

Connect and Serve

VOLUME 105 NUMBER 11 – SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

PROGRAM FOR SEPT 17:

Gary Henriott - Wabash Heartland Innovation Network

MEETING FUNCTIONS FOR SEPT 17 :

Greeters: JOHN SCHNEIDER - 11:00

BETTY NELSON - 11:30

Money Takers: LINDA GUTWEIN - 11:00

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Invocation: KARISSA MOONEY

Money Counter: FLOYD GARROTT

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

Sept 24 - Megan Shupe - IU Hospital Victim's Unit

Oct 1 - Clive Townsend - Purdue Nuclear Reactor

Oct 8 - Anthony Pille - Voestalpine

Oct 15 - Stacy Sommer - Spanish interpreter

OCT 24 - THURSDAY MEETING AT ROSS-ADE

STADIUM WITH KIWANIS - Purdue basketball coaches

Oct 29 - EVENING MEETING AT FOUR POINTS

Buffet at 5:15 and meeting at 6:00 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Sept 11 - Pub Club at Red Seven at 5:30 pm

- Sept 11 - WEDNESDAY - first backpacking

- Sept 12 - THURSDAY - first distribution

- Sept 14 - Tailgate at SALLY SIEGRIST's home before the football game. 5 - 7 pm

- Oct 4 - Picnic at Happy Hollow Park 5:30-7 pm

Bring your own picnic - meet at the first shelter by the playground.

- Oct 15 - Blood Drive from 10am - 2 pm

- Oct 19 - Purdue Boilermaker Half Marathon service project - providing water to runners

- Oct 24 - THURSDAY MEETING AT ROSS-ADE STADIUM with Kiwanis Club

PROGRAM:

Mikel Berger and Daryl Starr spoke to us about Little Engine Ventures, a company they have created to invest in small businesses in the greater Lafayette area. Since LEV was founded in 2016, twelve businesses have been acquired. Their target area is within ninety miles of Lafayette. When business owners come to the end of their careers, they primarily



look to pass on their business to family members. If that doesn't work out, they look to employees to buy them out. LEV can be the third option, in lieu of going to a business broker. A

majority of small businesses are currently owned by baby boomers who are in their 60's and 70's. This means that many businesses will be changing hands in the near future. Little Engine Ventures seeks to acquire businesses that have yearly revenue between \$1 million and \$10 million and employ 10-25 workers. They attempt to keep the current employees after the sale. Their intention is to hold on to the business for the long term - as long as 30 years. Another initiative of LEV is a frequent CEO lunch, which is a gathering of those with leadership potential who might serve as CEO's in the future. Mikel and Daryl look for people first and then try to match them to a business.

BOILER UP, HAMMER DOWN!

Join the tailgate fun as we meet at the home of SALLY SIEGRIST, 715 Bexley, on Saturday, Sept 14th from 5-7 pm before the game



against TCU at 7:30 that night. Rotary will provide burgers, brats, condiments and serveware. Bring your beverage of choice and a side dish. Some parking is available nearby for \$20.

NOMINATIONS NEEDED:

Nominations for Club Director can be given to the secretary for terms beginning 7-1-2020. Elections will take place in December.

VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT:

An interview day will be held on Sat, Sept 21st at the Northend Community Center from 10-6. Contact SALLY if you would like to participate as a veteran or an interviewer.

ANOTHER NEW LITTLE LIBRARY:



Guess who did the artwork on this one? It is located at the Lilly Nature Center.



BLOOD DRIVE

We're having another blood drive on Tuesday, October 15, from 10-2. Sign-up on the attached link. Contact KATIE NIELSEN with questions.

https://www.donorpoint.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/126484

THANKS TO THOSE WHO HELP WITH MEETING FUNCTIONS:

Greeter: KATIE NIELSON and LIZ SOLBERG

Money Takers: WES MCDIVITT and CHRISTA KECK

Invocation: CATHY BARRON

Money Counter: CHIP RUTLEDGE

Music: BOB GRIFFITHS, DAVE LUHMAN, ARVID OLSON

Other valuable help: LARRY HUGGINS, JO WADE, KATIE NIELSEN

BACKPACK PROGRAM UPDATES:

We are making some changes to the scheduling of our Backpack Program. Our Rotary Volunteer Team will PACK ON WEDNESDAYS, starting with September 11, 2019 and another Rotary Volunteer Team will DISTRIBUTE ON THURSDAYS, starting with SEPTEMBER 12, 2019. Please keep a watchful eye for the signup on the bulletin board, because there are TIME CHANGES, as well. We hope these changes will allow new faces from our Rotary Family to help with this program.

CODER DOJO:

We will be supporting this project with next year's Ice Cream Crawl. It is an after-school program for students age 7-17 to teach them how to do computer coding. Here's how to learn more about it: on Saturday, September 21st Greater Lafayette Commerce is kicking off this season's Coder Dojo at River City Community Center and we invite Rotary Members to swing by to see what it's all about. The session runs from 1:00 to 3:00. Everyone is welcome to stop in at their convenience. CHRISTINE MILLS will be there.

HELPING PEOPLE IN THE BAHAMAS:

Pub club has raised \$450 to date to send to Rotary emergency relief for the Bahamas. If you wish to add to their donation, contact CAROLINE BRIGGS at briggslaw@hotmail.com

NEW BOARD MEMBER:

Thanks to SALLY SIEGRIST for agreeing to serve on the Board of Directors, completing the term vacated by ELSA JANLE.

Donating to Lafayette Rotary

_____ I would like to donate to our Club's current projects.

Make check payable to: *Lafayette Rotary Club Foundation*

_____ I would like to donate to our Club's endowment.

Make check payable to: *Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette with "Lafayette Rotary"*

Checks may be mailed to PO Box 3923, West Lafayette, IN 47996 or handed to the Secretary.