



Connect and Serve

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SEPTEMBER 24, 2024

TERRI ANDERSON will be the greeter, MARY KAY DAVIS will be the money taker, WES MCDIVITT will be the money counter, and BOB ANDERSON will provide the moment of inspiration..

PROGRAM:

Chris Allen established the non-profit Lincoln Special organization to save our democracy in a theater rather than in the streets. He has written the script of a movie called *Of Tears and Iron* about the funeral train that carried the body of Abraham Lincoln from Washington, D.C. to Springfield, Illinois in 1865. After the film is produced, they will take the film on the road to those same cities that were visited by the funeral train, including Lafayette, Indiana.



When they visit a city, there will be an all-day symposium as well as three free showings of the film. The film will be professionally produced at a cost of \$6.2 million. It is a docudrama showing fictional characters that see the train as it crosses the Midwest.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP:

ELAINE TODD served as greeter, CHRISTA KECK was the money taker, DAN HEMAN was the money counter, and JOHN MEYERS provided the moment of inspiration.

MEMBERSHIP MOMENT:

KARISSA MOONEY, chair of the membership committee, challenged us to invite friends to attend a Rotary meeting. For the member who brings in the most new members, there will be a \$75 cash gift for Recruiter of the Year in June, 2025.

GUESTS:

Ann Kriebel and Hilary Laughner were our guests from the CASA organization.

PROGRAM SPEAKERS SCHEDULE:

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

October 15 – Dan Ricks – Statewide Perfusion Manager, IU Health

DUES ARE DUE:

Our Rotary dues are due in October. For the full year, the amount is \$300 (\$310 if using a bank card); for six months, it is \$150 (\$155 if using a bank card).

Note that the last time dues were raised was in October of 2019. Checks should be made payable to Lafayette Rotary.

Help out your treasurer, KATHY MEEKS, by paying in a timely fashion. Everyone owes at this time.

Thank you!

DID YOU KNOW?

...that since we raised more than \$12,000 from the Ice Cream Crawl, we will give \$10,000 from that (and also \$5,000 from the District 6560 grant) to Wabash River Enhancement Corporation for the Rotary park along the Wabash River Greenway Trail and \$2,000 to another charity? The Board of Directors is considering various options.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 18 – Backpacking at Miami School 4:00
Pub Club at Digby's in downtown Lafayette 5:30

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 and your own adult beverage.

September 26 – Truck unloading at Miami School 8:15 AM.



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

October 5 – SAWs ramp build. Location TBA.



November 8 – All-club farewell dinner for the Open World delegation from Tajikistan. Mark your calendar – details to follow.

BEHIND THE SCENES...

Excitement is building for the visit by six women from Tajikistan November 1st through 9th. We will have a cross-cultural experience with no need to fly across the globe, and no jet lag!! CHRISTA KECK is arranging housing for the women, JACK KELLEY has secured a van to be used that week to take them around town for their various events and experiences, TIM LUZADER has scheduled a tour of the Subaru plant for Friday of that week, GORDON COPPOC has arranged a visit to the Purdue veterinary school, RENEE FIGUEROA is planning the farewell dinner for Friday night, and BETTY TONSING is coordinating the schedule for the week. Whew – lots of details to work on. Thanks to all who have offered to help. Might you be willing to contribute in some way – perhaps by hosting the group in your home for a meal or by contributing food items for such a meal? Let BETTY know of your interest.

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.

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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