

# Rotary Club of Galveston - Texas



## PILOT



Rotary Newsletter  
March 9, 2011

### March is Literacy Month



President **Bill McMullen** (*pictured right*) called the meeting to order, **Bets Anderson** gave the invocation, **John Smith** led the Pledge of Allegiance and singing of "God Bless America", and **Kristen Carlson** (*pictured left*) introduced the visiting Rotarians and Guests.



### Guests and Visiting Rotarians

Visiting Rotarians: **None.**

Guests: **Debbie Jones** guest of **Jerry Vaughan**

### Announcements

- We are running low on our Rotary Aprons – if you have one at home, please bring back so we can use at upcoming functions.
- Health Fair on March 12<sup>th</sup> at Seawall and 27<sup>th</sup>. Rotary will be greeters as this event. Please contact Ruth Suhler is you can volunteer to help.
- Please be sure and sign the get well card for Bill Leopold before you leave today.

### Today's Program:

Today's program on the Grand Kids Festival was introduced by **Bets Anderson**. Bets first announced that our own **Maureen Patton** and the Arts in Galveston will be honored by the GISD Foundation at their Gala on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Maureen is the Executive Director of the Grand Opera House



and spoke about the Grand Kids Festival. The Festival - on Saturday, April 2 from 10am-5pm, is celebrating its 16<sup>th</sup> year and Maureen pointed out that this is not a fundraiser but a chance to give back to the community.

Maureen (pictured right) introduced both **Kathy Van Deewali**, (pictured below left) is the



Grand's Marketing Director and Stephanie Maxwell (Asst Marketer) who are chairing and working hard on this event. Kathy has coordinated the event for the last 13 years. This year there are many exciting events for children including rock wall climbing, horseback riding, arts and crafts and other 40 different activity booths. Our rotary club hosts a bicycle safety booth and hands out hundreds of bike helmets. There will be lots of local talent from area schools including GISD, Odyssey Academy and Kipp as well as lots of outside entertainment, petting zoo and much more.



This year, they will also have a preview evening "Party with the Animals" on Friday evening from 6-9pm. Cost is \$10 per person and includes 2 drinks per person, Dancing, Free Face painting, bounce house for the kids and a sneak preview of the Grand Kids Festival Exotic Animal Petting Zoo. A portion of the proceeds from this event will benefit the Galveston Island Humane Society.

For more information, visit [www.thegrand.com](http://www.thegrand.com)



**The Grand Kids Festival**

**16th Annual Event!**

In Historic Downtown Galveston on Postoffice Street from 20th-23rd St.

**Saturday, April 2, 2011 10am-5pm**

- \* Entertainment
- \* Crafts
- \* Petting Zoo
- \* Food & Fun!

Adults: \$5 / Kids (under 12) \$3  
Kids Under 5 - Free!

Half-Price Advance Tickets Available Now!

**NEW EVENT! PARTY WITH THE ANIMALS**  
Friday, April 1 6-9pm  
See reverse for information

409.765.1894 | 800.821.1894  
[www.thegrand.com/TheGrandKidsFest.asp](http://www.thegrand.com/TheGrandKidsFest.asp)

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**President McMullen** led the group in reciting the rotary "4 way test"

Of all 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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*Kristen Carlson, PILOT Editor*  
*Ulli Budelmann, Photographer*

**Upcoming Programs:**

- March 16: Macular Degeneration, Dr. Eric Vankuijk  
March 23: Seawall Parking, Jerry Mohn  
March 30: David Callender, UTMB Surgical Tower  
April 6: Galveston College, Myles Shelton

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

Sunday, April 17: First Annual Crawfish Boil: 11am – 4 pm at Moody Gardens