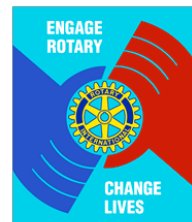


Rotary Club of Galveston - Texas



PILOT



Rotary Newsletter
January 8, 2014

Kevin Harrington presided over the meeting.

Neil Nathan offered the invocation

Bill Leopold led the pledge and music

VJ Tramonte introduced visiting Rotarians and guests

Announcements:

Kevin Harrington announced the The New Officers for the club:

President Nominee: **John Zendt** (President 2016-2017)

Recording Secretary: (2014-2015) **Ruth Finkelstein Suhler**

Club Treasurer: (2014-2015) **Brett Kirkpatrick**

Sergeant-at-arms: (2014-2015) **Stephen Duncan**

Club Directors: (2014-2016) **John Clyburn, Gaynelle Hayes, Mark McQuade, Michelle Slaughter, Gina Spagnola**

Ray Pinard and **Mary Beth Bassett** announced that Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) takes place January 10-12 in Woodlake, TX. Our club has sponsored 16 high school juniors to attend.

Ray Pinard announced that the club collected \$7,120 for Galveston Island Meals on Wheels during the Christmas program on December 18.

Program

Armin Cantini introduced the program: Myles Shelton president of Galveston College.

Galveston College has one of the lowest fee structures of any community college in Texas. The Applied Technology Center recently opened and offers training for welding, air conditioning, electronics, cosmetology and medical billing.

The Development Studies program aims to address the deficiencies among students in the areas of math, reading and writing and move them to college-level courses. Last year, 85% of students moved to college level classes.

Last year saw the largest graduating class in Galveston College history. More than 600 students graduated compared to 300 graduates five years ago.

Galveston College offers a dual credit program and works with GISD students. The first 12 hours are offered free of charge and last year 200 high-school students participated.

Plans for 2014 and beyond include:

- Developing a New Horizons Master Plan
- Establishing an engineering program with grand funding
- Expanding the performing arts programs
- Ensuring that the technical work force programs lead to certification, licensure and employment
- Continue to expand the continuing education programs

Randy Klibert won the door prize.

Kevin Harrington led the group in reciting the Rotary Four-Way Test.

Of the Things we think, say or do:

- 1) Is it the TRUTH?
- 2) Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- 3) Will it build GOODWILL and better FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned

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