



## ROTARY CLUB OF LA PORTE EARNS RECOGNITIONS



*Former Rotary District Governor Scott Rainey, right, presents the Rotary Club of La Porte with a Presidential Citation for the club's work during the 2020-21 program year. Accepting the award is Frank Nance, 2020-21 president of the club.*



*La Porte Mayor Louis Rigby, right, recognizes World Polio Day and the good work of the Rotary Club of La Porte for the past 83 years at the Oct. 25 meeting of the La Porte City Council. Representing the club are, from left, Frank Nance, past president; Rick Helton, treasurer; and Jason Weeks, president.*

The Rotary Club of La Porte celebrated its 83-year history of "Service Above Self" with recognitions of the club's community involvement and additional efforts to benefit PolioPlus, Rotary International's initiative to eradicate polio.

Former Rotary District 5890 Governor Scott Rainey attended the Oct. 22 meeting to present a Presidential Citation to the Rotary Club of La Porte for its outstanding work during the 2020-21 program year.

At the Oct. 25 La Porte City Council meeting, La Porte Mayor Louis Rigby presented the club with a proclamation in observance of World Polio Day and in recognition of the club's work in the community for over eight decades.

The club ended the month with an additional effort to benefit PolioPlus. Polio survivor Wayne Staton was on hand at the Oct. 29 meeting to talk about his battle with polio and the adversities he overcame. Several members made donations to the Rotary Foundation for the chance to "pie" president Jason Weeks and then chose instead to auction their pies during the meeting—resulting in an additional \$210 donation.



*Above left: Rotarian and polio survivor Wayne Staton speaks to the club at the Oct. 29 meeting.*



*Left: Past president Frank Nance, right, gives the ceremonial "pie in the face" to president Jason Weeks following members' contributions to PolioPlus.*

### Upcoming Programs and Events

- Nov. 5—FFA Officers
- Nov. 5—Board Meeting (following regular meeting)
- Nov. 12—Brodie Cooper, Blast and Cast
- Nov. 13—Filming of HoME Team for Rotary International
- Nov. 13 & 14—Service Project--Texas Memorial Illumination at San Jacinto
- Nov. 19—Dr. Walter Jackson, La Porte ISD Superintendent of Schools
- Nov. 26—No Meeting (Thanksgiving holidays)



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# ROTARIANS ENJOY OCT. 30 'TREATS ON THE TRAIL'

Rotarians enjoyed seeing an assortment of creative costumes and giving out candy to the children of our community at the City of La Porte's "Treats on the Trail" held at Little Cedar Bayou Park on Oct. 30.

Thanks to the Rotarians who worked at the booth as well as those who donated candy for this fun family event!



Far left: Kim Helton, Sonja Baumgardner, Mason Peres, Rick Helton and Terri Cook represent the Rotary Club of La Porte at "Treats on the Trail."

Left: Mason Peres, poses for a "farmyard photo" with a toddler in a chicken costume.



Far left: Rotarian Rick Helton gives out candy to a costumed Mario during the event.

Center: Rotarian Marty Campise's grandchildren, Jacob and Juda, are among the hundreds of children who attended the event.

Left: A trick-or-treating "ladybug" looks over the assortment of candy at the Rotary booth.

## REDDEN REPRESENTS LP ROTARY AT OCT. 30 GALA



Crystal Redden, second from left, and her husband, Jason, represent the Rotary Club of La Porte at the Oct. 30 Project Joy and Hope Gala. Former La Porte Rotarian Ray Nolen, right, and his wife, Michele, also were in attendance. The club recently donated \$1,000 to Project Joy and Hope as part of the foundation giving budget and was a Benefactor Sponsor for the fund raiser.

## LITTLE FREE LIBRARY DEDICATION HELD ON OCT. 4

After the Rotary Club of La Porte's Little Free Library at Farrington Park was destroyed by arson in April 2021, Rotarians vowed to come back with a bigger and better version. Rotarian Kent Rimmel of Rimmel Enterprises made the new one from aluminum, which was then powder-coated and adorned with Rotary decals.

The dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony for the new library was held on Oct. 4, with a large number of children from neighborhood schools in attendance.



Assisting with the ribbon cutting are, from left, Rotarians Dr. Walter Jackson, Lisa Camp and Jason Weeks; former La Porte City Council member Nancy Ojeda; La Porte City Council member Bill Bentley; and Rotarians Frank Nance, Rick Helton and Kent Rimmel. Helton and Rimmel were instrumental in the planning and construction of the new, improved Little Free Library.

Mark your calendars for the Reverse Draw—March 24, 2022

## Rotary Celebrations in November

### Member Birthdays

Marty Campise Nov. 16

### Spouse Birthdays

Kathy Clausen Nov. 18

### Wedding Anniversaries

Crystal and Jason Redden Nov. 3  
 Jeff and Cindy Martin Nov. 19  
 Ruede and Charleya Wheeler Nov. 19  
 Susan and Richard Passmore Nov. 28

### Rotary Anniversaries

Frank Nance 5 years  
 Brian Kinkopf 6 years  
 Van Wigginton 8 years  
 Jimmie Pierce Robertson 9 years

## The Texas Pledge

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

