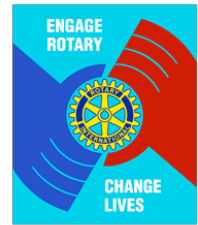


Rotary Club of Galveston - Texas



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Rotary Newsletter
March 5, 2014

Lonnie Cox presided over the meeting.

Announcements

There is no meeting in Galveston on Wednesday, March 26. Club members are encouraged to attend the countywide meeting on Tuesday, March 25 at the Doyle Center in Texas City. Judge Mark Henry is the speaker.

Kathy Thomas announced that the Rotary tab deadline is April 1. She said they have had good support. She thanked Leonard Woolsey and the Galveston County Daily News for their support. They will distribute 27,000 copies in June that will tell the story about Galveston Rotary.

Kay Sandor asked for volunteers for the Grand Kids Festival on April 5 to help distribute bike helmets.

Program

Ketih Bassett introduced the program, Josh Durrell Executive Director of Galveston Urban Ministries.

The ministry began in Waco, Texas and recently, they began exploring different cities in central Texas that were in need and fit certain criteria. With poverty rates more than 25% in Galveston, plus the 2008 Hurricane Ike flooding that destroyed portions of the city, and limited resources to address these issues, they decided that Galveston would benefit from their programming.

Armed with a three-year startup grant from Christian Mission Concerns and a passion for urban ministry, Josh and Danielle Dorrell moved to Galveston during the summer of 2010 to begin the non-profit organization.

They have engaged in conversation and relationships with the school district, the housing authority, and local churches. They have determined that the community's greatest needs are in children and

youth programs that develop students and encourage growth, as well as job training that provides resume building, interview skills, and networking that leads to employment and retention.

Galveston Urban Ministries offers tutoring for local students in need. In addition, they offer job opportunities for youth with the building and distribution of solar panel kits. They also offer job training.

During the holidays, Galveston Urban Ministries opens a Christmas Toy Store that allows parents to purchase discounted gifts for their family. The group also sells school supplies at a discounted rate.

Go Green Galveston is a recycling program the group recently started. It is a curbside residential recycling service for Galveston. It is designed to bring awareness to the environment, create jobs and maintain the island's beauty.

For more information about Galveston Urban Ministries or the recycling program, visit galvesturbanministries.org.

Bill Glenn won the door prize

Upcoming Programs

April 2: City of Galveston 175th Anniversary, Multiple Speakers

April 9: TBA

April 16: Chamber State of Education, Multiple Speakers

April 23: Dwayne Jones, GHF Homes Tour

Lonnie Cox 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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