



# THE PORTAL

## SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO LA PORTE ISD GRADUATES



Members of the Rotary Scholarship Committee, left, pore over 70-plus scholarship applications submitted by La Porte High School seniors. Clockwise from left are Crystal Redden, Jayo Washington, Lisa Camp, Mason Peres and Sonja Baumgardner. Not pictured are Jimmie Pierce and Terri Cook.

The Rotary Club of La Porte awarded \$28,000 in scholarships to La Porte High School students at the school's annual Awards Night on May 13. Rotarians appreciate the many generous sponsors who stepped in to provide scholarships during a year in which the Reverse Draw, the club's major fund raiser, was not possible due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Fifteen deserving LPHS students received the scholarships and will be additionally recognized at the June 4 meeting of the club.

In addition, the Rotary Club provided a first-time scholarship to a student at the La Porte ISD Academy at Viola DeWalt High School. Kymberlyn Stepro was presented with a \$1,250 scholarship on May 14.

More information about the scholarship winners and contributors will be included in the July issue of *The Portal*.

## ROTARY PRESENTS GIFT CARDS TO GRADUATING INTERACTORS



Rotarians, from left, Jason Weeks, Sonja Baumgardner, Beth Brady and President Frank Nance, right, present Tiffiny Vaughn, La Porte High School Interact Club sponsor, with \$100 gift cards for each of the graduating Interactors. With the leadership of these seniors, the club has completed many service projects this year.

La Porte High School Interact Club members help an organization called Splash do an experimental trash transect data analysis on the Morgan's Point shoreline on May 23. The group collected approximately 700 pounds of debris and will categorize it, working with a number of other organizations to create a database.



## Upcoming Programs and Events

June 4—Rotary Scholarship Recipients

June 7—Blood Drive, La Porte Community Church, 202 South 1<sup>st</sup> Street, 3 to 7:30 p.m.

June 11—Marcia Dickson, Travel Specialist, TNT Travel Group, "Brighter Days Ahead: 2022 Travel"

June 18—Dr. Kathleen A. Garland, Senior Lecturer, Environmental Management Program, University of Houston-Clear Lake, "Sustainability and Resilience in the Greater Houston Region: Challenges and Initiatives"

June 23—Rotary Installation Banquet "Fiesta," Houston Yacht Club, 6:30 p.m.

June 25—No Meeting

June 26—Rotary Fish Fry, City of La Porte SPORT Complex, 1302 S. Broadway, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

July 2—No Meeting

July 3—Rotary Independence Day Parade and Car Show, 10 a.m.

July 28—District Governor Michelle Bohreer's Visit, Joint Meeting of Deer Park and La Porte Rotary Clubs, Battleground Golf Club

# ROTARY RECOGNIZES TWO NEW PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Rotary Club of La Porte President Frank Nance recognized two first-time Paul Harris Fellows during May meetings of the club. Billy Stoker and Mason Peres were presented with their certificates and pins during the meetings.

“We appreciate the enthusiasm with which Billy and Mason demonstrate ‘Service Above Self’ and are delighted to recognize them both as new Paul Harris Fellows,” Nance said.



*Left: Rotary President Frank Nance presents Billy Stoker with his first Paul Harris Fellow award.*

*Right: Frank Nance, president of the La Porte Rotary Club, recognizes Mason Peres as a first-time Paul Harris Fellow.*

## Stepro receives scholarship



*Kymberlyn Stepro, center, 2021 graduate of the LPISD Academy at Viola DeWalt High School, is awarded a \$1,250 Rotary Scholarship—the first to be presented to an Academy student. From left are her parents; Robert and Nancy Ojeda, who funded the award; and Rotarians Frank Nance, Jason Weeks, Lisa Camp and Mason Peres.*

### 2020-21 Board of Directors and Committee Chairs

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### Rotary Celebrations in June

#### Member Birthdays

Sandy Hays	June 2
John Clayton	June 3
Van Wigginton	June 17
Rick Helton	June 27

#### Spouse Birthdays

Ericka Alexander	June 24
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#### Wedding Anniversaries

Rick & Kim Helton	June 17
Derick & Andria Meadows	June 19

#### Rotary Anniversaries

John Clayton	16 years
Corey Marlar	16 years
Al Ward	48 years

SAVE THE DATE

**JUNE 26 11AM-2PM**

ROTARY CLUB OF LA PORTE

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SPORT COMPLEX GYM  
 1302 S BROADWAY  
 LA PORTE



**Join us for Rotary at a new location, on a new day!**

The Rotary Club of La Porte now meets on Fridays at noon at the Houston Yacht Club, 3620 Miramar Drive, in Shoreacres. We welcome visitors! For additional information on our club, please email us at [laporterotaryclub@gmail.com](mailto:laporterotaryclub@gmail.com).

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