



Connect and Serve

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County Prosecutor Pat Harrington will speak about local gang activity.

MARY KAY DAVIS will be the greeter, LOREN RANDALL will be the money taker, WES MCDIVITT will be the money counter, and TIM LUZADER will provide the moment of inspiration.

PROGRAM:

SALIM NAJJAR, Past District Governor 2010-11,



spoke to us today about the Gift of Life Project, which was originally promoted by BILL HATFIELD during his time as District Governor, 1998-99. District 6560 has supported it ever since. Gift of Life provides funding for pediatric heart

surgeries for children around the world with heart defects. In the past, the children were brought to the United States for their surgery at no cost to the family. In Indiana, those surgeries took place at Riley Children's Hospital. More recently, mission teams of doctors and nurses go to a foreign country and spend a week doing multiple surgeries and teaching local physicians about their techniques. The first such vocational training team went to Uganda in 2010 and SALIM was able to accompany them and actually video tape some of the procedures. The Rotary Club of Greenfield supports Gift of Life in a major way through funds raised during their annual auction gala. Gift of Life has nine trips planned for this year. One of our guests, Voltisa Vasili, described the experience of one member of her extended family from Albania whose infant niece benefitted from the program. This happened in 2014 and now the child is ten years old and thriving.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP:

MIKE FRAMPTON was the greeter, CELE MCCARTHY was the money taker, DAN HEMAN was the money counter, and PHIL KLINGER provided the moment of inspiration. ARVID OLSON was our audio-visual operator.

GUESTS:

Jan Nielsen, guest of KATIE NIELSEN; Voltisa Vasili, guest of MARTI GUTWEIN; and Daily Tingley, guest of FAYE COLE.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 22 – Backpacking at Miami School 4 pm

March 22 – Pub Club at Red Seven in Lafayette 5:30

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.

COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT:

The Rotaract committee connects with the Rotaract Club at Purdue by attending some of their meetings and communicating with the officers. VICKI BURCH is the chair of the committee and TIM LUZADER is the faculty advisor. Let them know if you would like to learn more about the Rotaract Club.

DID YOU KNOW...

...that so far this Rotary year, which started in July, a total of \$40,815 has been donated to the Lafayette Rotary Club Foundation by birthday table members, the Ice Cream Crawl sponsors, and other donors? Thanks to all of you who are responsible for this amazing generosity!



The following was presented by MARTI GUTWEIN today as a way of informing our guests about our club.

Top 10 Things I Like about Lafayette Rotary

1. Learning about our community - mayors, business leaders, coaches, and non-profit directors as speakers.
2. Ga-Ga Pits, recess equipment and sponsoring the Miller School sports program with T-shirts and a banquet helping children to THRIVE.
3. Founders 1905 Coffee Co project to raise funds for our club and help other Rotary clubs raise funds, too.
4. Books! Lots and lots of books! Books for preschoolers thru Imagination Library, a Book Vending Machine at Miami Elementary and Little Libraries.
5. Making a difference in housing for our neighbors with the SAWS ramp build and the Habitat House build.
6. Fun Times! Chili cook off, Pizza at Bruno's, Aviators games, Boxing class, Tailgates.
7. Panel Discussions – Women Business Owners, Teachers, Minority Business Owners.
8. Giving back - Backpacks of food for food-insecure families, Haan museum clean-up, Purdue Half Marathon water station, Blood drives, Celery Bog table of local hardwoods, Solar power for the Girl Scout Camp, scholarships for IVY Tech students, Salvation Army bell ringing & Socktober for LTHC.
9. International is not just in our name - truly something we are. International projects, most recently a water purification system in the Dominican Republic - international guests, most recently Ukraine firefighters and EMTs for the Open World program - international connections with sponsored grad students or simply meeting a fellow Rotarian while traveling in the Republic of Georgia.
10. ICE CREAM CRAWL - super fun fundraiser building our presence in the community for a good cause!