

Connect and Serve

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SEPTEMBER 3, 2024

DAVE SATTLER will be the greeter, DIANE BOENER will be the money taker, MELINDA BAIN will be the money counter, and BOB STOLZ will provide the moment of inspiration..

PROGRAM:

Dr. Chip Blatchley, a civil and environmental engineer professor from Purdue, and his students worked for several years to install water purification systems at five schools in the Dominican Republic. This was all part of coursework at Purdue that is intended to provide service-learning opportunities for students. Two of the students spoke to us today, Becca Johnson and Ramin Ansari. The project began in 2016 and concluded in May, 2024. Groups went to the Dominican Republic multiple times during those years. A major goal was to help provide safer drinking and hand-washing water for students to prevent illnesses that kept the students from attending school. From a high of 25%-30% absenteeism, the cleaner water has helped reduce the rate to around 2%. The communities in the Dominican Republic were involved in all phases of the projects so that they felt a sense of ownership. In addition to the water purification systems, solar roof panels were installed to provide consistent electricity. At one location a well was drilled since draught conditions meant there was insufficient rain water. Prior to this joint Purdue and Rotary project, some of the communities purchased water that was delivered by truck. The five schools and the families that live near them have benefitted greatly from this project.

HONORING JACK KELLEY:

JACK has been involved with the Dominican Republic water project since the beginning. He has traveled with the group several times to help with system installation. He has spent hours completing the necessary online forms for Rotary International in order to secure the grant. He has also donated thousands of dollars of his own funds to see that work is completed. Thanks to JACK for investing himself in this worthy project.



THANKS FOR YOUR HELP:

MARY KAY DAVIS served as greeter, TIM LUZADER was the money taker, WES MCDIVITT was the money counter, and STAN MITHOEFER provided the moment of inspiration. JO WADE prepared the powerpoint program and DENNIS FIGUEROA helped with technical support.

GUESTS:

BRIAN GILBERT from the Satellite Rotary club; David Loser, guest of FAYE COLE.

PROGRAM SPEAKERS SCHEDULE:

September 3 – Annual financial reports for the 2023-2024 Rotary year from Lafayette Rotary Club Foundation and our club; Amanda Kennedy – Flourish Studio

September 10 – Hannah Currie – Caregiver Companion

September 17 – Chris Allen – The Lincoln Special

September 24 – Santos Salinas – District 6560 Governor

DID YOU KNOW?

...that KATIE NIELSEN continues to communicate with the American Red Cross to plan blood drives for the rest of this year and on into 2025? At the most recent blood drive, a total of twenty-two units of blood were collected. This was thanks to participation from faithful Rotarians and from employees at the Northend Community Center.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

August 28 – Pub Club at Red Seven in Lafayette at 5:30 PM.

August 29 – Food Finders truck unloading at Miami School. 8:30 AM.



September 10 – Coffee committee meeting at 11:00 AM; Marketing and Imagination Library committee meetings at 1:00 PM

September 21 – Walk to End Alzheimer's. Join the Rotary team by clicking on this link: <http://act.alz.org/goto/LafayetteRotary>.

September 22 – **Game Night Shuffle**. We'll play euchre and other card games or board games at the home of BOB STOLZ, 3292 N 400 W in West Lafayette from 6-9 PM. Bring a snack to share. Sign up at the welcome table.

October 5 – SAWs ramp build. Location TBA.



ICE CREAM CRAWL SUMMARY:

Passports sold:
Individual: 171
Family: 140

Yes, this is the most ever.

Location with the most crawlers:

Budge's Drive In: 505

Yes, this is the most ever.

Total revenue: **\$11,711**. Yes, this is the most ever!



The ice cream shops contribute to our success by providing FREE ice cream. Thanks again to: Budge's Drive In, Culver's on Creasy, Freddy's, Igloo Frozen Custard on Tazer Drive, McCord Candies, The Original Frozen Custard, Silver Dipper, and Westside Scoops.

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

LANE	CUSTER	September 26
ED	GESWEIN	September 4
IYA	KLIM	September 24
RYAN	MCLAUGHLIN	September 2
STEVEN	STUCKY	September 25
RITA	ZAWISZA	September 18

COLE PROFESSIONAL ACADEMY:

In February, we heard from Mike Pinto, the principal at Cole Elementary School. He spoke about a program for 5th graders that seeks to help them build important job-related skills. Would you be willing to participate in this program by speaking to the students about Rotary International and our Rotary club? If so, let STEVE PENNELL know. No date has been set yet for this presentation.

LISTEN TO PAST ROTARY MEETINGS:

Each week an audio recording of the Rotary meeting is saved so that members can listen at any time. Click on the link below to listen to a recent meeting.

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WESTMINSTER LUNCH:

Rotarians – some who are residents of Westminster and some who are not – enjoyed gathering together on Friday for lunch and fellowship.

