



Connect and Serve

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NO NOON MEETING

Our **ALOHA ROTARY** meeting will at Coyote Crossing Golf Clubhouse from 5:30-7:30 pm. This is located at 5801 Augusta Blvd, WL. See directions at the end of this issue. Reservations must be made in advance – contact Renee.



PROGRAM:

Elizabeth and Jeff Vierk from Vierk's Fine Jewelry spoke to us about the history and trends related to their business. The business was founded seventy-five years ago by Jeff's grandfather, Mac McHaley and started as a used clothing store. From there, the store started selling military surplus items, which lasted until 2005. In the 1970's, Jeff's father, Dan, was involved in running the store and they sold bicycles. In the late 1970's and early 1980's, gold and silver were rising in value and they began dealing in those precious metals. This led to getting a large amount of jewelry and so that is what they sell now. There are currently fourteen full-time employees and the business continues to grow. The Vierks used to travel to acquire diamonds and gems, but with the help of the internet, it is possible for them to order what they need from places like India and Antwerp, Belgium. The 2006 movie, *Blood Diamond*, starring Leonardo DiCaprio put a spotlight on some of the inhumane practices in the mining of diamonds. Jeff indicated that there are international watchdog groups now that monitor mining processes to be sure that those practices no longer take place. New technology has meant that diamonds can now be cut in new ways,



making some heirloom jewelry old-fashioned and no longer desirable. One interesting note that Elizabeth made was that the idea of taking a loved one's ashes and making them into diamonds is a complete fallacy. It cannot be done.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP TODAY:

BETTY TONSING was the greeter. Our moment of inspiration was presented by CHIP RUTLEDGE. DENNIS FIGUEROA monitored the computer. JO WADE prepared the powerpoint presentations.

THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED:

This year's Ice Cream Crawl was a huge success thanks to our ice cream vendors, event sponsors, and all of the Rotarian volunteers and participants. The final results of dollars raised for our major projects will be shared at the Aloha Rotary event. Our major projects this year are the Girl Scouts solar project and Imagination Library, which has given out 187 million books all over the country since 1995.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

August 24- Pub Club at Red Seven in Lafayette 5:30

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>

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.

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 10 – Memorial service for SALLY SIEGRIST from 2-4 pm at Lafayette Country Club.

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.

September 26 – Food Finders Food Bank annual Volunteer Appreciation Party from 4-6 pm at 1210 N 10th St, Lafayette. RSVP to BECKY ROBLEDO before September 16th.

October upcoming events – plan to participate!

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

ROTARIAN HONORED:

YOUNG LEE has been recognized on the 2022 Forbes “Best-in-State Next-Generation Wealth Advisors” list. Congratulations, YOUNG!

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



DID YOU KNOW...

...that a new Rotary clock has been installed at the intersection of 5th and Main in Lafayette? The following is written on the back of the clock:

“Donated in 2022 by Bob and Rhonda Feuer in honor of Bob’s 46 years as an active member of Rotary.”



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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: 187
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.

Directions to Coyote Crossing Golf Clubhouse:

Coyote Crossing is located northeast of Harrison High School in West Lafayette. Drive north on Salisbury past Harrison to 600 N. Turn right, east.

Turn right into the Coyote Crossing subdivision:



Turn right at the first street.



After 9 lots on the left, turn left into the golf course.



2022 ICE CREAM CRAWL:

And a good time was had by one and all!

