

Connect and Serve

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SANGITA HANDA will be the greeter, MAGGIE ROBB and TIM LUZADER will be the money takers, CHRISTY PRESTON will be the money counter, and VAN NEIE will provide the moment of inspiration.

PROGRAM:

Diana Vice is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). Founded in 1890, this organization seeks to preserve history and promote patriotism. Members are able to trace their lineage back to a revolutionary patriot. Some of their projects include scholarships and placing historic markers at significant locations.



Diana mentioned several DAR members who worked to make the Underground Railroad a success. One specific incident that she mentioned involved the famous singer Marian Anderson who was, at first, denied the opportunity to sing in Constitution Hall in Washington, DC because of her race. Later, the DAR reversed their stance and allowed her to sing. The local General de Lafayette chapter was founded in 1894 and has over 100 members. Each year the DAR places flags on the graves of veterans. They also honor ROTC cadets and new naturalized citizens.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP:

VAN NEIE was the greeter, CHRISTA KECK and RITA ZAWISZA were the money takers, MELINDA BAIN was the money counter, and ELAINE TODD provided the moment of inspiration.

GUESTS:

Tim Scott, guest of LANE CUSTER, and Sandra Whiddon, guest of the speaker.

LOCAL BUSINESS OF THE MONTH:

Giovanni Zappala from Freckles Graphics spoke about their business.



GOLDEN SERVICE AWARD:

Congratulations to MARY KAY DAVIS for reaching the Golden Service level of giving to Lafayette Rotary Club Foundation. Generous gifts from members like you fund the many charitable projects that we do each year. Thank you!



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT:

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



PROGRAM SPEAKERS SCHEDULE:

- July 8** - Chief Scott Galloway, LPD updates
- July 15** - Fred Whitford, Agriculture history
- July 22** - Taylor Wetli, Solinftec (Ag AI & Robotic Tech)
- July 29** – Marti Gutwein, Hiking across Costa Rica

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 8 – Imagination Library Committee meeting after Rotary at 903 Columbia Street to process books. Posters and flyers are available anytime to help inform parents about the free book program for pre-school children in Tippecanoe County

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

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.

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Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette with "Lafayette Rotary" in the memo.

HANNA CENTER SUMMER CAMP:

These photos show the children at the Hanna Center Summer Camp that we help to sponsor.



PERFECT ATTENDANCE:

The chart at the right indicates the number of consecutive months of perfect attendance. Congratulations to BILL MILLER for having perfect attendance since he joined Rotary in 1973! Note that this is the last time that a perfect attendance chart will be published.

BAHA	ZARJON	25
BAIN	MELINDA	5
COPPOC	GORDON	11
COPPOC	HARRIET	11
CORBETT	NATASHA	15
CUSTER	LANE	10
DAVIS	MARY KAY	21
DECKER	KEN	1
FIGUEROA	DENNIS	54
FIGUEROA	RENEE	115
FREISER	HELENE	11
GERDE	PRIS	17
GIBBS	RICHARD	23
HANDA	SANGITA	8
HATFIELD	BILL	2
HEMAN	DAN	34
HOLLENBECK	PETER	2
KECK	CHRISTA	353
KELLEY	JACK	172
KING	HAL	1
KLUSMAN	JIM	172
LUZADER	TIM	5
MCDIVITT	WES	20
MEEKS	KATHY	34
MILLER	BILL	635
MOONEY	KARISSA	7
NEIE	VAN	10
NIELSEN	KATIE	114
OLSON	ARVID	25
OVERMAN	RHONDA	4
PENNELL	STEVE	34
PRESTON	CHRISTY	65
RAHDERT	DICK	11
ROBLEDO	BECKY	43
SOLBERG	LIZ	4
STOLZ	BOB	104
TODD	ELAINE	2
TROTT	JOHN	18
TURNER	JANE	70
WADE	JO	115
ZAWISZA	RITA	9
ZIEMER	PAUL	5