



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

February 4, 2008

President Christina Dougherty presided at the meeting, led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Four Way Test. **Doug Busby** gave the invocation. **Leigh Morris** led signing of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game"

Queen of Hearts – Mike Arnett, who claims never to have won anything in his entire life, got lucky today and pulled out the elusive queen. He assured us he would share his gains with Rotary by a donation to the Foundation. Congratulations, Mike!!!

Sergeant-at-Arms Andy Serafin enlightened us with statistics from the U.S. Census data. What state has the highest per capita expenditure for private investigators? Oklahoma For fast food? – Hawaii. For podiatry? -- New Jersey For taverns? -- Montana

Happy \$'s – were contributed by **Christina Dougherty** in honor of **Tim Gropp and Jon Salisbury**; By **Leigh Morris** in honor of the 90th birthdays of **Charlie Nye and Bill Kolash**; by **Lily Ake** in Appreciation for the contributions of baked goods for the chili fundraiser; and by **Mike Arnett and JoeGoepfrich**.

Chili Fundraiser Jon Salisbury, chair of this event, thanked all those who volunteered their time, cooks, baked goods, et.al in order to make this fundraiser a success!

Keep good thoughts and send best wishes to **John Provan** who was in an automobile accident.

Rotary Foundation – "Every Year – Every Rotarian -- \$100" Chair **Linda Knoll** reported that \$2630 had been contributed to date toward this year's goal of \$4200. Time is growing short to meet our goal.

Program – Joe Kernan, former governor of Indiana and owner of the South Bend Silver Hawks
A baseball player in high school and for Notre Dame, Mr. Kernan was among a group of investors who purchased the Silver Hawks in 2006 to keep the team in South Bend. The team's affiliation with the Arizona Diamondbacks has brought a number of good ball players to the Silver Hawks' roster over the past 10 years. Over 4 million people have attended a ball game at Coveleski Stadium. Mr. Kernan invited us to attend the opening game of the 2008 baseball season on March 27 when the La Porte Slicers take on Penn High School. The Hawks open their season on April 2nd with an exhibition game against the University of Notre Dame team. Hawks' players come from all over the country -- some are college grads, some have some college; a few are high school grads; a few are from Latin America. This year's season will feature a major league schedule of 140 games prior to Labor Day; with games on Father's Day, Mother's Day, and all through the 4th of July week and weekend. Fireworks at Coveleski are some of the best in the area!! . Kernan also promises easier access to better food, and low ticket prices – single game box seats are \$7.00; reserved seats are \$5.00 and children ages 5 and under are free. It's a great way to see great baseball!!

La Porte County Literacy Coalition Spelling Bee -- Wednesday, March 27– Michigan City Holiday Inn The fun begins with cash bar at 6:00 pm and the spelling starts at 7:00 PM. Rotary fielded two teams of experts last year, and President Dougherty is looking for a few good spellers to represent Rotary on this year's team. It's fun! Try it!

MEMBERS PRESENT: LILIANA AKE, MIKE ARNETT, AGNES BETKOWSKI, JIM BLINT, DOUG BUSBY, RON CMIEL, CHRISTINA DOUGERTY, SHAW FRIEDMAN, MARV GOAD, JOE GROEPFRICH, TIM GROPP, JUDY HAMILTON, BILL HEDGE, NORM JUDAY, LINDA KNOLL, BILL KOLASH, YVONNE LINDBORG, LEIGH MORRIS, CHARLIE NYE, DALE PARKISON, DAVE REES, JON SALISBURY, MIKE SEITZ, ANDY SERAFIN, ED VOLK, SCOTT WEST. **NEW MEMBERS:** DEB VARNAK AND BRIAN NELSON.

GUESTS – DELORA BURKE, GUEST OF DEB VARNAK, AND BRITTANY TRASCHLER AND BETHANY JOHNSON FROM LA PORTE HIGH SCHOOL **VISITING ROTARIAN** – RITA DAGYS FROM THE MICHIGAN CITY CLUB.