

Connect and Serve

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This will be a regular noon meeting at the Northend Center. Major Tony Roswarski will be our speaker. JANE TURNER will be the greeter and KATHY MEEKS will provide the moment of inspiration.

PROGRAM:

Camp Tecumseh is an independent YMCA camp that was founded in 1924. Joel Sieplinga is the CEO and has been at the camp for two years. The camp serves about 36,000 people per year through a variety of overnight camps, day camps, conferences, and specialized camps. Because of Covid, all programming was canceled in



2020, which resulted in a 93% drop in revenue. Thankfully, donations from supporters and government programs allowed them to survive and to restart programs in 2021. During 2021, about 5,500 young people attended overnight and day camps. A current new project is a 33,000 sq. ft. dining hall that will be ready to use during the upcoming season. In addition to the spacious dining area, there is a large covered porch to allow outdoor social interaction. For this building project, they used local contractors, subcontractors, and artists. Another new addition is the Skywalkers High Ropes Course which has more than fifty elements of activity and allows for more than thirty participants at a time. There are also two 400 foot zip lines. During the off-season, there are thirty-five staff members, which grows to 350 staff members during the camp season. There are nine weeks of overnight camps and seven weeks of day camps in a season. The entire property is 700 acres and includes room for fifty-five horses. The yearly budget is just under \$7 million. Joel has a goal of being able to award \$250,000 in camp scholarships because the cost per week of overnight camp is \$800. Camp Tecumseh is located in Brookston. How wonderful that we have such a great camp facility so close Lafayette!

MANY THANKS:

To 6th Street Dive and Nick Williams for another contribution to our Foundation to be used for the backpack program or other needs of students at Miami and Miller Elementary Schools. With Nick's contribution from last year, Miller School has been able to supply students with needed team equipment and gear for fall and spring sports. This encourages more students to participate, which is always a good thing. The photo shows Nick handing a \$4,000 check to RHONDA OVERMAN. Thanks, Nick



THANKS FOR YOUR HELP:

MARY KAY DAVIS served as greeter, RICHARD GIBBS collected the money and WES MCDIVITT counted the money. DAVE LUHMAN provided the moment of inspiration. JO WADE prepared the powerpoint slides and DENNIS FIGUEROA was our audio-visual operator.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Jan 25 – Backpacking at Miami School 4 pm

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. We need your help!

Jan 25 – Pub Club at Black Sparrow, 223 Main St. 5:30 pm

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](#)

Jan 31 – High School Awards committee meeting after Rotary

Feb 7 – Community College Scholarship committee meeting

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.

Feb 23 – **Pizza at Bruno's 5:30-7 pm**

Cost: \$20. Friends and spouses welcome. Menu will include pizza buffet, Bruno dough, salad station, and soft drinks. Come and enjoy Rotary fellowship. Tickets available at the welcome table.



DID YOU KNOW...

...that Frankfort Rotary Club has earned \$1,378 as their share of profits from selling Founders 1905 Coffee? We are helping other clubs as well as our own with this project.

COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT:

The High School Guest committee welcomes local high school students to our meeting ten times each year. The students introduce themselves and share about their families, their interests, and their goals. VAN NEIE serves as the committee chair and communicates with all of the schools. Committee members include GORDON COPPOC, KEN DECKER, JACK KELLEY, LIZ SOLBERG and PAUL ZIEMER.

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.

