

Rotary Club of Galveston - Texas



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Rotary Newsletter
February 17, 2010

Vice-President **Bill McMullen** (pictured right) called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by **Bill Glenn III**, pledge and music by **Kim Sullivan** and **Ruth Suhler** introduced today's guests and visitors.



Guests and Visiting Rotarians:

Joe Jaworski guest of **John Bannon**

Walter Buczkowski and Janet Hilts from Markham-Unionville
Ontario Canada

Larry Leslie Haugen from Eagan, Minnesota
Michael J Zoghusy from Fairhope, Alabama
Mike Woods from West University Place

Announcements

- Our condolences go to **Kevin Harrington** and his family on the death of his father.
- **Ruth Suhler** announced the UTMB Medical Student Health Fair on March 6th and needs your help. Rotary Foundation is supporting the medical student's by donating \$250 for food and Ruth needs volunteers to help with passing out food. Please contact Ruth.
- **Mary Mallott Brechtel** (pictured above right) presented a rotary banner from the Virgin Islands. She also read a note from our former Rotary Exchange student, Lucille. **Karen Mahoney** also showed off gifts that Lucille sent her and encouraged Rotarian to be a host family in the future.
- Welcome back to former member **Roy Quintanilla** (pictured right) who is rejoining our Rotary Club.



Today's Program:

Jake Walsdorf introduced today's speaker, **Bill Pope** (*pictured below left*), a Certified Identity Theft Risk Management Specialist.



Identify Theft is the fastest growing white collar crime in America and has surpassed drug that of drug trafficking.

There are several types of identity theft including income, financial, social security numbers, Medicare/Medicaid Fraud, Tax, Driver's License, Passport and Voter Registration. All are important to protect.

It is often very difficult to resolve identity theft (usually can cost a minimum of \$1,200) and can be very difficult because of Hippa laws (once the creditor knows that there is information that is not yours, you may not have access to the file/information without legal representation).

To Prevent Identify theft get a credit report every 3 months, shred all your important documents and opt out of sharing Personal information.

Identity Theft is Spiraling out of Control !

- Over 252 million American's Identities have been reported lost or stolen since Jan. 2005. – PrivacyRights.org
- Over 400,000 Dead People opened Bank accounts last year– AARP
- The revenue from trafficking financial data has surpassed that of drug trafficking. – Secret Service March 2007
- “Every Three seconds (27,000 times per day) someone becomes a victim of Identity Theft.” – USA TODAY

Identity Theft has no respect to race, gender, creed, nationality, political affiliation, financial standing, or credit rating...

- 21. New York, NY
- 23. Detroit Metro, MI



Thanks Mary O'Keefe for taking notes~

The meeting ended with **Bill McMullen** leading us in reciting The Four-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?

Right **Walter Buczkowski** from Markham-Unionville, Ontario Canada swapping banners with **Bill McMullen**.



Left are members of the Foundation Board doing serious business.