

## Connect and Serve

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### NOON MEETING MARCH 30:

Our speaker will be Cindy Gerlach from Lafayette Master Chorale. The menu will be roasted pork loin and bowtie pasta with alfredo sauce. Meals must be reserved in advance. Go to [lafayetterotary.org](http://lafayetterotary.org) to reserve your meal.

Here is the [New Zoom link](#) that is good through June 22, 2021:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87456656438?pwd=a0xoMzZxT0dLemNERnVpWm5heWhRdz09>

Meeting ID: 874 5665 6438

Passcode: 935354

### VIRTUAL PUB CLUB:

Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84100249113?pwd=cnFLdzVQUjFzNDZsdTV4bm92WTNHdz09>

Meeting ID: 841 0024 9113

Passcode: 273851

### PROGRAM:

Joy Grow is the director of the Indiana Veterans'



Home (IVH) in West Lafayette. She started in this position at the beginning of the pandemic so she has faced many challenges in the past year.

She credits the very compassionate staff with the good care that the residents receive. Construction on the original buildings of the home began in 1890. The campus

sits on a scenic 250-acre site and includes a large number of buildings. The age of all of the buildings requires that much time and attention needs to be given to their upkeep. This is the only long-term care facility in our state for veterans. The maximum capacity is 284, but currently there are fewer than 110 residents. The staff was able to keep the virus at bay until December 2020 when the home was hit pretty

hard with a lot of sickness. Unfortunately, twenty-five residents were lost due to Covid-19. The facility includes a memory care unit, which is becoming more and more necessary. Joy expressed appreciation for the Master Gardeners for maintaining some of the landscape areas and to organizations such as the American Legion and the VFW for volunteering at the home. Recently restrictions have been lifted and volunteers are again able to come into the home and relatives are able to visit. Any Indiana veteran is eligible to live at the home as long as they qualify for needing the care provided. The Commandant's House is a beautiful structure that has fallen into disrepair and is not currently used. Funding has been secured to refurbish it with the hope that it can be used as a meeting place and a place to display historic artifacts and artwork owned by IVH. Joy invited us to come and explore the property and enjoy the park-like atmosphere.

At Lafayette Country Club there were 24 members. We were joined by Dale Driggs, friend of STEVE PENNELL; Laurie Upson, friend of ELLIE WANG; and Kristin Stolz, wife of BOB STOLZ.

On Zoom there were 23 members. We were joined by Assistant DG DAVID STRAND. Loren Randall, District Executive for Wabash Valley Boy Scouts, joined us as guest of CHRISTINE MILLS.

### CONGRATULATIONS:



JACK KELLEY received his Paul Harris Fellow +8 pin and RENEE FIGUEROA received her PHF certificate.

Thanks to both of you for your generosity to The Rotary Foundation.

### HAAN MANSION PROJECT:

One of Lafayette's best kept secrets is the Haan Mansion Museum and their extensive collection of artworks. The property also includes an outdoor sculpture garden. On April 10<sup>th</sup> from 10am until noon we are invited to help clean up the garden area in preparation for spring. Bring a rake and work gloves and be sure to wear a mask. Let GAIL BRICKLER know if you can help. 586-8846

### SOCK IT TO ME!

More socks are needed at LTHC Homeless Services. We are collecting new adult socks of any type between now and April 9<sup>th</sup>. Take your socks to GAIL BRICKLER at Centier Bank inside the West Lafayette Meijer store or she is willing to pick them up from you. GAIL will purchase the socks if you prefer to give a monetary donation. Our goal is to collect 100 pairs!

### FREE SMALL LIBRARIES:

These libraries, which are located all around town, are in need of preschool books. New or gently used books accepted. Bring them to a Tuesday meeting or let JACK KELLEY know that you have some to donate.

### FREE SMALL FOOD PANTRY:

A Free Small Food Pantry is an enclosed box that allows anyone to come and take food items as needed or to donate as they are able. JACK KELLEY is building the box and it will be placed at the Hartford Hub, a community building at 1103 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St in Lafayette. This center is a place that provides recreational and after-school programs for the neighborhood. The Free Small Food Pantry will be a welcome addition. Members of the community and Rotarians can stock the pantry with non-perishables or other household items.

### ICE CREAM CRAWL 2021:



### HABITAT WOMEN BUILD:

We have formed a team to participate in this year's women build. The build will be in honor of past Rotarian, LETA KELLEY. If you would like to honor LETA by donating to the build, make your check out to Lafayette Rotary Club Foundation and put "Women Build " on the memo line.

### WHEELCHAIR RAMP BUILD:



Last September a number of Rotarians helped the SAWS organization build a wheelchair ramp in Lafayette. The SAWS

organization has the location and materials, and they provide all of the planning and construction leadership. JACK KELLEY will lead a team of volunteers to make this happen again. Stay tuned for details.

### NEW GRANTS AWARDED

Two new grants have been awarded to local organizations thanks to your generosity. An amount of \$2000 has been given to the Lyn Treece Boys & Girls Club to create a new outdoor classroom space.



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BOYS & GIRLS CLUB  
OF TIPPECANOE COUNTY**

A \$2000 grant to Round the Fountain Art Fair will help support education by giving to the six local high schools' visual arts programs and TAF's After School Arts program for underserved kids in the local neighborhoods.



### TOUR ROTARY HEADQUARTERS:

During the COVID-19 pandemic, we've been unable to offer in-person tours of Rotary International World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA. Now our new virtual tour makes it easy for members to get a peek at the changes we've made in the building anytime and from anywhere. They'll also learn more about Rotary's vision to create lasting change in communities around the world. [Share the virtual tour](#) with members at your next club meeting.