



THE DAYBREAKER

November 9th, 2023



Today we had 17 in person attendees and 6 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. If you would like to become certified to do interviews with veterans to retain their stories there will be another training session on December 7th at the Salt Box. Contact Paula Davis for more information.

Social Opportunities:

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

All-Indiana Rotary Global Scholarship Deadline to apply: Dec. 22, 2023

Do you know a graduating college senior from your area who can use \$40,000 to pursue a graduate degree at an overseas university? Please share about the 2024-25 All-Indiana Global Scholarship. The application and all of the information they need is at www.rotaryglobalscholar.com.

With the three Indiana districts' support, we've opened the application process to college seniors who will graduate by May 2024 – or who have already graduated -- from a four-year Indiana college (or who maintain a legal residence in the state). Rotary family members aren't eligible.

Applicants must commit to pursue graduate-level studies at a university outside North America in a program that aligns with one of Rotary's seven areas of focus: Peace and conflict prevention/resolution, disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, basic education and literacy, and economic and community development.

Our 2024-25 All-Indiana Scholar will be an ambassador for Rotary and for the state of Indiana. During the one to four years as a Rotary scholar, he or she will speak at clubs and districts overseas and in Indiana. We're funding the global scholarship with \$24,000 in DDF (District Designated Funds) (\$8,00 from each of the three districts) and with \$16,000 from The Rotary Foundation's World Fund.

Timeline: Dec. 22 Deadline to apply

Jan. 5 Select finalists for interviews.

Jan. 20 Interview finalists on Zoom and select the nominee. What You Need to Know...

1. Help us get the word out! Just send graduating seniors the www.rotaryglobalscholar.com link.

2. Notify college administrators and faculty members in your area.

3. In coming weeks, students may contact you about completing the required “club endorsement form.” You can find it at www.rotaryglobalscholar.com.

Questions? Email our scholarship committee at apply@rotaryglobalscholar.com. Or give Scholarship Committee Co-Chair Jim Bright a call at (812) 219-0228.

GUESTS: None

INVOCATION: Jan Dowell

PROGRAM: Dennis Carson - Lafayette Economic Development Director
Lafayette Update

Bob introduced Dennis, who is a Certified Economic Development Director with degrees from Ball State.

Dennis explained that the city has been quite busy with a number of projects, and in answer to questions said that a number of these are done with tax district financing. The first of these projects was the Public Safety Building, a \$51M project creating over 71K sq ft of space with state-of-the-art facilities for the city, including a new 911 dispatching center with natural light! The energy needs of the facility are about 40% met by a solar array on the roof with over 300 solar panels. The attached garage has 469 spaces with 115 set aside for the police, but also including electric vehicle charging stations.

The attempt to decrease the city’s carbon footprint continues at the wastewater facility and several lift stations which will also include solar arrays. Infrastructure needs are also being met by a new water tower behind Wea Ridge School, which will provide adequate water pressure for the south end of the city. Several projects to provide water and sewer services to several areas in Wea Township will provide over 4,000 acres for development.

Work continues on the Humane Society for Greater Lafayette, a \$7.5M project.

The Public Works Campus, a \$21.5M project, also continues on 11.5 acres on McCarty Lane. This will include 3 buildings for the Streets department as well as a dedicated building for the Sanitation department which will have spaces for 18 trucks as well as charging stations for the 2 new electric trash trucks on order.

The Parks Department has a number of projects in process. Loeb Stadium is open and has already had 181 events. \$750K is being spent on Armstrong Park, with \$2.6M being spent on McCaw Park which will include a new dog park. Improvements are also underway at Arlington and Munger parks.



There continue to be a number of housing projects underway. Corridor Place will be between 3rd and 5th Streets and include 16 townhouses selling for between \$275-375K. Urban Pointe is being built in the Centennial neighborhood and the 4-story building will include 56 apartments and 6 townhouses. Third Street Ventures is a 6-story project with 155 apartments and will include indoor parking and commercial spaces as well as

the first downtown swimming pool. Luna Flats has opened and includes 98 apartments and ground floor retail spaces.

Dennis also reported that the Streetscapes project will continue, working east on Main Street.

Thought of the Week: If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way. ~ Martin Luther King Jr. Civil Rights Activist

Trivia Question for the week: Where is the smallest town in the USA?

Answer from last week's trivia question: Who received the first speeding ticket and how fast was he going?

Walter Arnold probably didn't think he'd be [making history](#) when he took his "horseless carriage" (read: automobile) for a spin through the humble English village of Paddock Wood on January 28, 1896, but make history he did — by traveling at an absolutely blinding pace of 8 miles per hour on the main thoroughfare. And while you may find it difficult to believe that a bicycle-riding constable was able to catch up to him, the ensuing low-speed pursuit led to Arnold paying [the first-ever speeding ticket](#).

Speeding wasn't all he was charged with. Arnold was cited on four counts: using a "locomotive without a horse" (the nerve!) on a public road, operating said contraption with fewer than three people, failing to clearly display his name and address on that absolute manifestation of speed, and, finally, traveling at a higher velocity than 2 miles per hour. Arnold, one of England's first car dealers, was driving a Benz that fateful day and paid the equivalent of more than \$300 in today's money for his quartet of criminality. However, a few months later he began marketing his own Arnold Motor Carriage, a variant on the very Benz he was driving, to the public. Whether the whole thing was a publicity stunt, or a mere coincidence has never been settled.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

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 ~ **First Edition -- Bring a Guest**

January 4th ~ Dr. Keith Cherkauer - Indiana Water Resources Director - the LEAP Project

January 11th ~ Claudine Laufman - Lafayette Parks Department

January 18th ~ Candy Silver Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette - 100 Men and Women Who Give

January 25th ~ Prof. David Sanders ~ the Leap Project

Please bring new unwrapped toys to Rotary for Toys for Tots

