



THE DAYBREAKER

February 8th, 2024



Today we had 19 in person attendees and 4 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. Donate to the Joyful Journey matching program – with the District Foundation match and Gerard's match this will be a 3 for 1 donation! You can send checks to Gerard Benner @ 9281 Quarry Drive in Naples, FL 34120 or scan the checks and send them to his email of cfotogo@yahoo.com.
3. John Polles needs help with supporting our efforts at LUM – please contact him if you are interested in helping with this important Rotary project.
4. Big Brothers/Big Sisters will have their annual Bowl for Kids program on February 10. You can participate in this by volunteering

to bowl (contact David McGaughey if interested) or by supporting the team financially. Held at **Arrowhead Bowl** (2331 Brothers Dr – Lafayette) **starting at 1:00pm.** We still could use 1 bowler so please let me know if this can work for your schedule – should be finished by 2:30pm. If bowling is not appealing, Daybreakers are also welcome to attend just to support the team. Last, please consider helping sponsor our Daybreak Rotary Rollers team by making a financial gift to Big Brothers/Big Sisters. I will be collecting at this Thursday’s meeting for those wishing to donate by cash or check (made payable to Big Brothers/Big Sisters) – last meeting prior to the event. Also, you can give via credit card by clicking on the following link [2024 Bowl For Kids' Sake - Campaign \(classy.org\)](https://www.classy.org/campaign/2024-bowl-for-kids-sake). Once you click this link, it will ask for the amount of your donation. The next question is “would you like to credit this donation to a specific fundraiser or team” will appear. Please type “Daybreak Rotary Rollers” and then click on our team’s name. Last, it will ask for your credit card information.

Please consider helping the Daybreak Rotary Rollers team and this worthwhile local organization. Your entire gift will be used to help Tippecanoe County children change the trajectory of their life.

5. A Toast to Mental Health – Thursday, May 2 You are welcome to support this with sponsorships, but also to provide auction items. Please save the date to be able to assist the Club in our largest fundraising activity of the year!

This quarter Happy Bucks go to the Joyful Journey Match!

GUESTS: None

INVOCATION: David Mecklenburg

Program: Bill Lapcheska / Tom Gilliom – Presentation of the Purdue Nurse Scholarships

Bill kicked off the program by thanking the Club for its support of this program and introducing Tom Gilliom to MC the day’s event. Tom related that this program had started with a conversation with the Dean of the Nursing School where he asked if there would be a possibility that the Purdue Nursing School could start a program to train Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners to help address the tremendous shortage of providers in

the area. Things seem to come together as the Dean felt this was very possible as long as they could find some seed money and a director. Stephanie Long stepped forward with seed money and Susan Kersey resigned her position with Wabash Alliance to become the director and within 8 months had written a curriculum and the first students were accepted. Since then, the program has graduated over 50 students who are practicing across the country. More importantly 23 are practicing with multiple providers in the Lafayette area.

Stephanie Long then spoke about NCHS's mission to run River Bend Hospital, the only non-for-profit hospital for mental health disorders in the area and how quickly they became aware of the provider shortage. Thus their ability to help the training program at Purdue fit perfectly. She expressed her thanks to Susan for stepping forward to run the program but also to the community for their support of the students.

Tom then asked some of the students to speak. Kyle Thomas explained that he



is in his last semester and plans to work for IU Arnett. He has been a psych nurse for a number of years and looks forward to expanding his scope. He is very thankful to Daybreak Rotary for their support as he had to move his paid position to PRN only as he moved into clinicals. He also

gave President Diann a thank you note to express his gratitude. Sierra Wood then spoke about her background as a home lactation consultant and how she soon realized she was hearing a lot of anxiety and depression as she visited new mothers in their homes and felt called to learn how to help these women in the Indianapolis area. Nick Gomez is from the Highland area and drove here to thank us and Emily Finch expressed her gratitude as well.

Tom then returned to the podium and explained his appreciation for the training of these students and how the difference between their preparation and those of students trained in the online programs becomes so noticeable as they start actually working in the field. He noted the shortage declaration this area has received and noted that while there are 8 psychiatrists and 23 nurse practitioners in Tippecanoe County, there is an even greater shortage in the surrounding counties. He also noted the average age for the psychiatrist is 56 and the nurse practitioners average 49, again showing the need for new providers to lower this age.

In answer to questions, Susan responded that the limiting factor for her program is finding preceptors, but she also sees that some of their own graduates have now become new preceptors.

Thought of the Week: The more you praise and celebrate your life, the more there is in life to celebrate. Often we don't even realize who we're meant to be because we're so busy trying to live out someone else's ideas. But other people and their opinions hold no power in defining our destiny. ~ Oprah Winfrey

Trivia Question for the week: Which years will be a leap year?

Answer to last week's trivia question: Do Super Bowl headliners get paid?

With tens of thousands of people in attendance at the game itself, and millions more watching from home, the Super Bowl halftime show is one of the biggest stages in the world. It doesn't come with a big paycheck for performers, though — or any paycheck at all, really. [League policy](#) states that while the NFL will cover production costs — some of which can be quite substantial, as Jennifer Lopez and Shakira's 2020 performance reportedly cost around \$13 million to produce — the headliners themselves do not receive any compensation. That's not to say they don't benefit financially, though. In 2018, Justin Timberlake saw his music sales rise 534% on the day of his halftime show, and the year prior, Lady Gaga's digital sales spiked 1,000%.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

February 15th – Chief Harris – WLPD Update

February 22nd – Mayor Tony Roswarski – State of the City of Lafayette

Happy Groundhog Day!! Phil saw his shadow!! No more Winter!!!

