

Connect and Serve

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JANUARY 24, 2023

Our speaker will be Joel Sieplinga talking about Camp Tecumseh. MARY KAY DAVIS will be the greeter, RICHARD GIBBS will be the money taker AND DAVE LUHMAN will provide the moment of inspiration.

PROGRAM:

West Lafayette Mayor John Dennis has served in this position since 2008. One of his major goals for his tenure as mayor was to bring the two cities and the county together to work as a unit. He feels that this goal has been accomplished. Another goal was to make West Lafayette the home of Purdue and not just its location. This was accomplished when the university



was incorporated within the city limits. City government focuses on these four areas: Quality of Life; Environment and Infrastructure; Public Safety; and Development and Growth. He highlighted recent achievements in each of these areas. With more than thirty miles of multi-use trails and a new multi-million dollar Wellness Center, West Lafayette can boast about the quality of life. There is a new civic space on Chauncey Avenue between city hall and the West Lafayette Public Library. A new dog park has opened in Cumberland Park and plans are underway for the construction of the new Cason Family Park on twenty-eight acres by Cumberland Road and U.S. 231. For the area of Environment and Infrastructure, West Lafayette has recently hired a Climate Resiliency and Sustainability officer. The River Road Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) project will prevent future pollution of the Wabash River. In terms of Public Safety, West Lafayette has been named the second safest college town in cities with populations over 45,000. The police department has recently hired a Social Service and Crisis Response Specialist. Firefighters are well-trained to handle medical emergencies in addition to fires. For Development and Growth, Mayor Dennis touted the more than two

billion dollars in private capital investment that has happened or been announced in the last year. There are also a number of new apartment and condo complexes that have been approved and will be constructed soon. All of this indicates that West Lafayette is a growing and thriving city.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP:

DAVE SATTLER served as greeter, WES MCDIVITT collected the money and DAN HEMAN counted the money. CHIP RUTLEDGE provided the moment of inspiration. JO WADE prepared the powerpoint slides and DENNIS FIGUEROA was our audio-visual operator.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

Jan 18 – Backpacking at Miami School 4 pm

Jan 18 – Pub Club at Black Sparrow, 223 Main St. 5:30 pm

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

Jan 24 – Major New Project committee meeting after Rotary

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. Veterans, consider this a project especially for you! Sign up at the welcome table.



Jan 31 – This is a regular meeting at the regular time and place. It is also the date of our 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.

Feb 14 – Marketing and Public Image committee meeting after Rotary. Contact JO WADE with your good ideas.

DID YOU KNOW...

...that our two scholarship committees (High School and Ivy Tech) will soon be meeting to start their plans for this spring? Let PATTY PLANTENGA know if you would like to join their effort.

COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT:

The Ice Cream Crawl committee starts work in the spring to plan for the yearly event. Committee members reach out to vendors to verify their participation and to businesses to ask for sponsorships. In 2023 the event will take place on August 19th. PRIS GERDE serves as chair and other members include GAIL BRICKLER, MARY KAY DAVIS, BOB GOLDSMITH, SANGITA HANDA, REBECCA HARTER, DAN HEMAN, CHRISTY PRESTON, and ELAINE TODD. It’s not too late to be part of this fun event.

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:
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