

Connect and Serve

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JULY 1, 2025

VAN NEIE will be the greeter, CHRISTA KECK and RITA ZAWISZA will be the money takers, MELINDA BAIN will be the money counter, and TBD will provide the moment of inspiration.

PROGRAM:

STEVE PENNELL has served as our President for 2024-2025. He concluded his time by thanking all of the board members, Lafayette Rotary Club Foundation board members, committee chairs, and members for making this a successful year. We welcome PRIS GERDE as our President for the upcoming year.



THANKS FOR YOUR HELP:

ELAINE TODD was the greeter, JACK KELLEY and MELINDA BAIN were the money takers, WES MCDIVITT was the money counter, and RENEE FIGUEROA provided the moment of inspiration.

GUESTS:

Diana Pennell, wife of STEVE; Autumn Sanchez, intern working with KARISSA MOONEY

ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR:

CHRISTY PRESTON was named the 2025 Rotarian of the Year in recognition of the many ways she serves our club. She is a member of the Ice Cream Crawl, Membership, and Social committees. She is one of our weekly money counters. And she is a frequent blood donor. Congratulations, CHRISTY, for this well-deserved recognition.



PRICE OF WEEKLY LUNCH:

Starting on July 1st, the cost of lunch will be \$19 if paying cash and \$19.50 if using a bank card. The cost for those not eating from the buffet will still be \$5. This pricing structure will be in place for six months. Another increase will take place in January.

PROGRAM SPEAKERS SCHEDULE:

July 1 – Diana Vice, Daughters of the American Revolution.

July 8 - Chief Scott Galloway, LPD updates

July 15 - Fred Whitford, Agriculture history

July 22 - Taylor Wetli, Solinftec (Ag AI & Robotic Tech)

JULY BIRTHDAYS:

ROBERT E.	GALBRAITH	July 22
JON A.	HUSTON	July 25
CHRISTIAN J.	JOHANNSEN	July 24
CHRISTIANE E.	KECK	July 19
HAROLD	KING	July 8
YOUNG	LEE	July 17
WESLEY	MCDIVITT	July 8
WILLIAM R.	MILLER	July 25
RICHARD R.	SCHWARZ	July 22
JOHN O.	TROTT	July 8
JANE A.	TURNER	July 20

LOCAL BUSINESS OF THE MONTH:

Capo Wine Bar is our June Local Business of the Month. This new venue that opened in January. Capo Wine Bar is located at 210 W Main St, Lafayette.



BLOOD DRIVE:

Help save lives by donating to the Rotary Blood Drive on Tuesday, July 22, from 10am to 2pm at the Northend Community Center. Please click on the link below to schedule an appointment. Contact KATIE NIELSEN with questions.

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?dt=WB:PL:DR:PM&ed=07%2F22%2F2025&order=DATE&range=10&sd=07%2F22%2F2025&zipSponsor=47904>



UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 1 – Coffee Committee meeting at 11:00 am.

July 9 – Annual outing to an Aviators baseball game 7:00 pm. Tickets are available at the welcome table for \$8. Meet at Original Frozen Custard at 6:00 for treats and fellowship before the game.



July 18 - Habitat for Humanity Women Build day

July 22 – Blood Drive at Northend Community Center from 10am – 2pm. Click on the link in the article above.

August 23 – 2025 Ice Cream Crawl

WHERE WILL OUR CHARITABLE DOLLARS GO DURING THE 2025-26 ROTARY YEAR??

The club leadership has determined the following dollar amounts for our charitable funds in 2025-26:

Camperships	\$4,000
Backpacks	\$18,000
HS Service Above Self Award	\$6,000
Community College Scholarships	\$14,000
Monthly Service Projects	\$1,200
Women Build	\$6,200
SAWS Ramp Build	\$3,500
ICC - Caregiver	\$6,870
ICC - Mackey Cancer Fund	\$7,920
Imagination Library	\$8,000
Community Investment Fund	\$1,400
RYLA	\$1,500
Imagination Station	\$900
Salvation Army Tools for Schools	\$300

Where will all of this money come from? These dollars come from your birthday donations, Ice Cream Crawl revenue, Community Foundation distribution, and District 6560 grants. Thanks to all who have donated and who will help with the Ice Cream Crawl.

DONATION TO MILLER SCHOOL:

After all expenses for the backpack project were paid this year, there was extra money left over. The Board of Directors determined that some of the money would go to Miller Elementary School. Erin Phillips, principal at Miller, is shown here with CHRISTY PRESTON and BECKY ROBLED0 receiving the check in the amount of \$2,000. This money will be used for sports equipment needed by the school teams.



SPONSORING THE ICE CREAM CRAWL:

Rotarians, consider being an Ice Cream Crawl Sponsor. Your business or name will appear in the passport that each participant will receive. It's a great way to support Rotary and its selected projects. Contact: Rita Zawisza at: rzawisza@purdue.edu or 765-404-4523

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

When committee meetings happen before or after the regular Rotary lunch meeting, the country club allows us to use extra rooms if they are available. It is fair to all concerned to ask Renee to ask the staff first and to otherwise use our regular lunch room. We do not pay rent to use the extra rooms.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT:

Starting July 1, 2025, the new Rotary International President will be FRANCESCO AREZZO of Italy.



WELCOME NEW MEMBER:

MAGGIE ROBB is our newest member. Her sponsor



is STEVE PENNELL. MAGGIE has lived in West Lafayette for more than fifty years and is a Purdue grad. She practiced law for twenty years and served as a judge on the Indiana Court of Appeals for twenty-five years. Her husband is deceased and she has one son. Welcome, MAGGIE!

Donating to Lafayette Rotary

To donate to our Club's international projects:

Make check payable to: District 6560 Foundation with "Lafayette Rotary International Pass-Through Fund" in the memo.

To donate to our Club's international endowment:

Make check payable to: Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette with "Lafayette Rotary International Endowment Fund" in the memo.

To donate to our Club's local projects:

Make check payable to: Lafayette Rotary Club Foundation.

To donate to our Club's local project endowment:

Make check payable to: Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette with "Lafayette Rotary" in the memo.