

Kiwanis Club of Avon
Thursday, September 7, 2023
American Legion
12:00 pm

Present: Jennifer Coffee, Noah Coffey, Ryan Cannon, Mike Sullivan, Pat Rebb, Steve Blacketer, Bob Straka, Trilby Tayman, Andrea Duke, Robert Lybarger, Stephanie Christ

Pledge of Allegiance: Everyone

Prayer: Trilby

Speaker: Jack Sadler / Hendricks County Sheriff (Plainfield Kiwanis Club member)

- ⇒ 140 Employees total – 59 police officers
- ⇒ Cover 408 miles in Hendrick’s County with a minimum of 5 deputies on duty minimum at all times. There are 10 deputies per squad.
- ⇒ Centralized dispatch for entire county funded by County and ran by the town of Plainfield.
- ⇒ Big issues for youth:
 - Vaping (nicotine and THC) in schools
 - Sexting – people being asked for ransom or pictures will be exposed to public.
 - Phones/social media
- ⇒ Citizen’s Academy – Coming soon in 2024
- ⇒ Drug Task Force – talk about recreating with Prosecutor.
- ⇒ 61% of jail inmates have Marion County address
- ⇒ Fraud and cybercrime hard to prosecute as most perpetrators are out of the state or country.
- ⇒ Opportunities for Kiwanis to help:
 - Plainfield Youth Assistance (plainfielddyouthassistance.org) – Staci Hovermale – Director. Serves children ages 3-17. Trying to create an Avon location but will need additional funding. Site has a wish list and needs mentor volunteers.
 - Miles We Walk – Nonprofit organization to provide Heroin and Opioid education for youth. Potentially partnering with the to provide “This is not about drugs” program within the schools.
- ⇒ Offered a tour of the new jail to all members – let him know when we would like to come.
- ⇒ Final comment by Sheriff Sadler, “Hope is not lost!”

Business:

- Induction of new officers postponed until October 19th meeting.

Future Events:

- Sign-up sheet for the Commode Brigade passed around for St. Malachy Church on 9/22 & 9/23. **Three volunteers still needed as follows:**
 - One person on Friday, 09/22 from 8:00 pm – 11:00 pm
 - One person on Saturday, 09/23 from 4:00 pm – 7:30 pm
 - One person on Saturday, 09/23 from 7:30 pm – 11:00 pm.

Please call Stephanie at (317) 670-1896 or via email at schrist@att.net if you can help.

- Bring donations for the Mary Lee Maier Community Pantry to October 5 meeting.
- One volunteer needed to feed the birds at the Outdoor Learning Center.
 - 1 day per month - takes about 20 minutes to complete task
 - Address: 7237 E US 36, Avon IN 46123 behind Maple Elementary School but must enter from the White Oak side.
 - If interested, please let Bob Straka know.

Next meeting: Thursday, September 21, 2023. Jason Vansickle with the Indianapolis Motor Speedway will be our guest speaker.

Adjourned: 1:01 pm

Minutes taken by: Stephanie Christ/Secretary