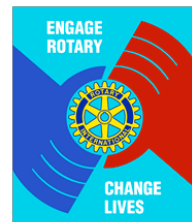


Rotary Club of Galveston - Texas



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Rotary Newsletter
November 20, 2013

Kevin Harrington presided over the meeting.

Keith Bassett offered the invocation

Lonnie Cox led the pledge and music

Jennifer Goodman introduced guests and visiting Rotarians

Visiting Rotarian: Arthur Wilcox, Past President of the Island Rotary Club

Guest: Veronica Hugger, guest of Chuck Herrera

Announcements

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.

Kay Sandor has become the 67th member of the VIT.

Program Roland Bassett introduced the program: Randy Thompson for Pure Water for the World (PWFTW).



Randy visited Haiti in 2009 before earthquake. It is the poorest country in the western hemisphere. It has taken PWFTW five years bring clean water to Haiti. The organization was founded by a Rotary club in Vermont. By 2012, they have brought water to 50 clinics, 474 schools, 4,000 homes and to 129,000 people.

PWFTW uses a bio sand water filter. A natural biocide kills parasite. Here, water is strained through sand and gravel. Pressure pushes the water to the top. It's a simple system that can last for 25 years. An important component to their work is hygiene education. PWFTW requires filter recipients to receive hygiene education. Follow up is also very important – they are asking people to change their behavior. The group checks in with recipients three times the first year to make sure the equipment is being used correctly. After that they follow up every five years. Ninety percent of the wells have been found to be operational after five years.



The Haitian people welcome PWFTW and their projects. They hold community meetings with the native people because they don't want to tell them they need the filters, rather, they ask them if they'd like to have them.

Randy encouraged club members to get involved. Groups or individuals can donate, come on trip as a club or locate a village to help as a club. Filters, plus education and training cost \$300 per family.

Jerry Vaughan 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:

December 18: Holiday Program, Toys for Tots and Galveston Island Meals on Wheels Bread Basket

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