



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

May 5, 2008

 **Thanks to JUDY HAMILTON for writing this week's meeting notes** 

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 – There was singing unlike any other meeting. Accompanied on piano by guest Wishart Bell, we performed a heartfelt version of “Clementine”.

Sergeant at Arms – Andy Serafin asked interesting questions for which we did not know the answers and raised considerable money for the club treasury. One example – Who is quoted as saying, “Capitalism without failure is like Christianity without hell”? Answer – Warren Buffett

Queen of Hearts – John Provan had the lucky number but did not find the Queen.

Happy \$'s – Christina Dougherty, Ron Gigliotti, Mike Arnett, Tim Gropp, Frank Lloyd, and Joe Goepfrich all had reasons to be happy today and contributed their dollars for “Shoes for Kids”>

Port-a-Pit Fundraiser -- Ron Gigliotti, chair, announced the success of this year's sale this past Saturday at WalMart. He thanked those who sold the most tickets – **Mike Arnett (92), Scott West (40), Ron Gigliotti (30), and Jon Salisbury (20)**. Those members who have not yet paid for their tickets need to get payment to Ron as soon as possible. This is a fundraiser for “Shoes for Kids”, so every dollar is vital to its success!

Ron also expressed his appreciation and that of La Porte Rotary to all those who worked at the sale – **Andy Serafin, Mike Seitz, Mike Arnett, Marv Goad, Jeanne Howell, Bill Kolash, Doug Busby, Cindy Hartzell, Yvonne Lindborg, Tom Dermody, Jon Salisbury, Ron Cmiel, Scott West, Dale Parkison, Agnes Betkowski, Jim Bint, Norm Juday, and Lily Ake**.

Harlem Ambassadors Fundraiser – Sunday, October 12 – 4:00 to 6:00 pm

Mike Arnett and Scott West will chair this fun fundraiser for Rotary. Lots of volunteer help will be needed, so mark your calendars now!!

Program – Vesper Chorale Inc – Performs in Concert on Sunday, May 18 at 3:00 pm, with the choir of the First United Methodist Church in La Porte

Wishart Bell, founding Artistic Director, conducts Vesper Chorale, Vesper Chamber Orchestra, and the Children's Choir of Michiana. He has developed Vesper Chorale Inc into one of the premier performing arts companies in northern Indiana, earning numerous awards for unique collaborative, educational programming. The choir's reputation for combining artistry and spirituality when performing sacred choral music has brought them invitations to appear in many area concerts. The choir includes a core of professional musicians, along with dedicated amateurs, in styles ranging from chant to gospel, and from classical masterworks to vocal jazz. This group will appear at Carnegie Hall one year from now. At today's Rotary meeting, three musicians performed solos and duets from opera, musical theater, and more popular works.

MEMBERS PRESENT: LILY AKE, MIKE ARNETT, AGNES BETKOWSKI, JIM BLINT, DOUG BUSBY, RON CMIEL, CHRISTINA DOUGERTY, RON GIGLIOTTI, JOE GOEPFRICH, TIM GROPP, JUDY HAMILTON, CINDY HARTZELL, BILL HEDGE, NORM JUDAY, LINDA KNOLL, BILL KOLASH, YVONNE LINDBORG, FRANK LLOYD, ROY MCNEAL, BRIAN NELSON, DALE PARKISON, JOHN PROVAN, DAVE REES, MIKE SEITZ, ANDY SERAFIN, ART SMITH, JR, AND SCOTT WEST. **GUESTS:** BRITNEY TASCHLER AND BETHANY JOHNSON FROM LA PORTE HIGH SCHOOL; MRS. FRANK (NORMA) LLOYD