



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

**September 17, 2007**

**President Christina Dougherty** presided at the meeting, and led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Four Way Test. **Chaplain Doug Busby** gave the invocation. **Song leader Leigh Morris** was in fine voice today, soloing on "Irene, Good Night" with the Rotary chorus!

**Sergeant at Arms – Andy Serafin** collected from all of us, because none of us knew that Weds, Sept 19 was "International Talk Like a Pirate Day"

**Queen of Hearts – Doug Busby**, had the lucky number but drew the King of Spades.

**Happy \$'s – Christina Dougherty, Leigh Morris, Ed Arnold, Joe Goepfrich, Jon Salisbury, Shaw Friedman, Frank Lloyd, and Charlie Nye** contributed.

**Changes coming at Best Value Inn - Sandy Lambert, director of sales and marketing**, informed us of the changes coming to the Inn. These will include a complete renovation of the entire facility, including all rooms. The restaurant will become the fine dining experience "Tuscan Timbers". Holy Macaroni will be in charge of the restaurant and banquet rooms. The facility is destined to become an upscale hotel with mid-class rates. There will be a corporate bar, gift shops, coffee shop, etc.

**Rotary Circus -- Ed Arnold and Jim Blint** are still seeking to collect ticket money from all Rotarians. If you have not paid for your tickets, please do so as soon as possible in order to settle finances for this project.

**Sunflower Fair – Mike Seitz** again coordinated this event; corn was sold out by 1:30 PM on Saturday.

**Tammy Stump – Work Ethic Certification - Tammy Stump, senior consultant with the Center of Workforce Innovations**, spoke about the Center's program implemented in the school systems in La Porte County for high school juniors and Seniors. The program focuses on several key factors that students can work on and receive State of Indiana certification to support their future employment. These factors include attendance, Excused absences, tardiness, self-discipline and responsibility, community service/internship, Overall grade point average, organization and time management skills, punctuality, respectfulness of others and team work/group cooperation with fellow students, teachers and administrators. Employers interested in the program can contact Gail White at 219-462-2940 or [GWHITE@INNOVATIVEWORKFORCE.COM](mailto:GWHITE@INNOVATIVEWORKFORCE.COM)

**Web site – Joe Goepfrich** maintains the La Porte Rotary site. He has just completed updates. Be sure Joe has your current address and email. Go to [WWW.ROTARYOFLAPORTE.ORG](http://WWW.ROTARYOFLAPORTE.ORG)

**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](http://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, Christina Dougherty, Shaw Friedman, Ron Gigliotti, Marv Goad, Joe Goepfrich, Tim Gropp, Judy Hamilton, Bill Hedge, Linda Knoll, Bill Kolash, Steve Kring, Frank Lloyd, Leigh Morris, Charles Nye, Dale Parkison, Dave Rees, Jonathan Salisbury, Andy Serafin, Elmer Sult, Ed Volk **Visiting Rotarian –** Lance Warner from the Michigan City Club.