

Rotary Club of Galveston - Texas



PILOT

August 2017 edition



ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE

Well, one month down and eleven to go! We're off to a great start to this Rotary year of Making a Difference. Stay tuned for some new opportunities to roll up your sleeves and volunteer for some of the local charities in Galveston. I am working with **Sheryl Green** to identify some areas where we can work together physically to help our fellow Galvestonians. We also have our usual projects: Walk to End Alzheimer's, Chili Supper Fundraiser (11/8), Bell Ringing for Salvation Army (12/9), Family Day with Meals on Wheels and Toys for Tots (12/13), Grand Kids' Festival Bike Helmet Giveaway, Crawfish Boil, Spelling Beeand probably others I've left out!

We've been making a difference for over 100 years and it keeps getting better! Thanks to all of you for your Rotary service.

Kristen Carlson, President, Rotary Club of Galveston

Welcome!

Our newest member is **Mary Lou Hollender**, Director of Development at the Bryan Museum. Although Mary Lou is new to our club, she is not new to Rotary, serving in two clubs on the East Coast. She has been on two NID (national immunization Day) trips to India and Niger and on the Rotary International Water Well Project.

*Pictured right is sponsor **Ruth Suhler** and **Marylou**.*



*(photo by **Robyn Bushong**)*

Upcoming Programs:

August 9: Shriner's Hospital
August 16: Walk to End Alzheimers
August 23: Galveston Island Nature Tourism
August 30: No Meeting!

**COMING
SOON!**

Instead we will meet

Thursday, August 31: @ Moody Gardens United Way Kickoff REGISTER online:
uwgalv.org (be sure and select that you are a member of our club and they will
invoice us)

Rotary Night at the Astros!

Date: August 20, 2017 vs Oakland
Time: 1:10 pm
Cost: \$47.00/ticket which includes \$15
credit for food



**Please email Chris directly if you would like
tickets: chrisbrownleeod@gmail.com**

*You will need to pay for your tickets prior
to the game (payable to Chris)*

You can also purchase them from Chris at an upcoming meeting.

District Governor, Rhonda Herrington's Visit to our Club, July 25th



Photos by *Robyn Bushong*

*Pictures from District Governor's Visit
Tuesday evening Social with the Boards of both the Island and Galveston Clubs.*



Photos by Kristen

*Many Thanks to **Keith and Genette Bassett** for hosting!*



Mardi Gras on the Mainland

One of the goals of our Rotary club is to do more with the other clubs in our County.

The Texas City Rotary Club is sponsoring a Mardi Gras Event on January 27, 2018. Six other clubs in our County are participating.

- Each Club will select a male and female Rotarian to be in the Royal Court.
- We are currently taking nominations and will vote the next two weeks for our club's two representatives.
- Each club participating will receive \$500 to go toward a specific cause.
- The King and Queen that we nominate will determine a cause for our \$500 to go toward.
- The Rotary Club with the winning King and Queen (randomly determined at the event with a King Cake) will receive an additional \$500 for the cause.

Each club will also donation at least one auction item for the Mardi Gras Party with a minimum of \$100 value.

Tickets to the event will be \$75.00 and will include dinner, open bar, band and Mardi Gras Fun.

Please let **Don Nurdin (dnurdin@donnurdin.com)** or **Kristen (kristen@rahgalveston.com)** know if you are interested in being nominated for this event. Please note that voting will be done by dollar bills (\$1 = 1 vote) and will also go to the cause that is chosen.

(For example, if our King and Queen choose the Alzheimer's Association then \$500 will be donated plus any funds from the vote. If they find the baby in the cake, an additional \$500 will be donated).

This is a great way to get your favorite cause some moola!!

What Does Rotary Mean to You?

What Rotary means to me is Service above Self! I absolutely love how we focus on the great good in Rotary. As members, we have so many opportunities to contribute to helping others and our community as well as providing the avenue to reach out and help internationally!

Personally, Rotary has always had a special place in my life and family because I am a third generation Rotarian. My grandfather, uncle, aunt, mother, father, and brother are all Rotarians. My grandmother was a Rotary-Ann before women were part of Rotary. I even attended meetings as a very young girl with my Grandfather who was the President of Blinn College and later San Jacinto College. He would tell me how important was to be a Rotarian and attend monthly because of all of the good Rotary did for the world. Also, my uncle had polio as a child which left him disabled. The impactful work that Rotary has done in illuminating polio has directly impacted my family and the world! All of my family members have served as president of their Rotary clubs, and my mother has also served as Rotary District Governor.



In summary, I am extremely proud of all of the work that our club and clubs all over the world have done to help others!

Dr. Jennifer Goodman

Superintendent Odyssey Academy and proud member of the Rotary Club of Galveston

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