



Connect and Serve

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We will hear more about our Imagination Library project and the ways that local children benefit from it. BECKY ROBLEDO will be the greeter, TIM LUZADER will be the money taker, JOHN TROTT will be the money counter, and DICK RAHDERT will provide the moment of inspiration.

PROGRAM:

Tony Roswarski has been mayor of Lafayette since



2003 and is currently in his fifth term of office. He spoke to us today about the current state of the city. Financially, Lafayette is on solid footing with more than \$7 million in the rainy-day fund. The tax rate for 2023 has been lowered slightly because of sound

financial practices. The rate of serious crimes has gone down since 2020 in part because of new initiatives by the police department. Some of those have been the take-home car program, more downtown patrols, more total officers on the force, and community outreach, to name a few. There are cameras installed at certain intersections that read license plates and sync the information with law-enforcement data bases. This information has helped crime investigations and has led to arrests in the case of stolen vehicles and robberies, for example. Even though the population of the city is growing, the number of serious crimes has decreased. The Lafayette Fire Department has acquired eight new trucks in the last nine years and has a high rating which is determined by the insurance industry. This means that home insurance rates are kept low. Loeb Stadium has been a very positive addition to the city with 174 events held there in 2022. New playgrounds are planned for several city parks and McGaw Park will even be getting a doggie splash pad as well as ten new pickleball courts. New construction has been done to improve infrastructure in the areas of water and sanitation. The new Public Works Campus will allow all the city maintenance vehicles and

departments to be in one location and out of the downtown area. The Greater Lafayette Climate Action Plan has been completed with Lafayette, West Lafayette and Tippecanoe County working together to create a roadmap for environmental sustainability. All of these aspects of city life mean that Lafayette is a great place to live. Hopefully more people will move here to help fill the 7,000 jobs that are currently open and available.

TODAY'S GUESTS:

Marcia Berryman, guest of BECKY ROBLEDO; Michael Olson, son of ARVID OLSON; Meredith Horner, wife of CHUCK HORNER.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP:

PAUL ZIEMER collected the money and KATHY MEEKS provided the moment of inspiration. JO WADE prepared the powerpoint slides and DENNIS FIGUEROA was our audio-visual operator.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Feb 1 – Backpacking at Miami School 4 pm

Feb 1 – Bingo at the Veterans' Home has been canceled.

Feb 1 – Pub Club at Black Sparrow, 223 Main St. 5:30 pm

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. 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.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

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| NANCY | BRANDT | 11-Feb |
| GAIL | BRICKLER | 15-Feb |
| KEN C. | DECKER | 1-Feb |
| HELENE | FREISER | 22-Feb |
| JACK | KELLEY | 23-Feb |
| CELE | MCCARTHY | 19-Feb |
| KATHRYN | NIELSEN | 5-Feb |
| JOHN | SCHNEIDER | 27-Feb |
| JOANN L. | WADE | 12-Feb |

FOUNDERS 1905 COFFEE NEWS:

New prices and new products!

These are the new products: Copper Moon decaf coffee in both ground and K-cups. We also have bags of whole beans.

Here is the new price list:

Founders 1905 regular ground coffee: \$10

Founders 1905 regular K-cups: \$20

Copper Moon decaf ground coffee: \$10

Copper Moon decaf K-cups: \$20

Copper Moon regular whole beans (2 pound bag): \$20

ONE PLATE ONLY:

Our club pays the full meal price for every plate that is taken. Please take only one plate when you go through the buffet line. Caution: sometimes the plates stick together.

DID YOU KNOW...

...that Rotarians provided 149 letters to send to deployed military personnel in partnership with the American Legion's Letters From Home campaign? Thanks to all who helped with this effort!



PROPOSED NEW MEMBER:

Bob Anderson, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity Lafayette, has been proposed for membership by KATIE NIELSEN. Welcome Bob the next time you see him!

COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT:

The Marketing and Public Image committee looks for ways to promote the name of Lafayette Rotary in our community. This includes Facebook and Instagram posts. Last year we were the sponsor of Dave Bangert's *Based in Lafayette* blog for two issues. The committee continues to seek new ways of getting recognition for our club. JO WADE serves as committee chair and other members are GAIL BRICKLER, RENEE FIGUEROA, MARTI GUTWEIN, RHONDA OVERMAN, and DAVE SATTLER.

THANKS, BLOOD DONORS!



Pictured here: KARISSA MOONEY and KATIE NIELSEN.

