

Rotary Club of Portage Bulletin

Porta-Rota-Call

June 9, 2021

by Jeannine Willacker

President Matt called the Rotary club meeting together a little after 1 PM.

President Matt led us in the four-way test and the pledge of allegiance.

Invocation: Chris Buckley

Greeter: Mary Lou Wright

Bulletin: Jeannine Willacker

Program: Studies to create career and tech program offerings. Presented by Cameron Buck and Sarah Mansberger.

And informative and exemplary presentation was made by Cameron and Sarah at today's meeting.

Sarah started with the programs focus groups. The program partnered with focus groups including the University of Michigan and the Upjohn Institute.

A complete analysis of county level employment compared to the national level was completed.

430 employers were surveyed, 23 percent responded. All different businesses and their need for relevant courses were covered.

21st century skills, soft skills, were studied to be in line with what employers want. 11 focus groups were covered in core industries to ascertain specific course and meaningful areas.

Emphasis on industry – labor market analysis understanding automation and job futures. Continued research is necessary.

Setting up for success and well paying positions. The video points out that a living wage calculation is \$20 an hour or more.

Cameron pointed out that employers most important items in the key topics area of educational outcomes are:

1. Applied academics and learning.
2. Hard skills, hands-on industry skills.

Flexible and changing skills most valuable in the 21st century.

Please refer to video for explanation of the top five skills and key educational outcomes for a credentials and certification.

CTE is working with middle school students in employment and career choices.

The CTE centers needs employers, work based learning experiences and mentorship at high school level.

There is no new career center address at this time. The center, with attractive curb appeal, will be located in the central part of the county. In the Sprinkle Road-Portage Road, I 94 Corridor, for access to all county students.

The center will also provide a community center, to be used all day every day during non-peak center hours for the community's benefit.

A question and answer period followed the presentation.

Please refer to Rotary's recording of the presentation, with videos, or contact the speakers at KRESA, for more detailed and accurate information.

The expertise and very hard, hard work by Dave Campbell, Eric Stewart, Buck Cameron and Sarah Mansberger and other KRESA employees and volunteers is immensely appreciated by everyone.

More details are available on the videos presented, during the program, on today's recorded Rotary meeting or from KRESA.

There were no birthdays, anniversaries or member anniversaries this week.

Happy bucks were collected by President Matt from:

Dick H.
Jeannine W.
Vince K.
Matt S.
Marlene O.
Bob McG.
Ben B.
Art R.
Cameron B.
Jose S.
Matt S.

Paul Carlson, Sgt at Arms, had just a few minutes to raise dollars from Wendell P. And Bob McG.

Next program: Terry Morrow, Bronson Healthcare group.

Meeting adjourned at 1 PM.

Stay positive, safe and kind. 🙏
Jeannine

Replay Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/xUOTuec9p1INzhT76izY3eAEgGsyTivOILRY1QymhBsXuZjwK5ID0EIQMQ-jHz0.EFI5HPRBzKT9-nnj> Passcode: 6nNK=0xD



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