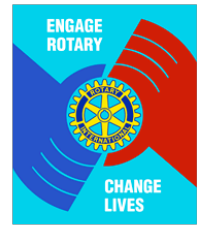


Rotary Club of Galveston - Texas



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Rotary Newsletter
May 14, 2014

Kevin Harrington presided over the meeting.

Kristen Carlson offered the invocation

Lonnie Cox introduced visitors and guests

Ruth Suhler led the pledge and music

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Barbara White from the Texas City Rotary Club

Sheila Lidstone, guest of Ruth Finkelstein Suhler and **Jordan Raschke**, guest of her Father, Fred Raschke

Announcements

Kevin announced that next week is the Memorial Day program. Please arrive early.

Program

Fred Wurst introduced the program, **Larry Nichols** with a GISD update.

Academics: The district is refining its academic system and is using a balanced literacy program. Hispanics represent the largest population in the district, 47%. These students are being taught English right away.

Ball High School has received a \$12 million grant that will establish five communities within the school that are based on endorsements. They are: Engineering, Biomedical, Media and Arts, Entrepreneurship and General Studies.

The district has ended its agreement with the KIPP Charter School. They are keeping those teachers and parts of the program they can afford.

Facilities: GISD has renovated Burnet Elementary School. Its location best serves the population. Weiss will remain a Head Start facility.

GISD is working on the Courville Stadium. Recently, crews have painted the chain-link fence and removed the barbed wire. The district will take care of what it has and make sure facilities are nice and well-maintained.

The district has 6,800 students enrolled. The smallest class is 390 students. Seventy one percent of GISD students qualify for free or reduced lunch.

Kevin Katz won the door prize.

Upcoming Programs:

June 11: Margo Snyder – Galveston Art League

June 18: Brett Kirkpatrick – Rotary Foundation Update

June 25: Kevin Harrington – Year in Review and installation of new officers

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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