



SUMMER PARTY FUNDRAISER NETS MORE THAN \$3,000



Left: Rick Helton, Jimmie Pierce Robertson, Crystal Redden and Michele Nance greet customers at the Rotary Club of La Porte booth at the corner of Main Street and Broadway.

Right: Jason Weeks, Fred Gintert, Frank Nance and Jayo Washington serve beer at the Rotary Club of La Porte's booth near the band stage.



After a year of pandemic restrictions and numerous changes in plans for traditional fundraising events, La Porte Rotarians enjoyed the combination of a beautiful evening and a successful fundraiser at the City of La Porte's Summer Party on Main Street on July 24.

Rotarians and their family members and friends manned two booths selling beer, sodas and water throughout the evening. Their efforts brought in a total of \$3,214.49 in profit for the club.

Jayo Washington, club sergeant-at-arms, served as chairman for the event.

"Not only was this something that our Rotary Club needed, it was also something that our entire community needed," said Jason Weeks, president of the club, about the evening. "The turnout was great, and those in attendance had a wonderful time participating in all the activities."



Above: Travis Helton, Bob Pizzitola, Ed Hoerner, John Stauffer and Darren Robertson serve beverages at the Rotary Club booth at Summer Party on Main Street.

Left: Rotarians Mason Peres and Lisa Camp take a quick break after setting up the Rotary booth near the stage.

Upcoming Programs and Events

Aug. 5 — New Teacher Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., La Porte High School Bulldog Centre

Aug. 6—Chad Burke, Economic Alliance Houston Port Region

Aug. 12—Breakfast with the Stars, 7 a.m., Sylvan Beach Pavilion

Aug. 13—Yasmin Pitre and Rachel Cotton, Agape Centric

Aug. 20—Jan Wheeler and Shelley Fuller, Project Joy and Hope

Aug. 25—Annual La Porte vs. Deer Park Football Rivalry Joint Meeting, Battleground Golf Course

Aug. 27—No Meeting

Aug. 27—Board of Directors Meeting, Noon, City Hall Conference Room

Aug. 31—New Member Orientation, Bayshore Financial Advisors



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

ROTARY'S HOME TEAM ASSISTS SENIOR CITIZENS

The Rotary Club of La Porte's HoME (Home Maintenance for the Elderly) Team had a busy summer, completing four projects at the homes of disabled and/or senior citizens in the La Porte area.

Members of the HoME Team volunteer their Saturdays to give back to the community. The most recent project involved doing a much-needed yard clean-up for a local veteran who was in a rehabilitation center following an accident.

During 2020, despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the HoME Team assisted 20 households, with projects ranging from replacing light bulbs to fixing leaking faucets. The projects added up to 126 volunteer hours doing minor repairs or maintenance at these homes free of charge—resulting in \$9,720 in savings to the citizens.

For more information on the HoME Team program, call 281-413-3860.



Marty Campise, Emily Helton, Bob Pizzitola and Rick Helton work on a yard clean-up project for an elderly La Porte citizen.



Frank Nance, front right, takes a selfie of HOME Team members and friends who helped clean up the yard of a veteran who was hospitalized. From left are Roma Norwine, Rhonda Weeks, Jay Martin, Jeff Martin and Jason Weeks. Not pictured are Rotarians Marty Campise, Al Ward and Rick Helton, who also worked on the project.



COMMUNITY MEMBERS SHOW THEIR PATRIOTISM AT JULY 3 ROTARY CLUB INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

The rain held off just long enough for La Portians to come out and show their patriotism at the Rotary Club of La Porte's annual Independence Day Parade on Saturday, July 3.

More than 25 entries—including emergency responders, elected officials, clubs and organizations and local businesses—traveled up Broadway in vehicles decorated in red, white and blue. Those lining the street waved flags as the parade made its way from the corner of Fairmont and Broadway to A Street.

Representatives of the La Porte Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association took on the difficult job of judging the entries. First place went to La Porte Feed and Supply, with the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) earning second place and La Porte High School Football winning third. Best Overall Showing went to Next Level Dance.



Top left: Rotarians Jason Weeks and Jayo Washington, right, distribute flags with Interact Club sponsor Tiffiny Vaughn and Interactors.

Top right: Rotarians Billy Stoker, Beth Brady and Mason Peres go over procedures for the parade.



Left: Rotarians Bob Pizzitola and Sonja Baumgardner make the rounds to check on participants.

The Texas Pledge

Honor the Texas flag;
I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas,
one state under God,
one and indivisible.

Rotary Celebrations in August

Member Birthdays

Walter Jackson	Aug. 5
Vince D'Ippolito	Aug. 11
Bob Pizzitola	Aug. 15
Brian Kinkopf	Aug. 26
Jimmie Pierce Robertson	Aug. 31

Spouse Birthdays

Jason Redden	Aug. 4
Cindy Martin	Aug. 24

Wedding Anniversaries

Clark and Shauna Askins	Aug. 14
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Rotary Anniversaries

Lisa Camp	2 years
Derick Meadows	2 years
Rick Helton	10 years
Rebecca Collins	11 years

