

Connect and Serve

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Jeff and Elizabeth Vierk will speak about their business, Vierk's Fine Jewelry.

PROGRAM:

Jennifer Shook is the Chief Development Officer for LTHC Homeless Services (formerly known as Lafayette Transitional Housing). She spoke to us today about the services they offer and some specific programs. In 2020, the Engagement Center was opened at 12th and Union Streets. This facility has a health clinic, offices for social services, showers,



laundry, lockers, as well as living units. In addition, the agency has ninety-nine units of permanent supportive housing in Lafayette with government approval for forty more units. The goal is always to help clients to find stable housing. In the United States, half a million people are homeless. In our area, the most common age range for those who are homeless is 20-40 years old, but recently more senior citizens are seeking housing help. One specific program is for veterans and since 2012 there has been increased government support for this. There are two case managers dedicated to helping homeless veterans and it usually takes about two weeks to find appropriate housing for them. Although we have the Family Promise building on the campus of the Northend Community Center, it is not large enough to house all of the families needing emergency housing because there is only room for five families. Many of those seeking help from LTHC Homeless Services have steady jobs and housing vouchers, but there are just not enough housing units available at a reasonable price.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER:

HELENE FREISER, sponsored by TERRY WEST, is our newest member.



HELENE was born in Stockholm, Sweden, but graduated from Purdue. She is a retired chemist and worked in industry and academia. She has two daughters. She enjoys being active and playing tennis.

Helene attends Pub Club frequently and was introduced to Rotary that way. Welcome, HELENE!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP TODAY:

GEORGE RAMSEY was the greeter. MARY KAY DAVIS and DAN HEMAN handled the money. Our moment of inspiration was presented by ELAINE TODD. DENNIS FIGUEROA monitored the computer. JO WADE prepared the powerpoint presentations.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

August 17- Pub Club at Red Seven in Lafayette 5:30

August 20 –Fifth Annual Ice Cream Crawl 1-4 pm



Thanks to all who are volunteering to help by greeting guests at the ice cream locations. And thanks to those who purchased passports for families who visit It's My Closet. We have 23 family passports to share with them.

August 25 – Truck unloading of food at Miami Elementary School. 8:30 am



August 27 – Help at the Ouibache event: Americana in the Park at Columbian Park Memorial Island
Here is the link to sign up to help with this event:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4ba5ae2ea6fa7-rotary>

or you can sign up at the welcome table.

August 30 – ALOHA ROTARY



This will be our “Meet and Greet” event when we will welcome potential members as our guests. 5:30-7:30 pm at Coyote Crossing Golf Club. The cost will be \$25 for members and spouses; \$10 for guests. Entertainment will

be group trivia as well as ukulele music from our own members. Hawaiian shirts are encouraged, but not mandatory. Reservations can be made at the welcome table.

September 6 – Meeting of Ice Cream Crawl volunteers. 1:00 pm.

September 7 – First backpacking of the year at Miami Elementary School. 4:00 pm.

September 11 - The Lafayette Rotary Euchre Game night will be from 6:00-9:00 pm at the home of Mary Kay Davis. Address is 510 Rose Street, West Lafayette. Please bring a snack to share and plan for a fun night of cards and fellowship. Please indicate number of guests when you sign up. Mary Kay may be reached at marykdavis5@gmail.com or by phone at 765-427-7637.

September 17 – Walk to End Alzheimer’s Riehle Plaza 9:30 am Let GAIL BRICKLER know if you can volunteer or walk.

Other upcoming events – plan to participate!

- Social event at Brokerage Brewing Co in WL
- Attend a performance of the Purdue Theatre department and tour Pao Hall with host Rich Dionne.
- Volunteer at the Purdue Half Marathon
- Volunteer at It’s My Closet

VISITING ROTARIAN:

Rotarian STAN JACOBS, District 6560 Membership Chair. STAN has been going around to visit all 44 clubs in our District to encourage membership growth.

DID YOU KNOW...

...that in one year, It’s My Closet spent \$2,236 on jeans, \$1,040 on socks, and \$416 on deodorant? There are just a few of the items that the directors purchase to share with shoppers in addition to all of the donated clothing and household items that they receive. The directors work hard to spend money judiciously in ways that meet the needs of the families. There is still money left from our grants given in 2021 to purchase items in this new school year.

NEW ROTARY CLOCK:

A new Rotary clock is to be installed at the corner of 5th and Main this week thanks to Daybreak Rotary. If you spot it, take a photo and share with Renee to be included in a future issue of *Ripples*.



Donating to Lafayette Rotary

To donate to our Club’s international projects:
Make check payable to: *District 6560 Foundation* with "Lafayette Rotary International Pass-Through Fund" in the memo.

To donate to our Club’s international endowment:
Make check payable to:
Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette with "Lafayette Rotary International Endowment Fund" in the memo.

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.