

Rotary Club of Portage Bulletin

Porta-Rota-Call

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by Paul Ballard

President Matt Semelbauer called the meeting to order at 12:03pm. We recited the Four Way Test and the Pledge of Allegiance. Dick Hewitt gave the invocation.

PROGRAM: Randy Orwig introduced today's speaker, Crissy Lauterbach, Innovative Teaching and Learning Coordinator at Butler Tech in Hamilton, Ohio. Crissy shared the many innovations in educational programs pioneered through Butler Tech. The majority of these are targeted to "those" students who would benefit from non-traditional education to directly enter or return to the workforce. Their programs are currently serving 16,000 students per day through Butler and 3,000 to 5,000 in Adult Ed. They partner with high schools, governments and local businesses to provide an incredible range of opportunities to students. There are Pathway Programs in Health Care (Nursing, Med Asst, Billing, Phlebotomy), Industrial Technology (HVAC, Welding, Tech Maintenance), Personal Enrichment, Public Safety (Police, EMT, Fire, Security, Firearms, OSHA) as well as Custom Professional Training tailored to the needs of a particular company. The drop out rate is only 1% and 55% of the students who have entered the workforce go on to college level courses to further their careers. Other programs such as the Student Showcase and the 5th Day Experience offer ways to share projects and diversify learning interests. The Project Life Program educates students with special needs and 85% of them acquire fulltime jobs.

Our own Cameron Buck, Director of the Education for Employment Program in our area, and Dave Campbell at KRESA attended the meeting today and were impressed with Butler Tech's approach. They will present a program soon to the club about their work in this area.

The presentation was an excellent overview a truly advanced approach continuing education. To learn more, visit their website at www.butlertech.org or email Crissy at lauterbachc@butlertech.org.

US Congressional tour takes place. You can view it live or after the tour at <https://apply.butlertech.org/acte-and-butler-tech/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Virtual Auction Update – STARTS THIS SATURDAY – share our event page, send invites of our event to your friends, call/email 10 friends/family/clients
- Senior Services needs volunteers building ramps in our community, contact Ben Barber for this volunteer opportunity

- Amazon Smile Link - <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-3353675> - use this link to add Amazon as your chosen non-profit
- Payments are accepted through PayPal for Rotary items, you can find a PayPal quick link at <http://www.portagerotary.org/>, or use your PayPal app using Rotaryclubofportage@gmail.com
- Super Bowl Winnings – contact Karen Foster

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES (through 03/09/21): Rafael Wolf has a birthday on the 5th. No wedding anniversaries this week.

HAPPY BUCKS: - Many happy bucks by Dick H, Ben B, Randy O, Jeannine W, Paul C, Matt S, Cameron B, Shirley J, Bob B, Chris B, Marlene O, and Jen M.

Sergeant at Arms, Chris Buckley, then quizzed members on NCAA trivia garnering further bucks from Pete M, Mark B, Jen M, Bob B, Art R, Ben B and Chris B.

Next week's program: Dominic Gualtieri with Boy Scouts of America.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.



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