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Today's Program

Rick Merdan – Wendy Savage, Red Cross Blood Donation

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/95892847101?pwd=UXV5SDZnc1pqN1V0OVA5MktHQkxJdz09>
Meeting ID: 958 9284 7101 Passcode: 852039

Now meeting (normally) In-Person Meeting at the Elks Lodge 430 Jackson

Week	Rotarian/Program
May 19	Carrie Nikolai
May 26	Dwight Heaney, the Rotary Foundation
June 2	Brian Oswald
June 9	Tom Paul

Rotary News

- Attendance was 21 including our new youth Rotar, Aria Fischer, LHS, she is a multi-sport athlete, she works at Anchor Bay, placed second at DECA nationals, and plans to attend Colorado State and eventually work in oncology.
- We also welcomed several guests, Harry Green, Laura Cronan, and Tom Paul.
- Highway cleanup was a great success “many hands make light work”



Ray "Boz" Bossert, "Nepco Lake Update"

Ray is the Port Edwards village administrator. He is also a 36 year veteran with tours of duty in Iraq, Afghanistan, and the Pentagon among others. The village of Port Edwards has changed over time especially after the mill shut down. The average age of residents has declined. As older mill workers left younger families moved in, with children, and school enrollment has increased. Another big change is coming. Eight years ago developers developed a boundary agreement with Saratoga such that the properties would be in Saratoga (with their tax base) and then revert to the rightful Port Edwards village. With the development that has occurred, this change will result in an additional 470 acres, 151 properties, and an additional \$20 million in assessed value! Ray met with owners of the development and let them know how much more they will be paying in taxes as well as planned services for that area. Plans are to create a lake association which will also help maintain and improve the lake for instance by week maintenance.



Also, there have been developments in the old Domtar mill site. A lawsuit between DMI and the demolition company has concluded in DMI's favor. They are now ready to proceed with the completion of the demolition which should be completed by this summer. They are investing \$1 million to improve the rail access at the site which will benefit existing (ERCO) and future businesses there. A river walk is planned with the help of a half million private donation. Additional housing is planned right along the river with a beautiful vista of the river.

Regarding surrounding communities, several communities (Saratoga and Rome) are interested in connecting to the Port Edwards sewer system since it is running at half capacity since the mill closure. As Ray said, “Everyone wants to get rid of crap!”

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