

Connect and Serve

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LUNCH MEETING APRIL 27:

Our speaker will be Mindy Gilbert, co-founder of It's My Closet, one of our major grant recipients. Invocation will be given by RICHARD RAHDERT. The menu will be roast beef and gravy with macaroni and cheese. Meals must be reserved in advance. Go to lafayetterotary.org to reserve your meal.

Here is the zoom link that is good through June 22nd:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87456656438?pwd=a0xoMzZxT0dLemNERnVpWm5heWhRdz09>

Meeting ID: 874 5665 6438

Passcode: 935354

PROGRAM:

Kelly Lippie is the curator of collections at Tippecanoe County Historical Association (TCHA) where she has worked since 2013. She keeps track of all of the collections and sees that items are stored properly. The mission of TCHA is to enrich the lives of local citizens and visitors by



collecting, preserving, and interpreting the history of Tippecanoe County. In 1880 Richard Wetherill tried to establish a historical society, but it was short-lived. Several other attempts also failed. In 1925 Lafayette celebrated its centennial and interest in local history increased. Hence, the Tippecanoe County Historical Society was formed. The organization re-evaluated their mission and chose to dissolve that organization and to start Tippecanoe County Historical Association. In 1930, Wetherill and others built the blockhouse which continues to serve as a symbol of our local history. Two properties owned by TCHA are kept in collaboration with Tippecanoe County Parks Department: Tippecanoe Battlefield and Museum in Battle Ground and Fort Ouiatenon Historic Park and Blockhouse Museum. Their remaining three properties are the TCHA History Center at 522 Columbia St, Lafayette; the Arganbright Genealogy Center; and the Ouiatenon Preserve, the historic site of the French fort built in the 1700's. The Feast of the

Hunter's Moon, which has been held for more than fifty years, is the largest fundraiser for TCHA and brings in almost one million dollars to the local economy. The collections owned by TCHA include archival materials, photos, a library, and artifacts such as artwork, textiles, furniture, and toys. The library at the Genealogy Center is not a circulation library and visitors must make appointments. Volunteers staff the library and are able to help patrons find the information and records they are seeking. Materials such as ledgers, directories, correspondence, maps, and posters are available for viewing. Donations of appropriate materials are accepted by TCHA once approved by a committee. The collections at TCHA are a rich resource of important historic materials for all residents of our area.

At Lafayette Country Club there were 34 members. On Zoom there were 24 members and AG DAVID STRAND.

WELCOME TO LAFAYETTE ROTARY:

ERIC ORENSTEIN was introduced today as our



are glad to have you, ERIC!

newest member. He is pictured here with his sponsor, JACK KELLEY. ERIC is an orthopedic surgeon at IU Health Arnett. He and his wife, Gail, have three children. ERIC enjoys composing music, singing, and playing the piano. We

PATTY PLANTENGA is transferring into our club from Monticello. She is the Director of Academic Advising at Ivy Tech Community College where she has worked since 2003. She is married to her husband, Dan, and has two children, both of whom graduated from Purdue. Welcome, Patty!



PROPOSED NEW MEMBER:

Dale Driggs is a Financial advisor with Sigma Financial in West Lafayette. His sponsor is STEVE PENNELL. His membership has been approved by the executive board and he will soon be introduced to the club.

HIGH SCHOOL GUESTS:

We were joined today by Malorie McGuire and Ezekiel Little from Lafayette Jefferson High School. GORDON COPPOC was as their host.



ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR:

Is there a fellow-Rotarian that you admire for all they do to make ours a great club? If so, you can recommend him or her for the honor of Rotarian of the Year. Forms are available from Renee and are due by the end of April.

GUEST RECEPTION:

We will be hosting a **Guest Reception** on Tuesday, August 31, 2021 from 5:30-7:00 pm. This will be an opportunity to invite friends and business associates to come and learn about our Rotary club and meet our members. Planning for this special occasion is just getting started. Let Renee know if you are willing to serve on the event committee.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April - **Dues are due** if you only paid for six months in the fall. Those who paid the full \$300 at that time do not need to pay now. An email reminder has been sent to those who owe at this time. \$150.

April 21 - Pub Club at 5:30 pm. Contact TERRY WEST for location.

May 1 - Celebrate Arbor Day by planting trees with Tree Lafayette. 9:30-11:00 am. Each team will plant 3 trees. Sign up at treelafayette.org SAM BIEDERSTEDT will head the Rotary team. Approximately 64 trees will be planted by volunteers. The event will be held on North 15th Street in Lafayette between Greenbush and Schuyler Avenue. All volunteers must be pre-registered.

May 2 - Lafayette Daybreak's "Drive-Thru for Mental Health" outside of Carnahan Hall in Market Square Plaza. 2:00 - 6:00 pm

May 6 - Lafayette Daybreak's Virtual "Toast to Mental Health. 6:00-8:00 pm Here is a link:

<https://one.bidpal.net/Toast2021>

May 11 - Blood Drive. 10 am - 2:15 pm at Lafayette Country Club parking lot. Contact KATIE NIELSEN if you have questions.

Here is the link to sign up:

https://donate.indiana.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/145387

June 17 - Habitat Women Build

July 8 - Aviators Game at the new Loeb Stadium. 7:00 pm
Tickets will be \$8 each.



Sometime this summer - SAWs Ramp Build. Contact JACK KELLEY if you are willing to help.

August 21 - Our 4th annual ICE CREAM CRAWL
Here is the link to purchase passports (tickets):
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lafayette-rotary-ice-cream-crawl-tickets-143853249943>

August 29 - **Guest Reception** at Lafayette Country Club from 5:30-7:30pm. Plan to invite your friends. More details to follow.

MONEY, MONEY, MONEY!

Did you know that it takes SIX hard-working Rotarians to collect, deposit, and record money received and to pay bills due for our organization?? JIM KLUSMAN is treasurer for the club and keeps all records on QuickBooks. KATIE NIELSEN is the assistant treasurer and records and deposits all monies. RENEE FIGUEROA pays all bills. FLOYD GARROTT is treasurer for Lafayette Rotary Club Foundation and keeps all records on QuickBooks. JANE TURNER is the assistant treasurer and records and deposits all monies for LRCF. BOB STOLZ is treasurer for Founders1905 coffee and keeps all records. These Rotarians do these jobs on a weekly basis and keep track of money in and money out in an accurate and honest way. Take a moment to thank each of them when you have the opportunity. They keep things running smoothly in the background.

SOCKS, SOCKS, SOCKS:

Thanks to all who donated socks for LTHC - more than 200 pairs were collected!

SEEKING DONATIONS:

Books for preschool children are needed for the Free Small Libraries located all over town. Bring them to a Rotary meeting or let JACK KELLEY know that you have some.

Canned and boxed food items can be delivered to the Free Small Food Pantry at 6th and Hartford St, Lafayette at any time. Let Renee know to receive makeup credit.

Donations are now being accepted to go towards our Habitat Women Build that will honor Leta Kelley. Make checks payable to Lafayette Rotary Club Foundation and put Women Build on the memo line.

Donating to Lafayette Rotary

To donate to our Club's current projects:

Make check payable to:

Lafayette Rotary Club Foundation.

To donate to our Club's endowment:

Make check payable to: *Community*

Foundation of Greater Lafayette

with "Lafayette Rotary" in the memo.

To donate to our Club's international projects:

Make check payable to: *District 6560*

Foundation with "Lafayette Rotary

International Fund" in the memo.