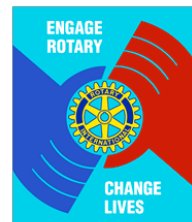


Rotary Club of Galveston - Texas



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Rotary Newsletter
April 30, 2014

Kevin Harrington presided over the meeting.

Linda Ott offered the invocation

VJ Tramonte led the pledge and music

Bill Leopold introduced the visiting Rotarians and guests

Announcements

Ray Pinard introduced the club's newest Rotarian, **Mary Locklin**.

Mike Guarino announced that the Memorial Day program is May 21. Invitations and blank veterans forms are available from Mike. Mary Beth Bassett will email the forms to the club. If you have already filled out a form, Mike has a copy. If you're bringing someone for the first time, please fill out form. Cub members are encouraged to invite friends, coworkers, family members to the program. Please arrive early. The program will start at 11:45 am. Let Harold know who is coming so we know how many will be here.

Neil Nathan announced that our club received a Presidential Citation award at the annual district conference. Brett Kirkpatrick received an individual award and will be placed on the Roll of Fame. Kevin congratulated the club for the citation award.

Program

Neil Nathan introduced the program: **John Augelli** with a Rosenberg Library update.

The Rosenberg Library contains items from e-books to ancient texts. The oldest is a 25,000-year-old tablet from Babylonia. The library was chartered by the state in 1900 and it opened June 22, 1904 open. It is the oldest public library in the state of Texas. Founder Henry Rosenberg established an endowment fund for the library that still generates income. Trustees and a board of directors govern the library. The Friends of the Rosenberg Library, a volunteer group, has contributed \$500,000 to the library.

The library has seen double-digit growth in the last three years with book lending being the most popular. It offered 800 programs last year including the summer reading program for kids. John Zendt and Moody Gardens hosted the kick off to the children's program at Palm Beach.

There are eight meeting rooms available for free. All are equipped with wifi and some have monitors and public address systems.

Rosenberg Library has an extensive virtual library that has expanded over the last ten years. Its features include the ability to reserve a meeting room, download an e book, access to a magazine database and download music. There is also a foreign-language learning program here.

The archives and museum at Rosenberg represent one of the major repositories of materials related to Texas history. Located here are books, presidential correspondence, manuscripts and maps.

New developments at the library include the completion of a \$4.5 million construction project last July. Library improvements include refurbishing of the Randall and Worthem meeting rooms, a new children's library and circulation desk, plus flood control equipment that is state of the art. The next improvement project is for the second floor of the Rosenberg wing. Crews will replace lights with more historically appropriate fixtures, renovating galleries and quiet study areas and installing floor-to-ceiling windows in the Moody wing.

Kristen Carlson won the door prizes: two bottles of wine, plus a tire rotation and oil change donated by Brian Barnes.

May 21: Memorial Day Program

May 28: Chamber State of Education

June 4: Living Life in Happy Hour, Jim Gentil

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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