



ROTARY CLUB OF GALVESTON, TEXAS

PILOT

Rotary Newsletter

October 22, 2008

Vice-President **John Swarthout** called the meeting to order. **Fred Wurst** gave the invocation **Maureen Patton** led the Pledge and singing of God Bless America and **Neil Nathan** introduced the guests and visitors.

Visitors: Deana Sullivan with the Texas City Rotary Club

Guests

Karen Poor, wife of our speaker Freddie Poor
Kelli Kennington, guest of the Club
Sean O'Connor, guest of Kelli Kennington
Erin Tobelman, guest of Scott Livanec

New member: Mary Beth Bassett – Islander Magazine, daughter-in-law of Roland Bassett

Program: Vandy Anderson helped present the questions.

Galveston County Sheriff – both sheriff candidates were invited, but J.L. Campbell was unable to attend.

Chief Deputy Freddy Poor

“Why would I be better?”

Freddy Poor has been in Galveston County his entire career. In 1967 he joined the Police Department. In 1989, he became the Chief of Police. He developed the first citizens police academy to help address gang issues. He retired in 1993. After retirement, he joined the Galveston County Crime Organized Crime Unit. 2001 became Chief Deputy and many of his duties include the daily operations,

management of the \$28 million dollar budget, manage the jail, school programs, etc. He loves his job and enjoys working everyday!

“What do you see in the future for Galveston County?”

He will work with the courts for funding. To reduce the loss of seasoned deputies, he helped raise salaries of employees. Another goal is to expand crime coverage.

A question was asked about bomb threats. Freddy does not feel that this is a real big problem. Although this happens occasionally in schools, there are procedures in place to handle this.

Grounds of the County Justice Center are taken care of without using tax dollars.

Announcements

Erin Toberman with Help4Galveston.org gave a community update about her group located at Holy Rosary Church that has helped with new locations for the Chamber of Commerce, Jesse Tree, The Children’s Center, etc. They also have classes about working with FEMA, insurance, etc. They also share their phone numbers and email address by forwarding to businesses or individuals.

We are checking to be sure that we are not unknowingly missing any Rotarians. Harold Fattig knows where most Rotarians are☺!

Vegetarian meals are available, but individuals need to ask Larry, the manager or a server for the vegetarian plate as you arrive.

Learn “Texas, My Texas” for next meeting.

Door Prize: Bottle of Blackstone Merlot

We read the 4-Way Test and dismissed the meeting.

- notes by Jennifer Goodman **(thank you!)**

*****Until further notice, Rotary meetings will be at FISHTALES, 25th and Seawall.*****