

Connect and Serve

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Our speaker will be West Lafayette Mayor John Dennis. DAVE SATTLER will be the greeter and WES MCDIVITT will be the money taker.

PROGRAM:

Greg Wetterlin is director of Restoration, a ministry of Faith Church. Restoration is a residential program that serves single and married men, ages 18 and over, who desire help from a faith-based ministry to overcome addiction. The 100-acre site is located on E 800 N between Americus and Colburn. It was started in 2016



under the name Bethany Farms. A \$100,000 grant provided seed money to start the ministry. The first residents moved in during 2018. Originally it was thought that chicken farming could provide a sustainable model for the program. As trees were taken down to clear land for buildings, Greg realized that the timber could be a source of income. Now they have a sawmill, a kiln for drying wood, and a large woodshop for building and creating custom furniture from reclaimed wood. There is also a Christmas tree farm and an apple orchard. Perhaps in the future there will be a U-pick farm. Duplex homes have been built to house the participants and currently there is room for twelve men. Restoration receives no government funding. Men are expected to remain in the program for at least thirty weeks and are given personal counseling on a regular basis. The combination of counseling and wholesome, hard work enables the men to completely turn their lives around. An informative video is available on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qjC9k7_q5cE&ab_channel=Wood-Mizer

GUEST FROM INDIA:

HAMIDA SIDDIQUI is president of her Rotary club in Bhaspur, India. She is in Lafayette visiting her daughter, a local physician. HAMIDA shared some encouraging words about the values we share as Rotarians. She and GAIL BRICKLER exchanged club flags.



UPDATE ON DOMINICAN REPUBLIC WATER PROJECT:

JACK KELLEY provided an update on this project that has impacted more than 1,000 students and teachers at five different schools. Purdue University students helped to design a water purification system that is inexpensive to maintain but helpful to prevent debilitating water-borne illnesses. In 2023, work is being completed on the system at the last school. Thanks to all Rotarians who donated funds for this project several years ago.



HIGH FIVE:

To RHONDA OVERMAN for filling in to lead our meeting last week. Thanks, RHONDA!



THANKS FOR YOUR HELP:

GAIL BRICKLER served as greeter, PAUL ZIEMER collected the money and CHRISTY PRESTON counted the money. HARRIET COPPOC provided the moment of inspiration. JO WADE prepared the powerpoint slides and DENNIS FIGUEROA was our audio-visual operator.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Jan 11 – Backpacking at Miami School 4 pm

Jan 11 – Pub Club at Black Sparrow, 223 Main St. 5:30 pm

Jan 18 – Founders 1905 Coffee committee meeting at Fresh Thyme in WL 11:45 am

Jan 19 – Truck unloading at Miami School 8:30 am

Jan 25 - Lafayette Rotarians will be assisting veterans with Bingo at the Indiana Veteran's Home.

Wednesday 1/25/23

5:30-7:30 pm. We will assist veterans with their bingo cards in case they get a little overwhelmed, and also help with transport within the facility to and from the room. Sign up at the welcome table.



Jan 31 – Next Blood Drive – sign up here:

[Versiti Blood Center of Indiana - Donor Portal](#)

Feb 10 – Volunteer for the Lafayette Symphony



Orchestra program called "Symphony on the Go" at the Long Center. This is a program for 4th and 5th grade classes to attend an orchestra

performance during the school day. We can help assist with parking or with ushering indoors. There are two shifts – one begins at 8:45 am and the second shift begins at 11:15 am. Sign up at the welcome table or let Loren Randall know you want to help. Volunteers must have had a Covid vaccination to help with this event.

DID YOU KNOW...

...that we now have \$6,194 set aside for our next international project and there is \$5,817.50 in the endowment to produce dividends to be used for future international projects? Be thinking of a possible project we can do and share your ideas with the International Projects Committee: Jack Kelley, chair, Zarjon Baha, Gordon Coppoc, Natasha Corbett, Ken Decker, Rob Galbraith, Pris Gerde, Sangita Handa, Bill Hatfield, Christa Keck, Iya Klim, and Rudy Klim.

RED KETTLE CAMPAIGN RESULTS:

Here are the final results of our efforts in December. From our checks together with the kettle totals, we raised \$10, 678.36!! We can be proud of the good that will be done in our community as a result of our contributions. Thanks to all who donated or rang bells. Thanks to FLOYD GARROTT for leading this project each year.

NOTE RECEIVED:

From Andrea Kuipers:

"Dear Rotary family, Fred treasured his time in Rotary and made it a priority in his life in retirement to be a part of its service and fellowship. Thank you for staying in contact with him even when his failing health made it impossible for him to participate. I pray you will continue your excellent work in our community."

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 current projects:
Make check payable to:
Lafayette Rotary Club Foundation.

To donate to our Club's endowment:
Make check payable to:
Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette with "Lafayette Rotary" in the memo.