



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

**October 22, 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** led singing of "R-o-t-a-r-y – that spells Rotary".

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

**Happy \$'s – Christina Dougherty, Mike Arnett, Leigh Morris** contributed dollars which help to fund Rotary's "Shoes for Kids" program.

**Sergeant-at-Arms Andy Serafin** separated \$1.00 from each of us who did not know the location of the Earhart Wunsch building built in 1859 – downtown La Porte in the 500 block of Lincolnway.

**Program – Sharon Burnside, Exec Director -- Reins of Life at Royal Acres Equestrian Center**

Jon Salisbury introduced Ms. Burnside who introduced Kathy Allwine, Development Director. Reins of Life provides therapeutic riding for those with disabilities. The organization began in 1989 in South Bend and in 2007 the 46-acre Royal Acres facility (located on West 300 North) was donated by Todd Mutch to initiate the program in La Porte County. The organization reaches over 400 individuals of all ages, with service from 300 volunteers. Reins of Life has 6 staff and operates on a budget of \$360,000. Clients receive physical, emotional, and social benefits from the ridership program. Funding is primarily from donations, special fundraising events, grants, and partnership organizations. There are estimated 2500 special education students in La Porte County schools who could benefit from this program. Volunteers are always needed and always welcome. No prior horsemanship skills are required.

**Meeting at the Library – Monday, October 29**

Rotary will meet at the Main facility of the La Porte County Public Library system located at 904 Indiana Avenue (corner of Maple and Indiana). Indiana Deli will cater lunch which will include lasagna, Caesar salad, garlic bread, assorted sweets, and beverage for \$9.00. Library staff have prepared a skit to convey valuable information in a fun way. Parking is limited – there is a small lot just west of the library off Maple Avenue. Some on-street parking is available on neighboring streets. Hope you can attend!!

**Sympathies extended** – Willard Simcox announced that former Rotarian **Al Parsley** has died at his home in Alabama.

**Web site – Joe Goeprich** maintains the La Porte Rotary site. 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, Tom Dermody, Christina Dougherty, Shaw Friedman, Ron Gigliotti, Marv Goad, Tim Gropp, Dennis Gumbert, Judy Hamilton, Bill Hedge, Jeanne Howell, Norm Juday, Bill Kolash, Yvonne Lindborg, Frank Lloyd, Leigh Morris, Dale Parkison, Dave Rees, Jonathan Salisbury, Mike Seitz, Andy Serafin, Willard Simcox, Elmer Sult. **Visiting Rotarian** – Bill Calhoun