



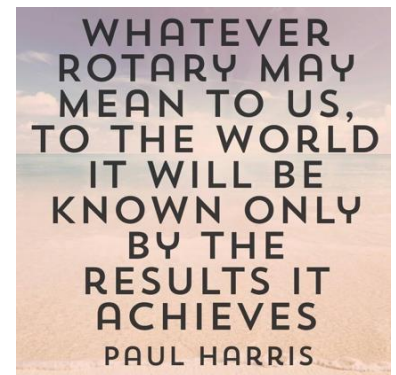
THE DAYBREAKER

November 21st, 2024



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

Today we had 22 in person attendees and 8 ZOOM attendees.



GUESTS: None

VISITING ROTARIANS: None

INVOCATION: Matt Salsbery

Service Opportunity:

November is Foundation Month! Our club would like to have 100% involvement with Every Rotarian Every Year, where each member gives something to the Foundation. Tuesday, December 3rd is also Giving Tuesday, a great day to make that contribution. And up to December 31st an anonymous donor will match up to a \$500 donation with matching points!

To donate write your check to “The Rotary Foundation” and send it to Steve Wagner and he will forward it to the Foundation.

Fellowship Opportunity:

Save the date for Thursday, December 12th @ 6 PM for our Holiday Party. It will be held at the Stonebridge Clubhouse @ 4600 Ironstone Lane in West Lafayette. Please contact John Polles so we can now how many to expect and what you will bring to the party. Guests are encouraged!

Program: Rep. Chris Campbell – High School Diploma Update

Chris gave us the history of this issue, noting that this issue began with a desire to make high school students more prepared to enter the workforce. The initial program led to a single high school diploma that required 100 hours of work experience. When the proposal was rolled out it immediately became obvious that it was problematic. The diploma process didn't include any honors but more importantly the university community noted that it did not include the pre-requisites to allow Indiana students to enroll in Indiana universities and did not



even allow students to meet the qualifications for military enlistment.

A second proposal led to 3 tracts that students could take to receive a diploma, an enrollment tract to go on to higher education, an employment tract to lead to employment in industry and an enlistment tract to join the military. It would also include a Honors Seal and a Honors Plus Seal. While this did answer many of the concerns raised with the first proposal it still required the students to

decide which tract they wanted to follow before they entered high school! This would mean that 8th grade counselors would have to help their students make this decision. Unfortunately Indiana is notoriously short of school counselors.

The other issue is the uncertainty about how students, particularly those in rural areas, would secure the 100 hours of work experience. There also is a lack of clarity about whether the students would be paid for their work and at what payment level.

On an academic level there are concerns about the lack of clarity regarding the English components as well as the fact that the math requirement would not be adequate for college admission. There are also concerns about who would teach some of the subjects, particularly the computer science course.

In answer to questions Chris noted that the funding for this initiative is unclear, particularly with the state losing COVID monies. There is also a short window on implementation with a deadline imposed of 12/31/24.

Thought of the Week: Our happiness is greatest when we contribute most to the happiness of others ~ from a fortune cookie.

Trivia Question for the week: Why is cranberry sauce canned upside down?

The answer to last week's trivia question: What states don't observe daylight saving time.

If you're one of the [61%](#) of Americans who'd like to stop resetting the clock twice a year, it might be time to move to Arizona or Hawaii. Except for the Navajo Nation in Arizona, the Grand Canyon and [Aloha states](#) don't observe daylight saving time, meaning they won't be falling back in November or springing forward next March. Rather, they live in what must be a permanent state of bliss, never having to remember whether the latest clock change means they're getting an hour less of sleep the next night or an hour more.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

November 28 – Thanksgiving – No meeting

December 5 – The First Edition

December 19 – Adam Baxmeyer – Purdue Airport Upgrade

Prepare Now for #Giving Tuesday 12/3!

Sunday, November 17, 2024

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