



Connect and Serve

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Christina Wright will speak about her consignment business.

CELE MCCARTHY will be the greeter, SANGITA HANDA will be the money taker, CHRISTY PRESTON will be the money counter, and VAN NEIE will provide the moment of inspiration.

PROGRAM:



Wabash Heartland Innovation Network (WHIN) is a consortium of 10 counties in north-central Indiana devoted to working together to fuel prosperity by harnessing the power of internet-enabled sensors to develop our region into a global epicenter of

digital agriculture and next-generation manufacturing. Gary Henriott is the Board Chair of the organization and spoke to us today about the things WHIN is doing. WHIN was founded in 2017 with a \$40 million grant from the Lilly Foundation. The goal is to cultivate a prosperous regional ecosystem. WHIN works with thirty manufacturers and sixty-eight farmers in the area to implement and test new technologies to improve outcomes. One example is the installation of weather stations all over the area. Information is received from each station every fifteen minutes. This data can help farmer when making decisions about planting and harvesting. New technologies for manufacturers are helping to keep employees safer. WHIN covers the cost of installing and implementing the technology for the first year and then the technology partners start to cover some of the cost. All of the data that WHIN collects is available for free to the public. Purdue University and Ivy Tech are involved with fifty researchers analyzing the data. The three types of partners: alliance members (farmers and manufacturers), technology companies, and researchers all benefit from what WHIN is doing. Another important component is broadband connectivity and WHIN is installing technology that extends broadband in rural areas.

The entire region around Lafayette and West Lafayette is benefitting from WHIN and its initiatives.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP TODAY:

ARVID OLSON was the greeter, TIM LUZADER was the money taker, JOHN TROTT was the money counter, and MARY KAY DAVIS provided the moment of inspiration.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 8 – Backpacking at Miami School 4 pm

March 8 – Pub Club at East End Grill in Lafayette 5:30 pm

March 14 – Imagination Library book processing after Rotary

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

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

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.

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.

April 16 – Help Girl Scouts learn to cook at Camp Sycamore Valley. Two shift times: 1:45-3:15 with Cadettes and 3:15-5:00 with Juniors. Here is the signupgenius link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c48a4ac2ea7fd0-rotary#/>

RESULTS OF MAJOR PROJECT VOTE:

64 Voting Members
 Community Garden – 13
 Cary Scout Camp Pool Cover – 17
 Pocket Park – 34

Stay tuned to learn how you can be involved to help raise money for this project with the Ice Cream Crawl.

COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT:

The Todd Scholarship Committee administers this scholarship that was funded years ago by members of the Attica-Williamsport Rotary Club. There are sufficient funds in an endowment to provide the money needed. In the past few years, Abigail Ekeigwe from Nigeria and Qais Amarkhil from Afghanistan have been the recipients as they pursued their PhD degrees at Purdue. A new recipient is yet to be chosen. JOHN SCHNEIDER leads the committee and MARY KAY DAVIS, TIM LUZADER, and TERRY WEST are part of the team. How wonderful that a gift from Rotary helps international students work towards their advanced degrees!

DID YOU KNOW...

...that participation in committee meetings and service projects counts toward makeups so that when you miss a meeting, you can still achieve “perfect attendance?” Your makeups are recorded and kept and used each month to fill in your missing meeting dates. On July 1st, the makeup credit bank is set to zero for everyone and we all start again for the new Rotary year. It won’t surprise you to know that JACK KELLEY has the most makeup credits at this time. Well done, JACK, and thanks for all your service and participation.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE:

ANDERSON	BOB	1
BAHA	ZARJON	2
BRICKLER	GAIL	38
BURCH	VICKI	1
COLE	FAYE	1
COPPOC	GORDON	3
CORBETT	NATASHA	1
DAVIS	MARY KAY	32
DECKER	KEN	1
FIGUEROA	DENNIS	26

FRAMPTON	MIKE	3
FREISER	HELENE	4
GIBBS	RICHARD	2
GUTWEIN	MARTI	1
HATFIELD	BILL	506
HEMAN	DAN	6
JOHANNSEN	CHRIS	4
KECK	CHRISTA	325
KELLEY	JACK	144
KLIM	IYA	19
KLIM	RUDY	19
KLUSMAN	JIM	144
LUZADER	TIM	3
MCDIVITT	WES	6
MEEKS	KATHY	6
MILLER	WILLIAM R.	607
MITHOEFER	STAN	8
MOONEY	KARISSA	1
NEIE	VAN	6
NIELSEN	KATIE	86
OVERMAN	RHONDA	67
PENNELL	STEVE	6
PRESTON	CHRISTY	37
RAHDERT	DICK	7
RAMSEY	GEORGE	3
RANDALL	LOREN	4
ROBLEDO	BECKY	15
RUTLEDGE	CHIP	2
SCHNEIDER	JOHN	4
SHOOK	DON	2
SOLBERG	ELIZABETH A.	1
STOLZ	BOB	76
TONSING	BETTY	1
TROTT	JOHN	5
TURNER	JANE	42
VERPLANK	BOB	693
WADE	JO	87
WEST	TERRY	355
ZIEMER	PAUL	2

