

A new hands-on project was initiated with the Harris County Youth Village (HCYV). The Club proposed to help with the construction of an eco-greenhouse and be involved with the literacy program. However due to various legal issues the opportunities to be involved did not materialize except for a banquet that was held off campus May 29 at The Texas Roadhouse provide by Rotarian Tony Bloomfield of The Texas Roadhouse. However the Club provided some miscellaneous materials for making oral presentations.

The banquet and presentation by the Harris County Youth Village (HCYV) was attended by twelve Rotarians and three other guests. There were about 15 students with faculty members present including Thomas and Wamobia Johnson, liaison with the Club. Michael Thomas was the Club's contact. Each of the six presentations was made by two of the students. The subject was to make and market shoes. Overall the teams did very well. Several of the students stood out and were very comfortable making the presentation and with the question and answer session that followed the presentation. The presentation was held at the Texas Roadhouse Restaurant provided by Rotarian Tony Bloomfield of The Texas Roadhouse. The Texas Roadhouse also furnished a steak meal for all the attendees.

The Harris County Youth Village (HCYV) is a lakefront campus located in the Clear Lake area that provides educational, medical and therapeutic services, as well as drug education therapy, for males 10 to 17 years of age. The total capacity of the Youth Village is 170, and in 2008, 644 youths resided there. The behavioral program of the Youth Village targets personal responsibility, appropriate expression of anger, positive decision-making, leadership and, ultimately, self-management of one's own behavior. Student-led community governments meet weekly.

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