

Connect and Serve

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NOVEMBER 12, 2024

ELAINE TODD will be the greeter, PAUL ZIEMER will be the money taker, CHRISTY PRESTON will be the money counter, and KEN DECKER will provide the moment of inspiration.

PROGRAM:



The Open World delegation of ladies from Tajikistan shared with us about their professional lives and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to visit the United States. **Rangina** works in remote areas of the country and seeks to give girls the opportunity to learn coding skills. She also focuses on health-related programs for adolescents. **Zahina** works on enhancing literacy and numeracy through TV, radio, and app resources. The Open World experience has been empowering and she said: “it gives us hope.” **Habibakhon** focuses on coding skills for girls and also people with disabilities. **Mavluda** is a chemist and is finishing her doctoral work. She has developed a new medicine for skin diseases and has received many awards for that. She is a professor and researcher at a pharmaceutical center. **Najmiya** is the dean of faculty of Telecommunication and Professional Training at the Technological University of Tajikistan. She seeks to encourage girls to enter technological fields. **Zarrina** is the CEO and Founder of Tamos Call Center, a Consulting Company. She has an MBA from Turkey in marketing.

HIGH SCHOOL GUEST:

Samanty Manzanero and Charlie Kallok joined us today from Lafayette Jefferson High School. VAN NEIE was their host.



HIGH FIVE:

To BECKY ROBLEDO for organizing the welcome brunch on Saturday. The food was delicious and plentiful.



THANKS FOR YOUR HELP:

TERRI ANDERSON served as greeter, and VAN NEIE provided the moment of inspiration.

GUESTS:

John Eckman, Rotarian, and guest of BECKY ROBLEDO; Denise Smith and her daughter, Sandy Hazelton from Smith Farms; Jason Anderson, husband of TERRI ANDERSON.



PROGRAM SPEAKERS SCHEDULE:

November 12 – Christina Loveless – Mary T. Klinker Veterans Center

November 19 – Greg Petrowich, President & CEO of WFYI/WBAA

November 26 – Wes Tillett, Lafayette Urban Ministry
The Kiwanis club will be joining us for this meeting.

December 3 – Candace Britten and Kelli Briscoe, Purdue student athlete trips

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION:

November is designated as FOUNDATION month, specifically THE ROTARY FOUNDATION being highlighted for it's work in supporting us and our district by returning half of our contributions to projects as matching grants, international projects we can't travel to and polio eradication also where it isn't safe to travel to are supported.

We, as a club, have 30% participation as does our district membership. Our club has many Paul Harris fellows and many who are close to their next level. We currently have six Major Donors, two of which are Second Level donors. We can be proud of this accomplishment and in January we will be visited by our new District 6560 Foundation chairman, who already has expressed his and Rotary International's appreciation of our club. A sincere THANK YOU to all of you who donated thus far, and ask all to join in supporting TRF.

DID YOU KNOW?

That our endowment funds at the Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette yield dividends each year? Our largest fund is for our own Lafayette Rotary Club Foundation and this year the disbursement will be **\$42,206**. This money will go towards our spending plan for 2025-2026 and will be used for scholarships and backpacks and Imagination Library, etc. We also have a fund specifically marked for international projects. This is the first year that we will receive a disbursement from that fund. The amount will be **\$273**. The international committee will determine how that money will be spent.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 6 – Lunch at Westminster Pub with the Open World delegation. 11am. All are welcome. Everyone orders and pays on their own.
Backpacking at Miami School 4:00pm
Pub Club at Nine Irish Brothers in West Lafayette 5:30pm.

November 8 – All-club farewell dinner for the Open World delegation from Tajikistan. 5:00pm
Location: First United Methodist Church, 1700 Mitch Daniels Blvd – at the corner with U.S. 231.

November 12 – Meeting of Imagination Library committee after Rotary.

Blood Drive at Northend Community Center 10am – 2pm. Click on this link to schedule an appointment: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=lafayetterotary>

November 21 – Truck unloading at Miami School 8:15am.



December 10 – Annual meetings and elections of Directors and Officers of both the Club and the Foundation.

December 12 – Annual Holiday Jingle and Mingle Party at the Habitat Junction House, 215 Smith St, Lafayette. 5:30pm Stay tuned for details.



December 14 – Red Kettle Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army. Please mark your calendars now and look for the signup to be available soon. FLOYD GARROTT is organizing the event.

No Rotary meetings on December 24th or 31st because of the holidays and No Rotary meeting on January 7, 2025 because the Lafayette Country Club is closed.

January 14 – Major New Project committee meeting after Rotary

[NOMINEES FOR CLUB BOARD, 2025-2026:](#)

President: Arvid Olson
President-Elect: Pris Gerde
Vice President: Lane Custer
(to be President 2027-2028)
Secretary: Renee Figueroa
Treasurer: Kathy Meeks

Continuing as Directors: Zarjon Baha, Mary Kay Davis, Richard Gibbs, Katie Nielsen, Christy Preston
Steve Pennell will serve as the Board Chair.

[NOMINEES FOR FOUNDATION BOARD, 2025-2026:](#)

President: Rhonda Overman
Vice President: Marti Gutwein
Secretary: Renee Figueroa
Treasurer: Paul Ziemer

New Director: Bob Stolz
Continuing as Director: Elaine Todd
Club Representative: Pris Gerde

[LISTEN TO PAST ROTARY MEETINGS:](#)

Each week an audio recording of the Rotary meeting is saved so that members can listen at any time. Click on the link below to listen to a recent meeting.

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[PERFECT ATTENDANCE:](#)

The chart in the next column indicates the number of consecutive months of perfect attendance at meetings with makeup credits given for committee meetings and volunteer events.

BAHA	ZARJON	17
BAIN	MELINDA	11
BURCH	VICKI	1
COPPOC	GORDON	3
COPPOC	HARRIET	3
CORBETT	NATASHA	7
CUSTER	LANE	2
DAVIS	MARY KAY	13
DECKER	KEN	17
FAVERO	ALEA	4
FIGUEROA	DENNIS	46
FIGUEROA	RENEE	107
FREISER	HELENE	3
GARROTT	FLOYD	1
GERDE	PRIS	9
GIBBS	RICHARD	15
HEMAN	DAN	26
JOHANNSEN	CHRIS	3
KECK	CHRISTA	345
KELLEY	JACK	164
KLIM	IYA	3
KLIM	RUDY	3
KLUSMAN	JIM	164
LUZADER	TIM	2
MCDIVITT	WES	12
MEEKS	KATHY	26
MILLER	BILL	627
MITHOEFER	STAN	1
NEIE	VAN	2
NIELSEN	KATIE	106
OLSON	ARVID	17
OVERMAN	RHONDA	87
PENNELL	STEVE	26
PRESTON	CHRISTY	57
RAHDERT	DICK	3
ROBLEDO	BECKY	35
STOLZ	BOB	96
TODD	ELAINE	3
TONSING	BETTY	1
TROTT	JOHN	10
TURNER	JANE	62
WADE	JO	107
ZAWISZA	RITA	1
ZIEMER	PAUL	2