

Presidents of Lafayette's Board of Directors---From the "First" to the "Past"

Lafayette employees had a double special surprise last week when the very first President of the Board of Directors, Don Dahm, came by for a surprise visit, during the Free Lunch that was sponsored by our immediate Past President, Bill Florent, and his family! "Neva's Elves" is what they are called, and they are the family of Bill, Casey and Suzie Florent (pictured above left). The concept was initiated last Christmas. Neva is Casey's Grandmother, and the family decided to give support to the Free Lunch program instead of exchanging gifts on holiday or birthdays. How neat and generous is that!! Thank you, Neva's Elves!

Coincidentally, Don Dahm (center and right, in the burgundy shirt) happened to come by on his way to see his daughter in Kansas City. Don lives in Florida, and started dropping by a few years ago every summer on the way to KC. Don was the very first President of the Board of Directors of Lafayette, when it started with only 16 employees. Don is also a huge supporter of the Free Lunch program, so it was great that he happened to come by and was able to visit and share a meal with us!

It just doesn't get any better than that....Thank you, "Neva's Elves", and thank you, Don!




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Mission: The mission of Lafayette Industries is to provide employment opportunities to persons with developmental disabilities and to persons with other disabilities who are 18 years or older.

Goals: ♦ To provide a meaningful and productive work experience to persons who are disabled ♦ To maintain a safe and pleasant work environment ♦ To teach and to train persons with disabilities to acquire better work habits ♦ To enhance self-worth and dignity through employment ♦ To provide high-quality business service through packaging, light assembly and commercial mailings ♦ To operate the center in a professional, fiscally responsible manner ♦ To provide fair wages and good benefits

WEST – CAUGHT BEING RESPECTFUL AND CAUGHT BEING SAFE – APRIL 2023



RESPECTFUL: Above left - left to right – Grace Quinn, Suzy Morrow and Lillian Behlmann

SAFETY: Middle – Hazel Owen (not present in Safety group photo)*, Above right - Kim Lamb (EDP), Allison Pfeiffer and Geoff Reusch

* Thank to Diane Hemkens for her assistance in getting Hazel Owen's photo

WEST - ART CLASS - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2023 – 3:00-4:00pm



Register today for June. You have to register each month for each Art Class!!

Volunteers will give personal instruction for each project. Everyone attending the Art Class will have the chance to participate in each Art Station.

Please turn in your registration to Becky S. by Friday, June 16, 2023.

Questions: Call or email Vicky James, vjames@lafayetteindustries.com, 636-227-5666, ext.1118

WEST - ART CLASS – WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21ST – 3:00-4:00PM

Name of Participant _____

Preferred Phone _____

Preferred Email _____

Contact name/phone number of person picking up art student at 4:00p.

NO ART CLASSES IN JULY AND AUGUST. We are taking those two months off, and we will start back up on Wednesday, September 6th.

**FOOD SAFETY**

Raise your hand if you've had food poisoning (uggghhhhhhhh!!). Me too. So, let's discuss how to avoid it. However, we will concern ourselves only with the eating side of food safety. What, if, when and how. Maybe we will come back to food preparation in another column.

NEVER leave perishable food out for longer than two hours at room temperature. Consider one hour when it's over 90 degrees (picnics, automobiles). If, by chance, you see food at banquets or catered spreads, or even deliveries, and you don't know how long it's been out, we advise that you don't eat it. This is a notorious problem in staff lunchrooms and banquet spreads during events.

Leftovers should be refrigerated within two hours of the time it was finished cooking or two hours from the time it was in an appliance to keep the proper temperature. 40 degrees or colder is recommended. They should be eaten within three or four days. If you want to keep them longer, freeze them within that time. It's beneficial to break up large servings into smaller amounts beforehand. It allows them to cool faster and brings additional safety to the process when you are not bringing products in and out of the refrigerator.

All right now, it's Lafayette so I'm stating the obvious. You washed your hands. Let's go to the refrigerator, and there in the back is a covered dish. Hmmmmmm..... Wonder what that is? Let us look. Does it pass the look test? Mold? Excessive wilt? Even just a little bit? DON'T EAT IT! Don't eat it, my friend. Give it the ol' trusty smell test while you are at it.

Look, I get the "don't waste food" line of thinking - I do. But it's just not worth it, folks. Pitch it!

SAFETY IS NO ACCIDENT - **MORE LATER!**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR JUNE FOLKS!!**NORTH**

Irene	Webb	6
Tracy	Cooper	11
Joe	Turner	11
Kimberly	Lee	12
Phillip	Johnson	15
Cecelia	Brown	16
Gregg	McClellan	16
Martrese	Rollins	22
Mikhail	Chikin	28
Antwaune	Williams	29

WEST

Blake	Maurer	5	Angad	Jangi	14
Scott	Risley	5	Daniel	Stevenson	15
Scott	Royal	5	Rachel	Randolph	16
Caroline	Staab	5	Angela	Wassermann	17
Danielle	Staab	5	Alison	Hanners	19
Stephen	Schroeder	6	Kathleen	Karcher	19
Joe	Stringer	7	Andrew	Pinkston	19
Catharine	Woerner	8	Anne	Morrissey	20
Lucas	Allison	12	Radha	Kakaiya	26
Suzy	Morrow	13			



Editorial note: We make every effort to get the birthday lists correct, but there are times that we may have an error. We do apologize, but these things happen, and please let us know if you see any errors, either names or dates. The lists of birthdays for North and West include both employees' and staff's birthdays. If you know of someone who's working at North or West who's not on the list or if you know for sure that they aren't working any longer at North or West, please contact me at bstillwell@lafayetteindustries.com. We promise to revise the list to make sure that next year's list has as correct a list as we can have. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

2023 LAFAYETTE EMPLOYEE FAMILY PICNIC (IN PICTURES)



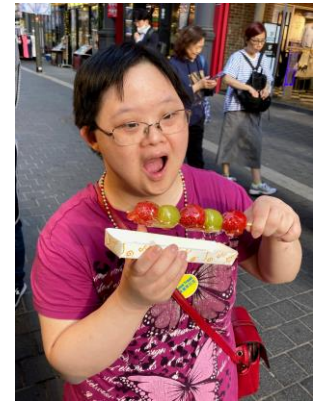
2023 LAFAYETTE EMPLOYEE FAMILY PICNIC (IN PICTURES) – Continued:



SEE YOU NEXT YEAR??

MY APRIL 2023 TRIP TO HONG KONG

By Lillian Kwok (Proud Lafayette Employee)



Row 1 of pictures – left to right: On double-decker bus; Princess Lillian; with famous Korean Boy Band, BTS; Korean street food.

Row 2 of pictures – left to right: Lillian above the earth; McDonald's in Hong Kong; my robot friend; Hong Kong double-deck.

Row 3 of pictures – left to right: Incheon airport in South Korea; Korean BBQ; Korean

Kim Chi School.

This is our first vacation since the pandemic three years ago. Our destination is to visit our relatives in Hong Kong. On April 4th we left St. Louis and flew to Los Angeles International Airport. Arrived at LAX at 8:30p, and our connecting flight to Hong Kong was not till 12:00 noon the next day. We ended up spending a night at the airport. I was surprised that so many people slept at the airport. Each found his/her own bench chair and slept away. It was a fun and exciting experience.

We took Cathay Pacific Airlines next day to Hong Kong. It was a long 16-hour flight. It was a full flight. The seat space was crowded, and we barely had enough room to stretch our legs. But the food was good. I ordered soda on every meal. Flight attendant would serve you a cup of Ramen noodles as a snack if you asked.

My uncle picked us up at the airport. We stayed at my uncle's house while in Hong Kong. We had a fancy dinner almost every night. We had seafood, roasted pig, roasted goose and many more exotic food items. Instead of breakfast and lunch, we went to restaurant to have dim sum lunch. Dim Sum is a traditional Chinese food served in small dishes, consisting of variety of items such as steamed buns, meat ball, congee and my favorite, chicken feet etc. I spent time with my cousins and met new nephews for the first time.

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My April 2023 Trip to Hong Kong – Continued:

Main transportation for most of the people in Hong Kong are the bus and the subway. I brought an octopus ticket to get on and off the bus and the subway. The Octopus ticket kept track of how much my bus / subway fare was. It deducted the fare from the card.

My dad took me to the upper deck of a double deck bus. We sat on the front seats. It was a scary ride. There was a lot of walking while in Hong Kong. It was good and needed exercise for me.

Our second week in Hong Kong, we decided to take a week-long tour of South Korea. After a three-hour flight we landed at Incheon International Airport, Seoul.

The next five days, the tour bus took us sightseeing everywhere. We visited Art Valley Museum and tried out a traditional Korean costume. We took lots of photos dressing up as a Korean princess. We visited many local markets, and we ate street food. It was a fun tour.

Returning to Hong Kong after the five-day tour in Korea, we continued to spend time with my parents' relatives and their friends. Since we had been in Hong Kong many times before, we did not do much of sightseeing there. We spent lots of time shopping at the famous "Women Street", where you can find real good bargains and souvenirs to bring back.

May 4th - it was time to say goodbye to Hong Kong. We flew back to Los Angeles. I spent another night at the LAX airport again, and then back to St. Louis next day. I really enjoyed this vacation!

THE WIZARD OF OZ

By Ann Kelly (Proud Parent)



Everyone knows that Lafayette Industries has very talented people. But some of them like to take it to the next level. Here are the Lafayette representatives that just completed acting in The Wizard of Oz at the Jewish Community's Theatre Unlimited. They really get into their parts.

They are:	Colleen Kelly – West	Annie Morissey - West
	Meri Rohan – West	Mindy Proctor - North
	Laura Fortus – North	Darius Roberts - North
	Becky Radin - former employee	

They all love acting, singing, and dancing. And they can't wait for the next production in December, which will be "The Lion King."

ANDY VILLAIRE'S RETIREMENT – 5/26/2023



Andrew “Andy” Villaire began working at Lafayette West on January 3, 2005. On Thursday, May 26, 2023, he decided to retire after working at Lafayette for 18 years. He put in his last day on our monthly Free Lunch day, so his mother and two sisters came to be with him as they celebrated his retirement. His team got to celebrate with him as well, by having cupcakes in his honor. Finally, he went out on the production floor where ALL of his co-workers said goodbye to him. They presented him with a big card that everyone signed who wanted to do so. Andrew, we will miss you greatly. Andrew, we hope you will come back and visit us some time.

OUR TRIP TO THE NATIONAL PARKS OUT WEST

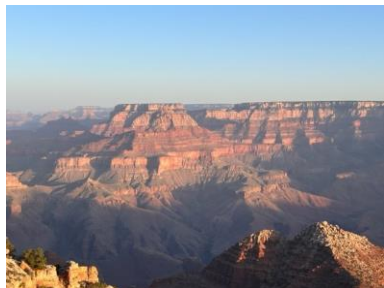
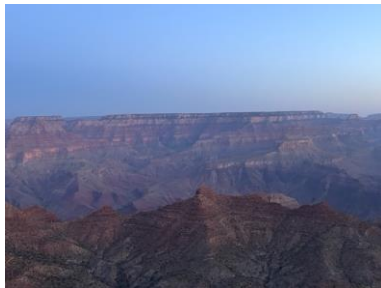
By Jim Eppel (Proud Retired Lafayette Staff)

We are heading back from our trip out west. Below and on the next page are a few pictures of what we saw. We hiked trails among the petroglyphs; hiked around Horseshoe Bend; went to Antelope Canyon; took a boat ride on the Colorado River; saw the sunrise at the Grand Canyon; hiked the South Rim; hiked into the Canyon; hiked in Sedona; and hiked in the Painted Desert / Petrified Forest.



Pictures of Jim Eppel's trip to the West's National Parks – Continued on next page

OUR TRIP TO THE NATIONAL PARKS OUT WEST – Continued:



WE LOOK FORWARD TO MORE ADVENTURES
OF THE TRAVELING JIM EPPEL!



Friends, Family and Lafayette Supporters can buy the 2023 Baseball Buddy T-Shirt for \$15



**All Lafayette Employees ALREADY have a shirt ordered-
no need to buy another one!**

ALL ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY JUNE 12TH, 2023

All proceeds go to the Worker's Challenge Fund that supports afterwork programs and free lunches

T-Shirt Order Form

Name _____

Phone Number _____



FRONT

RED ☐
WHITE ☐



BACK

RED ☐
WHITE ☐

Short Sleeve

100% Cotton

Unisex



Pick Up from
Lafayette West
or North the
week of June
26th

Size	Qty
Small	
Medium	
Large	
XLarge	
2XL	
3XL	
4XL	
5XL	

TOTAL	
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PAYMENT METHOD

☐ Cash
(included)

☐ Check
(included)

Return this COMPLETED form to Becky at West or Jerry at North with Payment by June 12th

****Remember--All Lafayette employees already have a shirt ordered for FREE!****



Front Row – left to right: Janiah Sanders, Vaughn Caldwell, Roxanna Robinson, Laura Fortus, Marchelle James, Laird Simpson

Second Row – left to right: Sandra Hite, Marie Ball, Charles Cooper, Demitri Jamison

Third Row – left to right: Sean Watson, John Hope, Dion Austin, Krystle Conroy, Chris Lott, Travis Carter

SUMMER'S HERE!

JUNE 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 PAY DAY	10
11	12	13	14 Flag Day	15 North's Free Lunch	16 Deadline for Art Class	17
18 Father's Day	19 Juneteenth	20	21 5:30p – Board of Directors meeting Summer begins West Art Class – 3:00-4:00p	22 West's Free Lunch	23	24
25	26 PAY DAY	27	28	29 Eid al-Adha	30 Lafayette Night at the Ball Game – 7:15p – Cards vs. Yankees	