

## Connect and Serve

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### LUNCH MEETING MAY 4:

Our speaker will be Kitty Campbell talking about Leadership Lafayette. Invocation will be given by GEORGE RAMSEY.

The menu will be chicken and mashed potatoes. Meals must be reserved in advance. Go to [lafayetterotary.org](http://lafayetterotary.org) to reserve your meal.

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

Meeting ID: 874 5665 6438

Passcode: 935354

### PROGRAM:

Two teachers at Lafayette Jefferson High School, Mindy Gilbert and Donna Osborn, started It's My Closet in 2005 when they realized the impact of poverty on some of their students and their families. It's My Closet provides free clothing and hygiene items, things that families cannot get through other programs such as WIC.



Students in Lafayette Schools and their family members have the opportunity to shop at It's My Closet twice per month. Lafayette School Corporation (LSC) provides portable classrooms behind the decommissioned Durgan Elementary School and pays for all utilities so that monetary donations can go towards items that must be purchased such as uniform pieces and underclothes. Mindy explained that the needs within LSC have grown in recent years with a greater percentage of students on free and reduced lunch. During the past year, the store has been closed, but Mindy has met with families on an individual basis to serve their needs. Previously, the store was open three afternoons per week and every other Saturday. In addition to clothing, items such as shoes, purses, books, and small household items are available. When items are donated in an unusable condition they are given to Goodwill. Other excess

items are donated to Stockwell United Methodist Church which has a program of taking semi-truck loads of clothing to Sioux and Navajo nations. This year, some proceeds from our Fourth Annual Ice Cream Crawl will be given to It's My Closet and a district grant has been applied for as well. We will have several volunteer projects in the coming months. On May 15<sup>th</sup> we will be helping transition items to and from storage and on June 3<sup>rd</sup> we will be organizing school supplies to be given out in August. Note these events elsewhere in *Ripples*. Many thanks to Mindy and Donna for meeting the needs of those in our community in a manner that exemplifies "Service Above Self."

At Lafayette Country Club there were 28 members. Chad Welch, owner of BoxFit, joined us as MARTI GUTWEIN's guest. On Zoom there were 26 members.

### CONGRATULATIONS:



ELAINE TODD has reached the Golden Service Plus level of giving to Lafayette Rotary Club Foundation.

MARTI GUTWEIN has reached the Paul Harris Fellow +4 level of giving to The Rotary Foundation. DAN BERGER has reached PHF+3 level of giving to TRF. Thanks to each Rotarian for supporting these foundations that make a difference here and around the world.



## TOAST TO MENTAL HEALTH:

DAVID STRAND and BILL LAPCHESKA from Lafayette Daybreak Rotary joined us today to encourage us to participate in the Toast to Mental Health. A drive-through event will be held on May 2<sup>nd</sup> outside of Carnahan Hall in Market Square Plaza from 2 to 6 pm. A virtual event will be held on May 6<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 pm. Here is the link to participate: <https://one.bidpal.net/Toast2021>

## HIGH SCHOOL GUESTS:



We were joined today by Sheridan Phillips and Emilio Reyes from McCutcheon High School. VICKI BURCH was as their host.

## WELCOME TO LAFAYETTE ROTARY:

ERIC ORENSTEIN is our 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.



## YOUR HELP IS NEEDED:

Greeters and Money Takers are needed before each Tuesday meeting. 11:15-11:45 am  
Here is the signupgenius link to sign up:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A48ADAE2CA3F94-help>

## 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 for you 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 28 - Pub Club at Bru Burger on 2<sup>nd</sup> St, 5:30 pm.

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](http://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>

May 15 - It's My Closet service project. 10 am - noon. Help "tote the totes" for rearranging from winter items to summer items. It's My Closet is located behind the former Durgan School across 18<sup>th</sup> Street from Jefferson High School. Turn west onto Hiatt Drive. Let Renee know if you can help.

June 3 - It's My Closet service project. 2-4 pm. A large quantity of school supplies needs to be sorted and organized for distribution later this summer. It's My Closet is located behind the former Durgan School across 18<sup>th</sup> Street from Jefferson High School. Turn west onto Hiatt Drive.

Let Renee know if you can help.

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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

### MAY BIRTHDAYS:

JACQUE	CHOSNEK	May 25
FAYE	COLE	May 9
CAROL	GALBRAITH	May 8
LINDA	GUTWEIN	May 25
GERALD	MCCARTHY	May 9
DAVE	MCGAW	May 6
ARVID	OLSON	May 24
CHRISTY	PRESTON	May 28
ROBERT	VERPLANK	May 26
ELLIE	WANG	May 25
SARAH J.	WATLINGTON	May 6

### HAPPY PACKERS:

Fourteen Rotarians and two guests showed up last Wednesday to pack bags of food for Miami Elementary students. A good time was had by one and all. Would you like to help next time? The signup sheet is on the bulletin board. There are three more weeks of packing for this school year.



### HAVE YOU SEEN THIS LICENSE PLATE AROUND TOWN?



#### 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.

### PURCHASING FOUNDERS 1905 COFFEE:

There is a signup sheet on the welcome table if you would like to order coffee with no shipping charge. You can pick it up at a Tuesday lunch meeting. See LINDA GUTWEIN for details.