

Connect and Serve

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Bring a guest to Rotary Day! We will be meeting in the larger room on the second floor.

Salim Najjar will be speaking about the Gift of Life project.

MIKE FRAMPTON will be the greeter, CELE MCCARTHY will be the money taker, DAN HEMAN will be the money counter, and PHIL KLINGER will provide the moment of inspiration.

PROGRAM:

Christina Wright started Little Bird Lane consignment sales in 2012. The business has grown so that this spring's event will have 500 consigners and thousands of shoppers to select among tens of thousands of items. These include clothing for infants through size 18 as well as shoes,



books, toys, strollers, high chairs and other equipment for children. The event will happen at the Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds on April 14th through 16th.

Consigners must bring at least twenty items for a total value of \$100 or more. They are then given the opportunity to shop before the actual sale begins. The sellers receive 60% to 75% of the revenue. Normally more than 80% of the inventory is sold, but items left over at the end of the event are donated to charity. Clothes are hung on racks and sorted by size and gender. Before starting this business, Christina would travel to Indianapolis to shop at consignment events, which led her to think of starting these sales here.

During the first event she held, there were thirty sellers so the business has grown substantially. During the years of covid, the events generated revenue of more than \$500,000 for the participants. These twice-yearly events are beneficial to families looking for modest prices and also those looking to sell items they no longer need.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP:

CELE MCCARTHY was the greeter, SANGITA HANDA was the money taker, CHRISTY PRESTON was the money counter, and VAN NEIE provided the moment of inspiration.

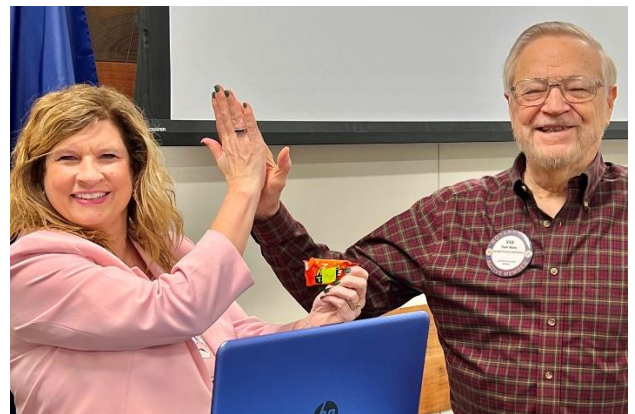
JO WADE prepared the powerpoint slides and DENNIS FIGUEROA was our audio-visual operator.

HIGH SCHOOL GUESTS:

Maya Gaeta and Zachary Kerr joined us from Central Catholic High School.



HIGH FIVE:



To VAN NEIE for getting us a new customer for Founders 1905 Coffee: St. Andrew United Methodist Church.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED:

BOB STOLZ is requesting 1-3 volunteers to pick up students at Camp Tecumseh at 1 pm and return them home. You can arrive a little early and watch a video presentation. Let him know if you can help.
314-443-5375

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 15 – Founders 1905 Coffee meeting 11:45 am at Fresh Thyme in WL

March 15 – Backpacking at Miami School 4 pm
We need your help – Purdue students are gone on spring break.

March 15 – Pub Club at Red Seven in Lafayette 5:30

March 16 – Truck unloading at Miami School 8:15 am.

March 21 – Invite a Guest to Rotary Day! Our speaker will be Salim Najjar, 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.

March 24 – Volunteer at It's My Closet 10am – noon.

April 15 – Volunteer at the Haan Museum of Indiana Art, 920 State St, Lafayette, 10 am – noon. We will be doing landscape cleanup so bring gloves and a rake, if possible.

RESULTS OF MAJOR PROJECT VOTE:

64 Voting Members

Garden – 13
Camp Pool Cover – 17
Pocket Park - 34

COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT:

The Program Speakers Committee coordinates the scheduling of our weekly speakers. Typically, our calendar is filled out three months in advance. RHONDA OVERMAN chairs the committee and MARTI GUTWEIN and SCOTT RUMBLE help to secure the speakers. DENNIS FIGUEROA communicates with the speakers so they know what to expect and sets up their powerpoint presentation. If you have a good idea for a speaker and already have their OK, share the name with a member of this committee.

HELPING AT SCOUT PINEWOOD DERBY:



Rotarians made sure that the pinewood derby cars were the legal size, shape, and weight. Cub Scouts in grades kindergarten through four participated.



DID YOU KNOW...

...that we have several members who provide transportation each week to a fellow-Rotarian? Thanks to all who do this. You are definitely showing "Service Above Self."