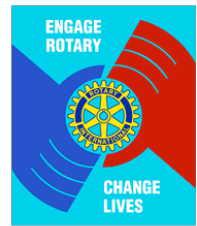


Rotary Club of Galveston - Texas



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Rotary Newsletter

July 10, 2013

Kevin Harrington presided over the meeting.

Kevin Katz offered the Invocation

Ruth Suhler led the pledge and music

Mary Brechtel introduced the guests and visiting Rotarians

Visiting Rotarians:

Richard DeVries, from the Texas City Rotary Club

Mart Black, from the Houma Terrebonne Club in Louisiana

Guests:

Bryson Bassett, guest of Mary Beth Bassett

Announcements

Kevin thanked **Ulli Budelman** for doing a great job on the new roster.

Keith Bassett requested program ideas. Please call him or email him with ideas.

Program

Kevin Harrington introduced Bryson Bassett. He gave a presentation about his Eagle Scout project. He is raising money to place picnic tables and chairs in a courtyard at Ball High School.

Kevin introduced Ann Brazier who spoke about the status of the Galveston Community Pool.

Money for the pool will not affect budgets for streetlights and other repairs. The pool committee received \$150,000 for a design.

She said people ask, "We already have water, why do we need a pool?" When asked, community members said swimming lessons for children are very important. The pool could also be used for lap swims, swim team training and meets, water aerobics and training for first-responders.

According to a survey, private party rentals is one of the top priorities for a community pool.

The site for the pool is in a central location, Lasker Park at 43rd and Avenue Q. Sixty-nine percent of children under 18 live within two miles of this location.

The pool committee will fundraise for \$2.5 million to complete the pool. It is hoped that it will be complete in May 2016. The pool will provide a place for residents to exercise and can retain and attract long-term residents.

Tom LaRue won the door prize.

Kevin Harrington led the group in reciting the rotary "4 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

Upcoming Programs:

July 24: Peter Davis – Galveston Beach Patrol

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