

# Rotary Club of Portage Bulletin

## Porta-Rota-Call

Date: July 10, 2019

by: Christy Klien

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by President Tom Welsh.

President Tom led us in the **Four-Way Test**,

Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Greeter Nancy Card welcomed Rotarians and guests, including Rotarians Ted Watson, and TR Shaw, and former Portage Rotarian Erica McCulley.

Chaplain Chris Buckley gave our invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**PROGRAM: *Grant Me Hope: a foster to adopt program***

Helen Zeerip, Board President and founder, is from Michigan. She has five children, two of whom are adopted. She has been a foster parent for 12 years. Did you know that there are 600,000 in foster care? One hundred thousand of the children are available for adoption. A high number of children become homeless when they age out of the foster system at age 18. She started Grant Me Hope after watching a foster recertification training video and felt moved to help with the plight of older foster children.

They started a video campaign that highlights foster kids on Channel 13 in 2015. The program has expanded to partnering news stations in 2015. They have had interest and success in getting children adopted. Helen had the vision to expand nationally, through her networking; they were able to start the expansion in parts of Ohio. Helen networked with other trucking company owners to help place decals on trucks in Michigan.



Grant Me Hope's goals are:

- Educate America about the plight of aged-out foster children. Did you know that adopting through the foster care system is free?
- Recruit more foster families
- Get children adopted

How can you help? Please like and follow Grant Me Hope on social media.

Learn more about Grant Me Hope by visiting their website at <http://grantmehope.org/>

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- TR Shaw-Cereal City Sunrise Rotary Club is hosting a District 6360 event, Barn Theatre Fellowship and Friendraiser Night on July 20, 2019, at 6:30 PM. Tickets are \$50.00 and include show ticket, VIP tent, cash bar, and silent auction. To purchase tickets contact Tony McCrumb, [tony@admengineeringllc.com](mailto:tony@admengineeringllc.com) or George Bratcher, [geb207@yahoo.com](mailto:geb207@yahoo.com).
- Karen Foster recapped the 2019 Fireworks. She thanked all the people who assisted with the event. (Karen received a standing ovation from the club for her efforts!)
- Bonnie Granado still needs foursomes for the August Golf Outing.
- Gary Meyers received a small grant application from Christine Berro for Trauma Recovery Associates.
- Tom Welsh announced that there would be a podium board meeting.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES/LATECOMERS: Betty Lee Ongley announced that we had lots of birthdays to celebrate today. John Crandle, Gary Meyers, Randy Orwig, Ben Barber, Kim Carr, and Christy Klien. President Tom Welsh paid for all the latecomers since today started our new start time of 12:00 PM. *President Tom will pay for latecomers during the month of July to help with the transition.*

HAPPY BUCKS were collected from J. Santamaria, B. Ongley, R. Orwig, P. Carlson, D. Morgan, D. Story, J. Willacker, K. Carr, B. Kaufman, R. Dangel, J. Pearson, B. Crown, A. Srmek, A. Maher, M. Camacho-Ochoa, K. Foster, C. Tufts, H. Zeerip, and T. Welsh.

Sergeant Matt Semelbauer fined people for getting phone calls during the meeting. People who participated in the fireworks were not fined during table trivia challenge.

50/50: Dan Story was the winner of \$ 12.00.

ACE OF SPADES: Matt Semelbauer drew from a deck of 42 cards for the chance to win the pot. Luck was not on his side today.

Next week's program features **Kelly Kovi of Portage Pharmacy to give a CBD Oil Presentation**

Meeting adjourned at 12:59 p.m. by President Tom Welsh.

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