



## LP ROTARY FEATURED IN 'PEOPLE OF ACTION' VIDEO

*Right: Rotarian Rick Helton gets a touch-up from a member of the make-up crew as Rotarian John Stauffer looks on.*



*Far right: Rotarians who participated in the video project include, from left, Al Ward, John Stauffer, Beth Brady, Rick Helton, Frank Nance, Mason Peres and Susan Passmore.*



*Below: Rick Helton and Al Ward work on an actual HoME Team project the weekend prior to Thanksgiving.*



Lights . . . camera . . . action! La Porte Rotarians who work hard behind the scenes were in the spotlight on Nov. 13.

The Rotary Club of La Porte's HoME (Home Maintenance for the Elderly) project was selected by Rotary International and District 5890 to be highlighted in video and print resources next year as Houston hosts the Rotary International Conference.

HoME Team members devote many Saturdays to repairing and maintaining the homes of seniors and disabled citizens in the La Porte area.

"After several months of meetings, emails and calls explaining and promoting the project to RI and our District team in an effort to earn this opportunity . . . the Rotary video team rolled into La Porte for a day of filming and photography," said Frank Nance, immediate past president.

"We continue to be proud of the good work our HoME Team volunteers do for our community. What an awesome opportunity for our club to promote the work we do in serving our elderly neighbors."

## MEMBERS DONATE TO THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



*Rotarian Brenda Thompson, left, drops off more than 150 cans of cranberry sauce to representatives of Agape Centric for their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. Members of the Rotary Club of La Porte donated the canned goods to help area families in need. Rotarian Lisa Camp, community service director, coordinated the effort.*

## Upcoming Programs and Events

December is Rotary Family Month!

Dec. 3—Joy2theWorld International Christian Academy in Ghana—presented by Beth Brady, Margaret Jones, and Hallie Jones

Dec. 10—Performance by the La Porte High School Choir under the direction of Bryan Sutherland

Dec. 11—Service Project—Ringing the Bell for Salvation Army at Kroger, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Dec. 15—Combined Christmas Party with La Porte-Bayshore Chamber of Commerce Directors and La Porte Education Foundation, 5 to 8 p.m., Chamber Office, 100 W. Main

Dec. 17--TBA

Dec. 24 and 31—No meetings due to holidays

*Meetings resume on Wednesday, Jan. 5*



**SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES**

# ROTARIANS HELP WITH ILLUMINATION PROJECT

On Nov. 13, volunteers from the Rotary Club of La Porte helped with the Texas Memorial Illumination at San Jacinto, commemorating the sacrifice of more than 21,500 Texans who have given their lives in armed conflict.

According to Lisa Camp, the club's community service director, volunteers helped by placing, lighting and picking up 21,500 candles on the San Jacinto Battlefield. From 6 p.m. to midnight, families traveled from all over to see the "last full measure of devotion" with the San Jacinto Monument in the background.

The Texas-wide event was sponsored by the San Jacinto Museum of History and Battlefield Association and the



Texas Historical Commission. Hundreds of volunteers were needed to make the event possible.

On Oct. 30, volunteers prepared candles in bags with sand and placed them in boxes. On the day of the event, they put the candles at pre-determined locations on the battlefield and lit them late that afternoon. The next day, they removed the candles and bags.

Thank you to the Rotarians who helped!



*Far left: The candles at the San Jacinto Monument represent the Texans who have lost their lives in armed combat.*

*Left: Layla Crutcher, daughter of Rotarian Melissa Crutcher, helps to light candles at the event.*

**Welcome Back!**  
**Mark your calendars for the Rotary Reverse Draw!**  
**March 24, 2022**

*Show your support for the Rotary Club of La Porte with a business-card ad in the 2022 Portal! \$100 per year (12 issues)*

*See Rick Helton or Terri Cook for details*

## AL WARD EARNS PAUL HARRIS FELLOW RECOGNITION



*Rotarian Al Ward, right, receives a Paul Harris Fellow Award from Rotary Club of La Porte president Jason Weeks at the Nov. 17 meeting of the club. Al has been a member of the Rotary Club of La Porte for 48 years and is very active on the Reverse Draw Committee as well as the HoME (Home Maintenance for the Elderly) Team. Congratulations, Al!*

## ROTARIANS ENJOY NOVEMBER PROGRAM SPEAKERS



*La Porte High School FFA members Kacy Gerfers, left, and Hailey Butland present their advocacy team speech about oysters and oyster reef restoration to members of the La Porte Rotary Club on Nov. 5. The team will be competing at an upcoming FFA contest. They are under the direction of LPHS agriculture teacher Erika Espitia.*

*Brodie Cooper, right, executive director of Blast and Cast Men's Ministries, spoke to the Rotary Club of La Porte on Nov. 12. Cooper talked to the club about his experiences with ministry to outdoorsmen. Mason Peres, club vice president, thanks him for visiting the group.*



## Rotary Celebrations in December

### Member Birthdays

Victor Peres	Dec. 3
Jayo Washington	Dec. 4
Sonja Baumgardner	Dec. 17

### Spouse Birthdays

Charlcya Wheeler	Dec. 29
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### Wedding Anniversaries

Marty and Vicky Campise	Dec. 18
Leonard and Jan Hein	Dec. 21

## The Texas Pledge

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

