roles available, including guest registration, raffle ticket sales, auction support and more. Volunteer shift would be 4:30 - 9:00 and will include dinner.

To find out more about how you or your group can get involved, click the link below!



I was actually unable to attach the link – if interested please contact John Adams or Gerard Benner.

4. If you would like to become certified to do interviews with veterans to retain their stories there will be training sessions on November 8th and December 7th at the Salt Box. Contact Paula Davis for more information.

Social Opportunities:

- 1. Save the Date for our Rotary Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 6 from 6-8 PM**

2. Daybreak Rotary has been invited by Lafayette Rotary to a Rotary After Hours on November 2nd 5:30 – 7:00pm at Bruno's in West Lafayette. Mates, dates, and prospective members are welcome. Cost is \$25 for pizza buffet, Bruno dough, salad bar, soft drinks. Cash bar available. Contact Renee Figueroa for reservations and payment at renerotary@gmail.com.

GUESTS: None

INVOCATION: Tom Gilliom

PROGRAM: Casey Mast – Toys for Tots.

Our own Casey Mast was good enough to fill in at the last moment and gave an excellent presentation about the Toys For Tots program. He began with a short video giving the history of the program and the benefits to the children who receive the toys and books.

The program began 76 years ago and is run by the US Marine Corps Reserve with the goal of offering these children recognition, confidence and a positive memory to last a lifetime. It is hoped that this experience will help disadvantaged children become responsible citizens and caring members of the community. Their program collects new, unused and unwrapped toys each October and November and distributes these toys to less fortunate children in the community. Nationally in 2022 the program distributed 22.4 million toys to 8.7 million underprivileged children in 832 communities throughout all 50 states. The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation also supplemented the local toy collections with over 10 million toys valued at \$82 million.



children and collected another \$16,000.

Nationally there are 150 Marine Reserve units that participate in the program with over 26,000 volunteers. Locally the Marine Corp League has been administering the program for the last 8 years, going from helping 1,500 children initially to over 6,200 now. This year they added Benton County to their service area and hope to raise \$25-30K this year and collect 15,000 toys. Last year the local program collected over 10,000 toys, books and stocking stuffers to present to 6,000

Casey then showed us how to find the Toys for Tots website and sign up to request a toy for a child, donate cash or volunteer to help with the program.

He also explained that when they are not collecting toys for Christmas the Corps has a Literacy program that collects books during the summer and distributes these as the school year begins.

This year toys will be collected at Menards, Walmart, Edward Jones locations and Lafayette and West Lafayette fire stations. They will collect toys until December 3rd and distribute them on December 9th. You can obtain more information @lafayette.in@toysfortots.org.

Thought of the Week: *America is too great for small dreams ~ Ronald Reagan*

Trivia Question for the week: Why do we carve jack-o'-lanterns for Halloween?

Answer from last week's trivia question: What is the name of the monster featured in Mary Shelley's Gothic novel, "Frankenstein"?



Frankenstein's monster is a fictional character who appeared in Mary Shelley's 1818 novel Frankenstein. Although many mistakenly believe the monster's name to be Frankenstein, he is actually never referred to by any name in the book. The scientist that created him was named Dr. Victor Frankenstein. Shelley describes the monster as 8-foot-tall, hideously ugly, but sensitive and emotional. When speaking with his creator, the monster refers to himself as "the Adam of your labours," but the novel never attributes an actual name to him.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

November 2nd ~ Bob Goldsmith - Rotarian and Sheriff of Tippecanoe County

November 9th ~ Dennis Carson - Lafayette Economic Development Director
Lafayette Update

November 16th – Cheryl Suter – IU Health – Advantages of Volunteering in Health Care

November 23rd ~ HAPPY THANKSGIVING

November 30th ~ Amy O'Shea, United Way Director of Community Impact - Read to Succeed

December 7th ~ Rotarian Casey Mast – Toys for Tots

January 11th ~ Claudine Laufman - Lafayette Parks Department

Please bring new unwrapped toys to Rotary for Toys for Tots

