



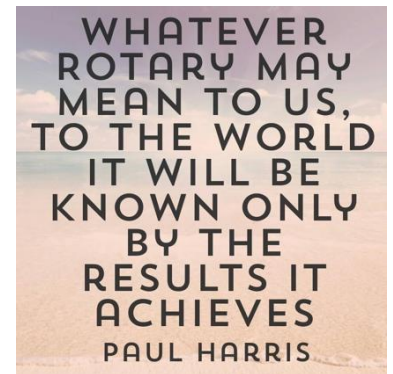
THE DAYBREAKER

February 6th, 2025

Happy Groundhog Day!!



Today we had 16 in person attendees and 10 ZOOM attendees.



GUESTS: None

VISITING ROTARIANS: None

INVOCATION: Gerard Benner

Service Opportunity:

Dear Loyal Blood Donors,

The next Rotary/ Red Cross Blood Drive is on Tuesday, February 11, from 10:00am until 2:00pm at the Hanna Community Room, 2nd floor of the Northend Community Center. Please click on the link below to schedule a donation time.

Blood is a perishable product that can only come from volunteer blood donors. With someone in the U.S. needing blood every two seconds, blood products

must be constantly replenished. By donating blood you'll help ensure that patients in local hospitals have a supply of blood ready and waiting before an emergency occurs. There's no better feeling than knowing that your blood donation may give someone a second chance at life! Donors with all blood types are needed.

Thanks for your past lifesaving donations! Katie

Direct link-<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=lafayetterotary>

Program: Luisa White – Legal Aid



Luisa White was our speaker today. She is the Executive Director of Legal Aid Corporation of Tippecanoe County. She grew up outside the US but came to Purdue for college and returned after her law degree from Valparaiso Law School. She spent some time as a Public Defender and also has a law practice in Lafayette, working part-time for Legal Aid.

Legal Aid is a Tippecanoe County organization that provides family law, housing and probate services to low-income county residents. The present income cutoff is 125% of the poverty level.

The services with family law include custody, divorces, adoptions, Guardian ad Litem, Child in Need services and termination of parental rights. They occasionally also deal with grandparents' rights.

Much of their work is in the area of housing law, and because of the time critical aspect of this it often is moved to the head of the line. These services include Pre-eviction services, representation, and post-eviction services. They also deal with expungements, where people who have paid off their debts have their records cleared so they can obtain new housing. They also provide rental assistance.

Their probate services do not include making wills, but they do become involved with youth and adult guardianships, power of attorney and medical directives.

In 2024 they received 993 applications and provided services to 200 clients. Some of these are dropped due to their income and some do not complete their application process. Their funding comes from multiple sources, including donations from individuals and businesses as well as their annual Golf Scramble fundraiser in August. They also get funds from the United Way and continuing legal education offerings. An interesting source is NAP tax credits where you can "buy" credits with a donation and deduct the amount from your state tax bill. These tend to sell out fast each August/September.

Thought of the Week: You can never be great at anything unless you love it. Not be in love with it, but love the thing, admire the thing. And it seems that if you love the thing, and you don't just want to possess it, it will find you. -- Maya Angelou

Trivia Question for the week: Not to be outdone by Pennsylvania's Punxsutawney Phil, Ohio also has its own weather-predicting groundhog with what fitting name?

The answer to last week's trivia question: What U.S. president has the shortest inaugural address ever delivered?

George Washington delivered the first inaugural address, invoking God's guidance, demurring about his qualifications for presidential tasks, and



declaring his intention to accept no salary -- save expenses -- while

serving. It was Washington who in 1793 gave the shortest inaugural

address of 135 words, while William

Henry Harrison's 1841 speech, lasting almost two hours, was the longest at 8,455 words. Inaugural speeches set the tone for the incoming administration. Sometimes they are intended to persuade, as when Abraham Lincoln in 1861 urged the seceding southern states to avoid war, or to heal and reconcile, as when he stated his policy toward the defeated Confederacy in 1865, promising "malice toward none" and "charity for all."

Source: White House History

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

February 13 – Caitlin Young and Brad Talley – Renew Lafayette

February 20th – Offsite Meeting at Wanderlust Coffee

February 27th – Purdue Nurse Practitioner Scholarship Awards

March 6th – David Teter – Greyt Event Media



JANUARY IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

Rotarian Code of Conduct As a Rotarian, I will:

1. Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life
2. Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect
3. Use my professional skills through Rotary to: mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world
4. Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians
5. Help maintain a harassment-free environment in Rotary meetings, events, and activities, report any suspected harassment, and help ensure non-retaliation to those individuals that report harassment.

IT'S A GREAT TIME TO REVIEW & SHARE THIS!