



Connect and Serve

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Gary Henriott will give us an update on the Wabash Heartland Innovation Network (WHIN). ARVID OLSON will be the greeter, TIM LUZADER will be the money taker, JOHN TROTT will be the money counter, and MARY KAY DAVIS will provide the moment of inspiration.

PROGRAM:

Here are the three ideas suggested by the Major Project committee for how to allocate this year's Ice Cream Crawl profits:

Pocket Park

The pocket park will be part of the new trail being constructed along Sagamore Parkway that will connect across the Wabash River to Lafayette. Rotary would provide benches, bike racks, and a bike repair station. Rotary would have a plaque and name plates on the benches showing our contribution. Total cost: \$25,000 Champions: Becky Robledo and Rhonda Overman

Cary Scout Camp Pool Cover

A new solid pool cover will extend the life of the pool and reduce annual expenses for pool chemicals, maintenance, and repair. It will allow the pool to be opened earlier to extend the pool season from six to eight weeks. Cost: \$16,500 Champion: Loren Randall

Community Garden

This pesticide-free community garden will provide healthy, fresh produce for food insecure areas of greater Lafayette. It will be located on the property of First United Methodist Church at the corner of State Street and Route 231. Funds will provide for a storage shed, piping and connection for a water source, gardening supply cart, wheelbarrow, garden implements, and signage to promote our Club. Cost: \$5,000 Champion: Betty Tonsing

Let BECKY ROBLED0 know which project has your vote and support. Becky.robledo@oldnational.com

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP:

BETTY TONSING was our greeter, LOREN RANDALL was the money taker, DAN HEMAN counted the money, and GEORGE RAMSEY provided the moment of inspiration. JO WADE prepared the powerpoint slides and DENNIS FIGUEROA was our audio-visual operator.

VISITORS:

Mike Poehlein, guest of BOB VERPLANK and Ruy Oliveira, guest of FAYE COLE.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS AFTER ROTARY:

If your committee meets after a regular Rotary meeting, kindly return your badge and clear the table before you begin. This will be fair to all concerned.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 1 – Backpacking at Miami School 4 pm

March 1 – Pub Club at East End Grill in Lafayette 5:30 pm

March 11 – Cub Scout Pinewood Derby volunteer project 8:00 am. Cary Camp on S.R. 26. Sign up at the welcome table.

March 21 – **Invite a Guest to Rotary Day!** Our speaker will be Salim Najar, Past District Governor, talking about the Gift of Life project. Guests who are prospective members will enjoy a free buffet lunch. Let Renee know the name of the person you are bringing and a little bit about them.

DID YOU KNOW...

...that we have \$6,494 in our fund for overseas projects? We also have \$5,818 in our endowment for future overseas projects. You can contribute to either of these funds at the time of your birthday donation.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

MELINDA	BAIN	March 1
DENNIS	FIGUEROA	March 28
DON K.	GENTRY	March 1
LARRY	GIBSON	March 27
BETTY M.	NELSON	March 17
DAVID R.	SATTLER	March 13
ELIZABETH	SOLBERG	March 31
BETTY	TONSING	March 25

COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT:

The Backpack committee organizes the monthly truck unloading and weekly packing of food on Wednesdays. BECKY ROBLEDO has been chairing this committee for several years. She communicates with representatives of Food Finders Food Bank and also the principals at Miami School to keep the program running smoothly. Currently 72 bags are packed each week. Thanks to all who help unloading the truck and filling the bags.

OUR NEWEST MEMBER:

BOB ANDERSON, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity Lafayette, is officially a member. He is sponsored by KATIE NIELSEN. BOB and his wife moved here from Chicago in 2020. He was a pastor for many years and has worked with teens to provide life skills such as carpentry. Welcome, BOB, we are glad to have you!



DISTRICT 6560 GIFT OF LIFE:

The Gift of Life Program was introduced to our Rotary D6560 by BILL HATFIELD during his 1998-1999 year as District Governor. Since then, this program has funded surgeries for more than a hundred children at Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis. The program has also funded global grants that sponsored Vocational Training Teams to Uganda led by Dr. Mark Turrentine of Riley Children's Hospital and Dr. Stephanie Kinnaman of the Rotary Club of Greenfield. Additionally, it has funded medical team trips to perform heart surgeries for countless children in countries as far as Jordan, Lebanon, and beyond.

Pizza at Bruno's

A group of thirty-nine Rotarians, family members, and guests enjoyed pizza and salad at Bruno's on Thursday evening. The room was lively with conversation and a good time was had by one and all!

