



The 40th Annual Shrimporee  
Festival and Auction  
Report

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Landolt Pavilion, Clear Lake Park  
Seabrook, Texas 77586

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## **Background**

President of the Club, Sheryl Berg, selected Texas River Runner, Bay Area Communities in Schools, and Early Act First Knight as the primary beneficiaries for the Shrimporee. Two were recognized and given their donations symbolically at the event. In addition to these projects there were 19 local and international service projects supported by the funds from the Shrimporee.

The Club had made it a practice many years for the Club's President-elect to be the chairperson of the Shrimporee and this year it was Scott Rainey. The raffle prize was a \$5,000 shopping spree at Lewis Diamonds and Timepieces. The winners did not have to be present to win. A ticket sold for \$10 each.

## **Appreciation**

There were many Clear Creek Independent School District students, Boy Scout Troop 216, and adult volunteers who contributed greatly to the success of the Shrimporee doing anything asked of them from cooking shrimp to cleaning tables and carry away trash. Paul McLarty was the interface with the Clear Creek Independent School District with the able assistance of Superintendent Dr. Greg Smith.

Jorge Hernandez coordinated the volunteers along with Nancy Anderson who was in charge of general clean-up. There were 189 student volunteers, 27 adult volunteers, and 80 (82 %) of the Club members participated before or on the day of the event.

## **Summary**

The 40th Annual Festival and Auction Shrimporee was held on October 26th at the Landolt Pavilion at Clear Lake Park, 5002 NASA Parkway, Seabrook, Texas. It began at 11 am and ended at 4 pm on a beautiful sunny day reaching a temperature of 85 degrees. The grounds were dry allowing the children's activities to be held behind the pavilion and the automotive sponsors to display their vehicles. Live music by the San Jac Drum Corp, the excitement of the auctions, delicious food, loads of children's activities and, most importantly, fellowship made for an enjoyable occasion. Security was by on duty and off-duty deputies provide by Harris County Precinct 8 Constable Phil Sandlin, who was also a Club member.

The meal, as in previous years, consisted of outstanding boiled shrimp, savory smoked brisket, sweet corn on the cob, BBQ beans, and condiments. There were 1,100 pounds of brisket, 1,100 pounds of shrimp, 375 pounds of sausage, 72 gallons of beans and 1,800 ears of corn purchased. There were 1790 brisket/shrimp meals served, 40 hot dog meals for children under 6, and about 2,000 dollar tickets and dollar purchases.

The Women of Rotary provided many kinds of sweet goodies; cookies, brownies, and cakes. Popcorn, sno cones, and cotton candy were also available. The proceeds from the sweet table were used by the Women of Rotary for charitable activities.

The price of the meal ticket was keep at \$15 with children six years of age and under received a free meal consisting of a hotdog, drink, and a bag of chips. The free meal tickets were handed out at the serving lines when the child was accompanied by a person with a meal ticket. Seventy-two percent of the Club members sold the package of 20 tickets. Meal ticket sales at the event and those sold by the members totaled \$30,285.

The children had many exciting activities to participate in, such as inflatables, a moon walk, a slide and an obstacle course; face painting; tattooing; and hair dyeing. The Constable Deputies from Harris County Precinct 8 assisted with fingerprinting the children for future identification.

There were both live and silent auctions featuring items to fit every budget. Port Commissioner Steve Phelps and Judge Louie Ditta, the auctioneers; Rodolfo Gonzalez, the auction coordinator, and Mark Smith, Principal of Whitcomb Elementary, was the Emcee provided an exciting and entertaining afternoon for all. Eighty four items were sold in the live auction and sixty three items in the silent auction for about \$13,000. The proceeds from the Shrimporee were over \$80,000. The raffle was an outstanding success with about \$6,900 income. Photos on the Shrimporee can be viewed under the Rotary History Year 2012-13.

The Shrimporee planning committee was well attended and met in 6 sessions at 5:00 pm Tuesdays Brown and a lessons learned meeting on December 16 all at the Johnson Space Center Federal Credit Union courtesy of Club member Mike Brown. His executive assistant, Jennifer Higgs, was most helpful in providing the meeting room and the amenities for the committee. The meetings lasted no more than one hour.

The Pavilion has been reserved for October 25, 2014 for Shrimporee 41.