

Connect and Serve

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ELAINE TODD will be the greeter, TIM LUZADER will be the money taker, DAN HEMAN will be the money counter, and JOHN MEYERS will provide the moment of inspiration..

PROGRAM:

Caregiver Companion is a ministry that assists elderly and disabled citizens in Tippecanoe County.

Cameron Kuhl, the Executive Director, spoke to us today about the organization. Caregiver Companion was started in 1995 by Sister Veronica Baumgartner. They provide non-medical assistance to those who wish to remain in their homes. This assistance improves the



quality of life of those needing care as well as their caregivers. The types of help provided are: companionship; respite breaks for caregivers; transportation; phone visits; grocery shopping either with or without the person receiving care; and yard care. When a potential “neighbor” requests assistance, an in-home assessment is done and then they are matched with a volunteer. The organization has three employees with an office on St. Ann’s campus on Wabash Avenue. Their budget is \$180,000 per year with income from donations and grants. With forty volunteers, they serve the needs of eight-two neighbors. Last year 1300 hours of assistance were provided. More information can be found at caregivercompanion.org.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP:

CHRISTA KECK served as greeter, TIM LUZADER was the money taker, and ALEA FAVERO provided the moment of inspiration.

HIGH FIVE:



To PRIS GERDE for coordinating another successful Ice Cream Crawl this year – our 7th in a row! We had wonderful sponsors and ice cream vendors and hundreds of happy crawlers. Thanks, PRIS.

GUESTS:

Former member Ellie Wang and her friend, Pat Rayburn.

PROGRAM SPEAKERS SCHEDULE:

September 17 – Chris Allen – The Lincoln Special

September 24 – Santos Salinas – District 6560 Governor and meeting our Todd Scholarship recipient: Amare Haillessilase

October 1 – Dean Eric Barker – Purdue College of Pharmacy

October 8 – Adam Baxmeyer – Purdue airport expansion

THANK YOU, AVIATORS!

We attended the Aviators baseball game in July and we were the non-profit of the game. As a result, they share the profits of the 50-50 raffle with us. We recently received the check from them in the amount of \$153. Thank you, Aviators!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 11 – Backpacking at Miami School
4:00 PM

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

September 21 – Walk to End Alzheimer's. Join the Rotary team by clicking on this link:

<http://act.alz.org/goto/LafayetteRotary>.

We are looking for volunteers to man a table representing Rotary. 8:30-11:00 AM at Riehle Plaza. Let Elaine Todd know if you are willing.

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 3 – House blessing for the Women Build house at 450 S 5th St. at 5:30 PM.

October 5 – SAWS ramp build. Location TBA.



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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DID YOU KNOW?

...that we will have a small group of women from Tajikistan visiting with us during the week of November 1st through 9th? The International committee is planning a full week of activities for them. On November 5th, they will be at our regular Rotary meeting. On November 8th we will have a farewell dinner for them – stay tuned for details.

Do you have room to host one of these women? If so, let CHRISTA KECK know. You will have an enriching experience, only available to Rotarians.

WHAT IS THE OPEN WORLD PROGRAM?

The Open World Program, operated by the Congressional Office for International Leadership, COIL, an independent U.S. federal agency, is a special program available to Rotary clubs in the United States through a grant secured by Rotary International.

The Open World Program was originally established as a Library of Congress–administered pilot project in 1999 to give emerging Russian leaders firsthand exposure to the American system of democracy through visits to local governments and communities in the United States. Since 2003 the congressionally sponsored program brings emerging leaders from Eurasian countries to the United States in order to give them firsthand exposure to the American system of participatory democracy and free enterprise. The principles of accountability, transparency, and citizen involvement in government are among the concepts emphasized by the Open World Program. The program emphasizes professional development, exchange, and cooperation. Key concepts include transparency, accountability, civic initiative, and volunteerism.

