

Rotary Club of Galveston - Texas



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Rotary Newsletter
June 25, 2008

Mike Cowan, President, called the meeting to order. **Bets Anderson** led the invocation; **Donna Foley** led the Pledge of Allegiance and song and **Bill McMullen** introduced the guests and visitors. Also at the head table was **Joy Cowan**, **Robyn Bushong**, **Randy Kilbert** (Past President) and **John Swartwout** (Vice President).

Announcements from the Podium

Roland Bassett saw **Charlie Brown** over the weekend. Charlie is doing well and sends his regards to our club.



Left, Roland Bassett announcing best wishes from former club member Charlie Brown

Robyn Bushong announced that the Rotary insert for the Galveston Daily News will be in Thursday's paper. She thanked the club members for their support and presented a check to the club foundation that represents the profit from publishing the insert.



(Right, Robyn Bushong presenting the 2008 GCDN insert to Club president Mike Cowan)

Visiting Rotarians

Michael Carnes	Rotarian from the Island Rotary Club
Jerry Starkey	Rotarian from the Houston-University Area Rotary Club
Ligeia Stivanin	Rotarian from the Cotia Granja Viancia Rotary Club in Brazil

Guests

Ana Nelson	Former Rotarian in our Club and daughter of Ligeia Stivanin
Robyn Bushong	Guest of the Club
Frankilin Carnes	Guest of Rusty Carnes
Mark Davis	Guest of the Club
Latoya Mills	Guest of Bill Buffum

Today's Program:

Comments from outgoing President Mike Cowan

Thank you to the Board for their service:

Bets Anderson – President Elect
John Swartwout – Vice President – Programs
Randy Klibert – Past President
Gaynelle Hayes – Secretary
Larry Jendrusch – Treasurer
Tom Schwenk – Sgt at Arms
Club Service Co-chairs: Neil Nathan and Ruth Finkelstein
Vocational Service Co-chairs: Donna Foley and Steve Hughes
Community Service Co-chairs: Norma Venso and Jake Walsdorf
International Service Co-chairs: Bill McMullen and Jeff Pennington
Special Projects Co-chairs: Rusty Carnes and Sean O'Donohoe
Executive Secretaries: Jack Bushong and Harold Fattig

4 Ps in Rotary – What we have done

- People:
 - o Lost some members, but we also brought in 12 new, top quality members: **Susan Baker, Kristen Carlson, Kevin Harrington, Tug Jackson, Scott Livanec, Stacey Mitchell, Bill Ray, Myles Shelton, Sonny Vaiani, Ian White, Dwayne Jones, and Myles Shelton.**
- Purse:
 - o The club is in sound financial condition and was able to donate \$15,000 to the foundation.
 - o The foundation is in good shape with just over \$500,000 invested. A typical foundation donates about 5% of its value each year, which means we have enough to donate \$25,000 a year to worthy projects and do so indefinitely. As the corpus grows we will be able to donate proportionately more each year.
- Programs
 - o Hosted the Group Study Exchange Team from France with Bets Anderson in charge. Host families: **Scott and Martha Livanec, Barbara and Patrick McGuffey, Ulli Budelmann. Virginia Brooke and Erik Van Kuijk**
 - o Donated \$1,000 to drill a water well that will provide drinking water to a village in Nicaragua
 - o Donated \$1,000 to Polio Plus
 - o Sent 12 students and two counselors to RYLA along and with five Rotarians to supervise the activities: **Pat Bumpus, Marshall Monroe, Elise Ott, Ray Pinard, and Juan Pena**
 - o Hosted **Natalia Brito**, our youth exchange student from Brazil. Host families include **Karen Mahoney, Dianna and Mark Davis, Trish and Ron Wooten**. Of course the program would not be possible without **Ulli Budelmann**.
 - o Honored three community leaders with Vocational Service Awards. **Mary Ross** did a wonderful job organizing that program.

- Provided scholarships to three worthy seniors at Ball High and O'Connell. **Irma Ortiz and Phyllis Pepin** were in charge of that committee.
- **Sponsored the annual 5th Grade Spelling Bee: Zoula Zein-Elden and Carol Greaney-Wurst** chaired the event with **Natalie Wiest, Linda Ott-Thompson, and Susan Baker** serving as judges.
- Raised over \$8,000 for Meals On Wheels. **Ray Pinard** always has a great program for this annual event.
- Named five new Paul Harris Fellows: **Larry Jendrush** was presented his last week. The remaining four will be named in a few minutes
- Publicity
 - **Natalie Wiest** ensured more exposure in the Galveston County Daily News, and **Robyn Bushong** once again published an insert which will come out in tomorrow's newspaper. You can pick up an advance copy on your way out the door today.

Thanks to my wife **Joy** for being there to bounce ideas off of and to remind me of things I would have otherwise forgotten.

Thanks to **Harold Fattig** for volunteering to take over the Executive Secretary position.

Thanks to **Jack Bushong**

- Member since 1966 and was Exec Secretary for over 20 years.
- Also, Secretary/Treasurer of the International Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians.
- Most Valuable Member, District Role of Fame, Four Avenues of Service Award, recipient of the Heart of Rotary award,
- Present Award of Gratitude Plaque for 21 years of service as Club Executive Secretary.

(pictured at right, Jack Bushong with his "Award of Gratitude" for his 18 years of service as Executive Secretary of the Club)



Paul Harris Fellows

- **Donna Foley** – Board member for past two years, co-chair of Vocational Service Avenue of Service, co-chair of membership committee, and incoming club secretary.
- **Dianna Davis** – Managed the silent auction for the past two years and demonstrated to all of us how to manage a project. Raised over \$3,000 last year.
- **Juan Pena** – Co-chaired RYLA. Selected 12 students, got them there, supervised them at RYLA and got them home. Well done.
- **Bobby Enriquez** – Has a tradition of running the take-out line for the chili supper with his employees from Texas Gas. Also buys a lot of extra chili supper tickets.

Rotarian of the Year

- **Randy Klibert** – Past President. There when I needed him, but stayed out of my business when I did not. Would remind me of things to do and would volunteer to take care of something we overlooked like newspaper ad for the Chili Supper. At the Chili Supper, he was the first one there and the last one to leave. When we forgot to schedule a clean-up crew, Randy along with V.J. Tramonte stepped in. Randy was the perfect past-president.



Left, **Randy Klibert** (Rotarian of the Year) and **Dianna Davis** (Paul Harris Fellowship recipient). Other Paul Harris Fellowship recipients (Bobby Enriquez, Donna Foley, Larry Jendrusch, and Juan Pena) were honored "in absentia", or escaped the photo taking.

Next up – **Bets Anderson** and her board which will be inducted next week. Bets is an experienced community leader, and we are fortunate to have her as our next President.



Final advice from outgoing President Mike Cowan to incoming President Bets Anderson.