

Rotary Notes for Airport meeting held on August 6, 2007

President Elect Tim Gropp chaired the meeting in the absence of **President Christina Dougherty**. Tim also led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Four Way Test. **Chaplain Doug Busby** gave the invocation.

Sergeant at Arms – Andy Serafin asked the source of the Four-Way Test. No one knew. Actually, the statement did not originate with Rotary, but with Herbert J. Taylor who was president of a failing company in 1932 and developed it for his employees. Later Mr. Taylor became President of Rotary International and his “test” was adopted by Rotary in 1943.

Happy \$’s – Tim Gropp paid to celebrate the successful Chamber of Commerce golf outing. **Judy Hamilton** paid to celebrate the La Porte County Public Library’s latest award for a library in Indiana: The Collaboration Award honoring a library that has made significant contributions in its efforts to promote library service in a community, region, or at the statewide level.

Program — Representative Tom Dermody – My First Year as a Legislator

Tim Gropp introduced Representative Dermody who spoke with great enthusiasm about his first year of representing District 20 in the Indiana General Assembly. His district gives new meaning to the word “gerrymander”, because it includes parts of La Porte, parts of southern La Porte County (including Union Mills, Wanatah, and LaCrosse), parts of Pulaski and Jasper Counties and half of Kouts!! His lessons as a new legislator included learning to check his ego at the door. He also learned that legislation can help one person or entity and hurt ten others. He felt that the majority of legislators are there to work together for the benefit of all citizens; and are not limited by party politics. He found more differences based upon rural vs urban issues than between Republicans and Democrats. He feels strongly that the legislature should focus on the priority issues of Education, Health Care, and Property Taxes and work to resolve those issues without being deflected by smaller issues.

Rotary Annual Picnic – August 13 – Soldiers Memorial Park – 5:00 PM – \$20.00

Bring your family and friends to enjoy an evening of fellowship at the park. Happy hour is from 5:00 to 6:00, with dinner served at 6:00 pm. Cost is \$20.00 per person, all-inclusive. Roy McNeal is in charge of the dinner, which will include steak, corn, salads, and bar. Make your reservation with Norm Juday.

Virtual Make-Up -- It is now possible to make up a missed meeting by logging on to Rotary’s e-club website at WWW.ROTARYECLUBONE.ORG. At this website, you can read articles on programs or archived information, and you will be required to answer questions. You must read a minimum of 30 minutes to qualify for a makeup. There is a small fee; and you will receive a print out to bring to Norm Juday in order to count toward Rotary’s attendance requirement.

Members present: Lily Ake, Mike Arnett, Ed Arnold, Jim Blint, Doug Busby, Ron Cmiel, Judy DeMuth, Tom Dermody, Ron Gigliotti, Marv Goad, Joseph Goepfrich, Tim Gropp, Judy Hamilton, Cindy Hartzell, Bill Hedge, Jeanne Howell, Norm Juday, Bill Kolash, Steve Kring, Kevin LeCavalier, Frank Lloyd, Roy McNeal, Leigh Morris, Charles Nye, Dale Parkison, John Provan, Jonathan Salisbury, Mike Seitz, Andy Serafin, Dennis Shawver, Willard Simcox, Ed Volk

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Date	Program	Program Prev
Monday, August 13	Rotary picnic in Soldiers Memorial Park (5:00 PM)	
Monday, August 20	Beverly Healthcare/Triad (Trisha Poort)	
Monday, August 27	Rotary District Governor Jim Jesilnick	
Monday, September 3	Labor Day – no meeting	
Friday, September 7	Rotary-sponsored Circus at Fairgrounds (Performances at 4:30 and 7:30)	