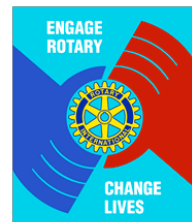


Rotary Club of Galveston - Texas



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Rotary Newsletter
August 28, 2013

Kevin Harrington presided over the meeting.

Bets Anderson offered the invocation

Kelly de Schaun led the pledge and music

Kay Sandor introduced visitors and guests

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

No Visiting Rotarians.

Guests:

Charles Doolin, guest of Chuck Herrera

Bob Randall, guest of Chuck Herrera

Ed Carrette, guest of Chuck Herrera

Announcements

Robyn Bushong introduced the club's newest Rotarian, Howie Bentley, owner of Classic Auto Group, Galveston.

Kevin Harrington congratulated GISD and Larry Nichols on the passage of the amendment that allows GISD to purchase attendance credits.

Ulli Budelman said that the exchange student, Inez, is having a wonderful time at Ball High School. Twelve exchange students from around the district attended a welcome reception on Saturday at Palisade Palms. He also mentioned that the Galveston Ballet School is offering Inez free dance lessons and has done so for our students who express an interest in taking them.

Keith Bassett announced the Chili Supper is on November 7 at Ball High School. There will be a planning and sponsor committees meeting soon.

Kevin announced there are two off-site meetings coming up. There is no meeting at Fisherman's Wharf on September 11. Members should plan to attend the United Way kick off luncheon at Moody Gardens Hotel in the Floral Ballroom on September 12. On September 25, members can attend the celebration of Texas A&M Galveston's 50th Anniversary at the San Luis.

Program

Lauren Suderman introduced Carmen Crabtree, executive director of the Children's Advocacy Center.

The Child Advocacy Center works with children and their families who have experienced abuse. It provides specially trained staff able to conduct forensic interviews. These specialists are trained to interact with children and not to put words in their mouths. Additionally, there is a crisis therapist on staff to help non-offender members of the family in addition to the victim. The center also finds resources for the families as needed. UTMB has on-site facilities there to conduct physical exams to victims.

Each Wednesday, Advocacy Center staff meets with members of law enforcement officers in Galveston County. Here they discuss pending cases and with the District Attorney, determine if there is enough evidence to proceed.

The Center also provides outreach to schools.

The Rainbow Room at the Center provides a selection of clothes diapers, formulas and hygiene products for its clients.

Some statistics:

Most abuse occurs at the hands of someone the victim knows

In 90% of cases, there is no physical evidence

There is rarely a witness to the abuse

Abuse occurs at all socioeconomic levels

Sexual abuse typically occurs in children between 6 and 8 years old

Crabtree said that if a child confides in you about having been abused, you should listen and don't put words in his or her mouth. Tell the child you are glad he told you. Don't make promises. Don't be too judgmental of perpetrator. Use the child's words not your own. Don't ask too many questions. When the conversation is over, write down what they told you.

Door Prize:

Bill Leopold 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:

September 11: No Meeting

September 12: United Way Kickoff at Moody Gardens

September 18: Dave and Norman, CERT Training Opportunities

September 25: Texas A&M Galveston 50th Anniversary, at San Luis

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