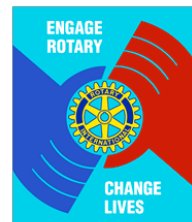


# Rotary Club of Galveston - Texas



# PILOT



Rotary Newsletter  
October 23, 2013

**Lonnie Cox** presided over the meeting.

**Bets Anderson** offered the invocation

**Lonnie Cox** led the pledge and music

**Kristen Carlson** introduced the visiting Rotarians and guests

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There were no visiting Rotarians.

## Guests:

**Karen Burke**, guest of Robyn Bushong

**Jonathan Hale**, guest of Ulli Budelmann

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## Announcements

**Keith Bassett** said the Chili Supper tickets have been mailed to members who haven't picked them up. The event is November 7 at Ball High. He asked members to bring Chili Supper posters back to their businesses. **Marie Robb** is working on securing sponsorships.

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## Programs

Program: **Ruth Suhler**. Said next Wednesday is the fifth Wednesday of the month. Every fifth Monday of every month is VIT Wednesday.

**Bill Glenn, Jr.**, who has been in the club for 63 years is a charter member of the VIT said its name comes from the XIT, ten investors who helped fund the building of the state capital. VIT (V is the Roman numeral for five) stands for our club's being the fifth Rotary Club founded in Texas. He said all donations to the VIT go directly to the Rotary Club's foundation.

There are several levels of membership:

1. Wrangler \$500
2. Foreman \$1,000
3. Rancher \$4,000
4. Cattle Baron \$20,000

You may donate cash, make a gift in your will or purchase a zero-value bond that matures in 30 years. The VIT is seeking some new contributions.

**Linda Ott Thompson** and Ruth are chairpersons of the association.

Ruth listed some organizations and projects that Rotary foundation money helps and they include the planned restoration of Washington Park, other communities that have suffered disasters, Galveston Arts Center, Resource and Crisis Center, Ball High School, Boy Scouts of America, District Matching grant, bicycle helmet giveaway during The Grand Kids Fest, and more. She said many requests from the community are considered every year and most are granted.

**Kay Sandor** introduced the next speaker:

Ellie Hanley of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Women's Center in Galveston, ADA.

She said many women in their program have a 20-plus-year history of addiction. Their lives have become unmanageable. ADA attempts to give them structure and a foundation to build on their recovery program. Most have a history of sexual assault and domestic violence.

Clients at ADA House engage in 30 hours weekly of group sessions along with individual counseling, occupational therapy, and daily 12-Step meetings. As part of their treatment plans, they complete individualized assignments designed to lead them toward recovery. After treatment, seventy-five percent of the graduates of ADA House report that their lives are good or better. Many return on Thursday evenings to share success stories and words of encouragement.

Ellie said ADA House takes donations of household items.

## **Door Prizes:**

There were several door prizes, wine and three sets of tickets to the Buddy Holly show.

The winners were:

**Kristen Carlson** -- wine

**Gina Spagnola, Ray Pinard** and **Mike Guarino** won the tickets

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**Lonnie Cox** 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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## **Upcoming Programs:**

**10/23/13: VIT**

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