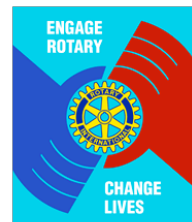


Rotary Club of Galveston - Texas



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**Rotary Newsletter
November 13, 2013**

Kevin Harrington presided over the meeting.

Randy Klibert offered the invocation

Ruth Suhler led the pledge and music

Sally Bryrom introduced visiting Rotarians and guests

There were no visiting Rotarians.

Guests:

Lindsay Doremus, guest of Cathy Cashio
Ashley and Debbie Zendt, guest of John Zendt
Wayne Faircloth, guest of V. J. Tramonte
Carol Greaney-Wurst, guest of Fred Wurst
Chad Flisowski, guest of Larry Nichols

Announcements

Mike Guarino read a memorial resolution honoring Lee Ansell. He was a member of the club for 59 years. The resolution is attached.

Kevin announced that the club will elect officers on December 11. The following officers will be elected: President Nominee, Recording Secretary, Club Treasurer, Sergeant at Arms, Five Club Directors and one Foundation Trustee. If you would like to: volunteer to be on the ballot, or nominate someone (after you have gotten his or her permission) please let Harold know.

Ruth Suhler said the sign-up sheet for Christmas bell ringing will be circulated this week and next.

Keith Bassett updated the club on the Chili Supper. He said it was the biggest Chili Supper to date and is expected to bring in close to \$19,000. He thanked all members who were able to help with the event.

Program

Stephen Duncan introduced the program: Tomoki Koyama, translator [Toshimichi Minagawa](#), teacher of taiguruma making and Motoyuki Noguchi, founder of the Taiguruma Revival Project. Kevin Harrington presented club flags to the delegation from Naagata.

The 50th anniversary of the sister-city relationship is in 2015. In order to celebrate the sister-city delegates decided to teach the art of taigumura to people from Galveston. The art form was on the brink of extinction because the region lost many craftsmen and the tradition was lost over time. Taiguruma is created using bamboo and Japanese paper. The figures are red fish cart lanterns symbolize happy occasions.

John Zendt, his wife, Debbie and their daughter, Ashley and three others traveled to Naagata in June to learn the art of taigumura and to help teach it to Galveston students. The sister-city delegation has asked Galveston to put together 50 cart lanterns for the anniversary. So far, 25 are complete and will be displayed at Festival of Lights at Moody Gardens.

The craft of taigumura is now thriving in the Naagata region – 500 people in the last 10 years have learned to create taigumura.

Kevin Harrington announced that Ray Pinard donated a new microphone to the Club.

Bryon Frankland 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
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There is NO MEETING on Wednesday, November 27. Happy Thanksgiving

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