



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

April 14, 2008

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

Let there be singing – Songleader Leigh Morris wanted to impress our Australian guests with the high levels of culture prevalent in our area, and so led the group in "On Top of Spaghetti"

Sergeant at Arms – In the interests of leaving sufficient time for our guests to speak, **Andy Serafin** did not fine us, but did inform us that "On Top of Spaghetti" was written by radio personality Dick Biondi.

Queen of Hearts – Tim Gropp had the lucky number but did not find the Queen.

New Member – Fred McNulty was inducted into Rotary membership by **Marv Goad**.

Port-a-Pit Fundraiser – Saturday, May 3 -- Wal-Mart – 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM

Ron Gigliotti, chair, distributed tickets for Rotarians to sell for this important fundraiser. He is ordering 800 chickens and at least half need to be pre-sold tickets. The pre-sale price is \$4.50, but on day of sale will be \$5.00. Proceeds from this sale benefit the club's various park projects and community grants. Ron will be circulating a sign-up sheet for volunteers for sale day, and has posters if you can use them.

Program – Group Study Exchange Team from Australia

Rotarians were invited to join the table that matched their interests in order to exchange information with our guests from Australian District 9710, which includes the Australian Capital Territory and the southeastern corner of New South Wales. Their district is similar to Indiana in some ways, enjoying four distinct seasons, but with a smaller population (600,000) and not a lot of heavy industry. Their district has a diverse range of agricultural activity linked by several small towns and the national capital at Canberra. Team Leader Steve Shirvington is a Rotarian and health administrator living in Cooma. Team member Cathy Crawford is a vertebrate pest manager involved with control of animal populations that negatively impact agriculture, such as wild dogs, rabbits, foxes, and deer. Matt Crozier manages a large farm operation of 6800 acres, and raising Angus cattle and sheep. Natalie Forrest is a television news editor and anchor, living in Canberra and working 12-hour days to deliver the news to this city of 330,000 population. Matt Casey is a primary school teacher in his hometown of Goulburn-Mulwaree. He is completing a bachelor of Teaching and Learning in Special Education.

Rotary Foundation – Every Year/Every Rotarian/\$100

Club contributions to date have reached \$3210, still \$1000 short of the club's \$4200 goal for Rotary Year 2007/2008. Give your check, made payable to Rotary Foundation, to **Linda Knoll** prior to April 30, 2008.

Web Site – Joe Goepfrich maintains La Porte Rotary's web site, and needs your help and suggestions to make it the best possible. The site truly is "Our Window to the World" giving Rotarians and non-Rotarians valuable information about Rotary. Joe is also looking for a volunteer to assist him with maintaining the site.

MEMBERS PRESENT: LILY AKE, MIKE ARNETT, ED ARNOLD, AGNES BETKOWSKI, JIM BLINT, DOUG BUSBY, TOM DERMODY, CHRISTINA DOUGERTY, RON GIGLIOTTI, MARV GOAD, TIM GROPP, JUDY HAMILTON, CINDY HARTZELL, BILL HEDGE, JEANNE HOWELL, NORM JUDAY, BILL KOLASH, YVONNE LINDBORG, ROY MCNEAL, FRED MCNULTY, LEIGH MORRIS, CHARLES NYE, JOHN PROVAN, JON SALISBURY, MIKE SEITZ, ANDY SERAFIN, WILLARD SIMCOX, DEB VARNAK, AND SCOTT WEST. **GUESTS:** BRITNEY TASCHLER AND BETHANY JOHNSON FROM LA PORTE HIGH SCHOOL; ED LINDBORG, GUEST OF YVONNE LINDBORG