

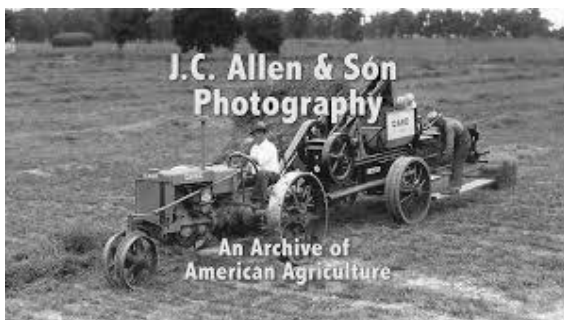
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LANE CUSTER will be the greeter, MAGGIE ROBB and PETER HOLLENBECK will be the money takers, WES MCDIVITT will be the money counter, and SCOTT RUMBLE will provide the moment of inspiration.

PROGRAM:



Fred Whitford is a Clinical Engagement Professor of Botany & Plant Pathology at Purdue. He writes books and makes presentations about agriculture history and uses photographs taken by J.C. Allen. Mr. Allen was a well-known photographer who lived from 1881-1976. He can be considered the “Ansel Adams of Agriculture” for his ability to capture the essence of rural farm life in the early 1900’s. J.C. worked part-time for Purdue and served to promote the school by showing photographs of sports and other student activities on campus. He took thousands of pictures using glass plate negatives and part of his extensive collection is housed by Purdue archives, some at the Indiana Historical Society, and others are held by his grandson, John Allen. John Allen attended our meeting today with Fred Whitford and brought the actual camera that his grandfather used one hundred years ago. J.C. Allen was unique in that he recorded the date, location, and subject of each photograph, which allows historians to have accurate information about farming in the early twentieth century.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP:

FAYE COLE was the greeter, VAN NEIE and BETTY TONSING were the money takers, DAN HEMAN was the money counter, and DAVE LUHMAN provided the moment of inspiration.

HIGH FIVE:

To RICHARD GIBBS and PATTI TRUITT for hand-delivering directories to some of our members who cannot attend meetings. Thanks for your thoughtfulness.



CONGRATULATIONS:

JANE TURNER has reached the Diamond level of giving to Lafayette Rotary Club Foundation. Thanks, JANE, for your generosity.



CAMPERSHIP FUNDS FOR HAAN:

One of the organizations that received funds for their summer camp program was the Haan Museum of Indiana Art. Kerrie Bellisaria from the museum received the check today from JANE TURNER, a Rotarian and member of the board of the Haan.



GUESTS:

Briton Weise, guest of BECKY ROBLED0; Autumn Sanchez, guest of KARISSA MOONEY; Wendy Starr, guest of JO WADE.

PROGRAM SPEAKERS SCHEDULE:

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

July 29 – Marti Gutwein, Hiking across Costa Rica

August 5 – Brian Sterner, Stewart Kline, Tippecanoe County Highway Department

August 12 - Kathleen St. Jean and Alison DeWitt, 34 Lives

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>

PROPOSED NEW MEMBERS:



Tim Scott has been proposed for membership by LANE CUSTER. Tim has retired from Caterpillar and now lectures at Purdue.

Scott Busch has been proposed for membership by ELAINE TODD. Scott is a financial advisor with Gettings Reed Financial. Welcome Tim and Scott the next time you see them!



UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 17 – Pub Club at Scott Street Pub, 1902 Scott Street, Lafayette, IN, Thursday at 5:30pm.

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 2 – SAWs ramp build. 8:30am – 1:30pm
See WES MCDIVITT for more details.

August 23 – 2025 Ice Cream Crawl

LOCAL BUSINESS OF THE MONTH:

Freckles Graphics at 3835 Fortune Drive is our Local Business of the Month. They have generously supplied us with volunteer T-shirts over the last several years.



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION:

Last week it was announced that we contributed \$684,431 to TRF during the lifetime of our club. This includes \$16,164 during this last year which ranked us No. 3 in our district. This is a remarkable achievement since we typically give about 1/3 that amount and by 1/3 of our members. A large THANK YOU to our contributors. Not only do we do big international projects but half of our dollars is returned to our district.

We need more of us to reach a higher Paul Harris level. More Paul Harris Society members and more Major Donors. Please consider participating in TRF this new Rotary year.



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FLOWERS, FLOWERS!

BRIAN RUND is one of our newest members. He lives in Romney and has a farm with extensive flower gardens. Today he shared some of the beautiful flowers with us by bringing a vase for each table. A lucky Rotarian was then able to take the bouquet home to enjoy. Thanks, BRIAN.

Donating to Lafayette Rotary

To donate to our Club's international projects:
Make check payable to: District 6560 Foundation with
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To donate to our Club's international endowment:
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