

Rotary Club of Portage Bulletin

Porta-Rota-Call

August 21, 2019

by Robert Borsos

Four Way Test Tom Welsh

Greeter: Jeannine Willacker

Chaplain: Paul Carlson

Bulletin: Bob Borsos

Finance: A J Srmek

Sergeant @ Arms: Chad Schuring

Late: 12:00pm /Ring Bell:

- Four Way Test
 - Pledge of Allegiance
- Invocation: Paul Carlson

Greeter Welcome: Jeannine Willacker

The Club welcomed Tim Moore of Vicksburg which lead into a side program regarding the old Vicksburg Showboat; Jacob Maxson, a pending member; and Craig Rethwill from Scottsdale Arizon who exchanged club banners.

Program – Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes – Greta Faworski

Greta gave us an overview of Loaves and Fishes. It is estimated that 38,000 people struggle with food insecurity in Kalamazoo County. 41% of this number are employed but do not earn sufficient income to meet their daily needs. 25% of our school children are entitled to free or reduced cost lunches showing access to food is a significant problem even in our community. To address food insecurity, Loaves and Fishes started as a church sponsored pantry 37 years ago, and has grown to 19 staff members and 400 weekly volunteers who feed an average of 700 people daily. Loaves and Fishes distribute food through 77 pantries throughout the county. Although the pantries are the primary mode of distribution, to reach more people in need, the program supports Meals on Wheels, YMCA shelter, and Schools to reach others that cannot get to a pantry.



Announcements:

- **Announcements from the floor**
- **Chair of Adopt a Park volunteer? Please see Tom Welsch to help with this project.**
- **Peacock Strut needs volunteers for the run on Sept. 14.**
- **Blood Drive tomorrow needs volunteers to unload and load. See Jeannine.**

Birthdays and Anniversaries / Latecomer Fines: Matt Semelbauer. Matt read from our imperfect record a number of names who weren't in attendance or had already been recognized for their birthday or anniversary in July and August. Eric Drogosch and Joe Yantis were in attendance and were properly recognized for their birthdays. Joe Yantis, Matt Semelbauer and Wendell Pierce were all recognized for their anniversaries.

Latecomers were also recognized. John Crandle and Bob McGraw admitted to being late. With only two latecomers, most members including Bob Borsos have adapted to the new starting time for the meeting.

Happy Bucks. Bill Kaufman paid a happy dollar for an unhappy Karen Foster. It seems that the fireworks barge could not be moved within the permit and the DEQ gave Karen a ticket. Tom Welsh attended the City Council Meeting and requested a resolution that was passed, blocking the ticket. Larry Shaffer, city Manager, took a lower key approach and made sure the ticketing officer was in Traverse City when the court hearing was scheduled. Without a complaining witness, the case will be dismissed and Karen will avoid the fine and possibly jail.

Jeannine Willacker, Mark Bielang, Chris Buckley and John Crandle gave happy bucks for the Loaves and Fishes Program. Chad Schuring has happy his son was off to college (maybe too happy), and AJ Srmek past his third and final test required for the CFP designation.

Sergeant at Arms Duty Chad Schuring. Chad was sooo happy with the happy dollar collection that all fines were waived.

50/50 Drawing; Jose Santamaria received a 1099 for \$8.00 and Jeannine wasn't able to draw the Ace of Spades.

Thank visiting Rotarians and Guests

Next Program: Big Brothers Big Sisters – Amy Kuchta

Ring Bell – meeting adjourned

Rotary Tidbit -

[Facebook link](#)

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Notice: An Application for Membership in the Portage Rotary Club has been submitted by **Erica McCulley**. She is a returning member of the Portage Rotary Club and classification would be Program Manager (20-99). Any member wishing to comment on this Application should do so in writing, either by mail addressed to the Secretary at P O Box 55, Portage, MI 49081; email addressed to the Secretary at josh@skillquestintl.com (Josh Goodlock); or by hand delivering it to the Secretary. The comment period will close seven days after the second publication of this Notice.

Notice: An Application for Membership in the Portage Rotary Club has been submitted by **Ted Watson**. He is transferring from the Traverse City Rotary Club and his classification would be Chemical Engineer (04-05). Any member wishing to comment on this Application should do so in writing, either by mail addressed to the Secretary at P O Box 55, Portage, MI 49081; email addressed to the Secretary at josh@skillquestintl.com (Josh Goodlock); or by hand delivering it to the Secretary. The comment period will close seven days after the second publication of this Notice.

Notice: An Application for Membership in the Portage Rotary Club has been submitted by **Jacob Maxson**. He is sponsored by Randy Orwig and his classification would be Non-Profit Executive. Any member wishing to comment on this Application should do so in writing, either by mail addressed to the Secretary at P O Box 55, Portage, MI 49081; email addressed to the Secretary at josh@skillquestintl.com (Josh Goodlock); or by hand delivering it to the Secretary. The comment period will close seven days after the second publication of this Notice.