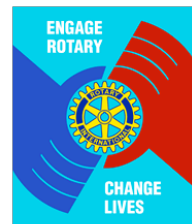


Rotary Club of Galveston - Texas



PILOT



Rotary Newsletter
August 7, 2013

Kevin Harrington presided over the meeting.

Fred Raschke offered the invocation

David Bowers introduced Visiting Rotarians and guests

Randy Klibert led the pledge and music

Announcements

Kevin Harrington announced that our Rotary District #5910 is accepting applications for a team leader and team members, age 25 to 40 for a Group Study Exchange to travel to District 4540 in Brazil in the northern part of Sao Paulo and the southern part of Minas Gerais, from May 31 through June 10, 2014. Team Leader applicants will be interviewed on Sunday, September 15th. Team members will be interviewed on Saturday, October 19th. Proficiency in "Portuguese" is not required. See Harold to get an application for either one.

Kevin announced that **Kathy Thomas** is replacing **Robyn Bushong** as editor of the Rotary tab. Thank you very much.

Maureen Patton said there are half-price tickets available for the Saturday, August 10 performance of the Golden Dragon Chinese Acrobats at The Grand.

Kevin congratulated **Bets Anderson** for winning a bronze medal in doubles badminton in Cleveland, Ohio.

Bill Hall made a presentation about the construction of a Bernardo de Galvez statue by the Sons of the American Revolution. The statue will be erected at Menard Park 27th and Seawall next to the Maguire Dent recreation center. Eric Caposta, a Houston artist, will create the statue. There will be plaques in English and Spanish letting visitors know Galvez's accomplishments. Donations are being accepted for the project and bricks are available for \$100.

Program

Keith Bassett introduced **Larry Nichols**, GISD Superintendent who spoke about the upcoming GISD vote.

Galvestonians will be able to vote for or against the following proposition: Authorizing the board of trustees of Galveston ISD to purchase attendance credits from the state with local tax revenues.

Voting for the proposition will keep property tax values in GISD, taxpayers will continue to pay the lowest tax rate in the region, the district will maintain local control of its boundaries.

Voting against the proposition will lead to a tax increase for all Galveston and Bolivar residents in the GISD boundaries. The state will have the power to deannex \$1 billion in GISD property and give it to a nearby property-poor district.

The Texas Education Agency requires the school district to bring the district in line with the Texas school finance system.

Early voting is from August 12-16 and August 19-23 at the GISD Support Center, 3904 Avenue T. Election Day is August 27. Voters must vote in their particular districts on this day. Please bring your i.d. when voting.

Door Prize:

Al Miller 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

Upcoming Programs:

August 21: Meredith Masel, Patient-Centered Care

August 28: Carmen Crabtree, Advocacy Center

September 4: TBA, Chamber C-Crewe

September 11: No Meeting

September 12: United Way Kickoff at Moody Gardens

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