



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

December 10, 2007

President Christina Dougherty presided at the meeting, led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Four Way Test. **Chaplain Doug Busby** gave the invocation. **President Dougherty** led Rotarians in singing "Joy to the World".

Queen of Hearts – Doug Busby had the lucky number but did not find the Queen.

Michigan City Rotary – Jim Scott was a guest today to encourage Rotarians to purchase Rotary wine stoppers in support of their club's effort to mentor high school students and encourage them to attend college.

Sergeant-at-Arms Andy Serafin asked "why does the dinner knife have a rounded end?" No one knew that it was so decreed in 1789 by King Louis XIV who had been the victim of many attacks on his life – so all of us paid!!

Rotary Foundation – Linda Knoll, Chair "Every Year – Every Rotarian -- \$100"
Time is running out to make your Rotary Foundation contribution for that tax deduction in 2007. To date \$1550 has been contributed toward our annual goal of \$4200.

Bell-Ringing for the Salvation Army – Saturday, December 15
Bill Hedge and Scott West are coordinating volunteers for Rotary's bell ringing. Volunteers are needed on December 15 at Wal-Mart. If you can volunteer, contact Bill or Scott.

Christmas Party – Portofino Grill – December 17 – 5:30 PM
Special Events Chair Cindy Hartzell has announced plans for Rotary's annual Christmas party. The evening begins with cash bar at 5:30 PM. Dinner will be served at 6:15 PM. Cost is \$25.00 per person. Spouses and guests are invited. Entertainment by Dave and Crystal. Contact Cindy with your dinner choices. Chartzell2@comcast.net

New Member – Tim Gropp announced that **Agnes Betkowski**, National City Bank, is a new member of La Porte Rotary.

Program – Joseph Goepfrich – La Porte Rotary's Web Site
Former President Goepfrich created and maintains the La Porte Rotary website. WWW.ROTARYOFLAPORTE.ORG. In his presentation today, Joe explained the various aspects of the web site and the wealth of information available there. Be sure he has your current address and email. La Porte Herald Argus now hosts Rotary's site, but a new host is being sought. If you know of a possible host, please contact Joe or president Dougherty.

The web site includes officers and their contact information, listing of the Board of Directors, club officials, and district governor. It includes meeting and weekly program information; events calendar, and various links to the weekly bulletins, John and Helen Haverstock scholarship information; Community Assistance grant application and criteria; "Make a Donation to Rotary Foundation"; club service projects; information Useful to potential new members with contact information; membership listing with contact information; All past presidents, current committee assignments; and links to alternative locations for make ups; The e-club web site for virtual make-ups as well as to Rotary International and District 6540. Links can be made to members' business web sites by sending your logo and web address to Joe.

MEMBERS PRESENT: LILIANA AKE, MIKE ARNETT, AGNES BETKOWSKI, JIM BLINT, GENE BURROWS, DOUG BUSBY, RON CMIEL, TOM DERMODY, CHRISTINA DOUGHERTY, RON GIGLIOTTI, MARV GOAD, JOE GOEPFRICH, TIM GROPP, DENNIS GUMBERT, JUDY HAMILTON, CINDY HARTZELL AND HER DAUGHTER TRACY SOPRESTO, BILL HEDGE, NORM JUDAY, BILL KOLASH, YVONNE LINDBORG, ROY MCNEAL, JOHN PROVAN, DAVE REES, JON SALISBURY, ANDY SERAFIN

GUESTS/PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS – DEB VARNEK, LA PORTE SAVINGS BANK
BRIAN NELSON, HORIZON BANK, IS A PROSPECTIVE MEMBER BUT WAS NOT IN ATTENDANCE TODAY.