



Club Number 3371, District 6540, Chartered June 17, 1944

January 28, 2008

President Christina Dougherty presided at the meeting, led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Four Way Test. **Doug Busby** gave the invocation.

Queen of Hearts – Charlie Nye had the lucky number and was just one card away from the Queen.

Sergeant-at-Arms Andy Serafin shared some of what he learned while on vacation In Jamaica – the second official language is Patois and the hats the Rastafarians wear over their dreadlocks are called “dreadbags”. Because we didn’t know this, all of us paid.

Chili Fundraiser – Saturday, February 2 – County Fairgrounds – 11am to 4pm

Jon Salisbury, chair of this event, encouraged Rotarians to sell-sell-sell those tickets. All ticket monies should be turned into Jon Salisbury at his office (Edward D. Jones office At corner of State and Clay) by Wednesday, January 30. Each member is responsible for selling 15 adult and 5 children’s tickets or for contributing the \$110.00 total to Rotary. **Set-up** will be done on Friday afternoon beginning around 3:30 pm. Come and help if you can! **Lily Ake and Christina Dougherty** need more donations for the sale of baked goods. Bring your specialty on Saturday between 9 and 11 AM, pre-packaged, please, with 3 cookies per paper plate. This event provides major exposure for La Porte Rotary and is one of its primary fundraisers.

2008/2009 Rotary Year – Election Results

President – Tim Gropp; President-Elect Jon Salisbury; Vice-president – Jeanne Howell; Secretary – Norm Juday; Treasurer – Mike Arnett. For a two-year term on the Board of Directors – **Joe Goepfrich; Yvonne Lindborg; Dale Parkison; Linda Knoll; Judy Hamilton**

Next Week’s Program – Joe Kernan, former governor and owner of the South Bend Silverhawks

Program – Ed Gilliland, Athletic Director for La Porte High School

Ed Gilliland has been Athletic Director since 1997. A graduate of La Porte High School, Ed holds the distinction of having won a state championship as a player, as a coach, and as an athletic director. He spoke with justifiable pride of the accomplishments of Mike Fout and the cross-country team. Mike is both a state and national champion and may be the best-ever long distance runner from Indiana. Ed invited Rotarians to the Feb 15 basketball game at which four outstanding athletes will be inducted into the new athletic Hall of Fame. He also invited us to attend the opening game of the 2008 Slicer baseball season at South Bend’s Coveleski Stadium against Penn High School. He explained the new Slicer Pass for high school athletics which is a 10/15/20 punch pass for \$3.00 per punch. The pass is transferable and can be used for any sports events. Mr. Gilliland thanked Rotary for its years of sponsorship of the spring athletic banquet for high school athletes. Now that this has become a “Recognition Night”, he encouraged Rotary to continue its contribution by helping to sponsor one of the \$1000 sports scholarships. Ed also encouraged anyone who has questions or concerns about the athletic programs to contact him.

MEMBERS PRESENT: LILIANA AKE, MIKE ARNETT, JIM BLINT, DOUG BUSBY, RON CMIEL, JUDY DEMUTH, CHRISTINA DOUGERTY, RON GIGLIOTTI, TIM GROPP, JUDY HAMILTON, CINDY HARTZELL, BILL HEDGE, NORM JUDAY, LINDA KNOLL, BILL KOLASH, FRANK LLOYD, NANCY NELSON-TAYLOR, CHARLIE NYE, DALE PARKISON, JOHN PROVAN, DAVE REES, JON SALISBURY, ANDY SERAFIN, DENNIS SHAWVER, ED VOLK, SCOTT WEST. **NEW MEMBERS:** DEB VARNAK AND BRIAN NELSON. **VISITING ROTARIANS** RALPH KORNAN, CHESTERTON, ANNA SHEEK AND JESSICA GRASS, SOUTH BEND