

Rotarians take center stage

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ROTARIANS TOOK over the spotlight this weekend, raising money to fund their many philanthropic projects.

Both the League City and Clear Lake Rotary clubs hosted fundraisers – League City Rotary with its Wine & Dine on Friday night and Space Center Rotary with its Shrimporee and Auction on Saturday – each drawing big crowds.

Wine & Dine a fun evening

Space Center Rotary President David Coney and his wife, Andrea, came to lend their support, as did several other Clear Lake Rotarians such as Art and Renate Woods and Joyce and Owen Morrison. All proceeds will benefit the Rotary Club, which provides funding for local charities, CCISD scholarships, service projects and international projects.

Shrimporee –a day for fun

THE NEXT DAY Space Center Rotarians were all smiles as a couple thousand Bay Area residents joined them at Clear Lake Park's Landolt Pavilion for their annual turn at fun and frivolity – the 37th annual Shrimporee and Auction.

Chairman Mike Dennard and Co-Chairman Marilyn Musial were on hand to greet the arriving crowd that included Congressman Pete Olson, Constable Bill Bailey and his chief deputy, Phil Sandlin, while Marc Schneider was keeping an eye on the colorful children's playground, Bill Geissler, Bob Taggart and Geoff Atwater were boiling shrimp and Bill Lowes was lining up guys to slice brisket.

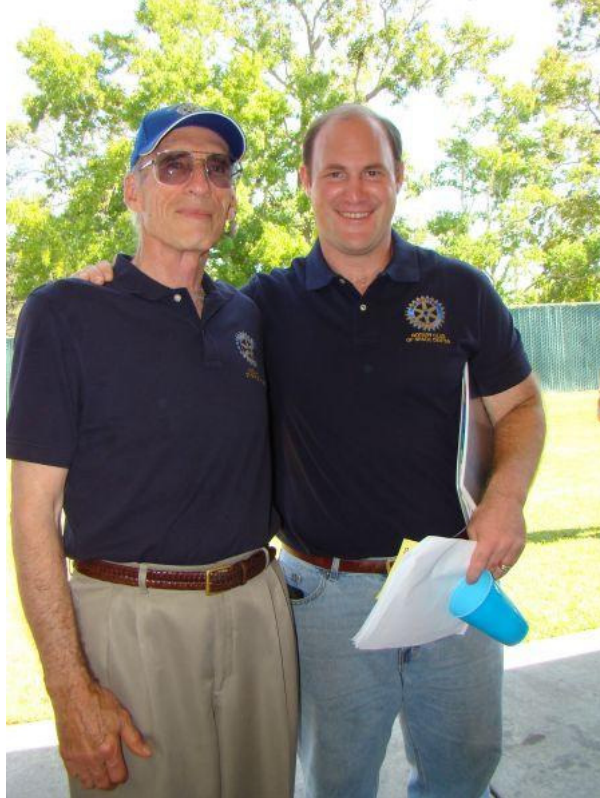
And, they were just a few of the dozens who put in long hours of work preparing for the club's big fundraiser of the year.

There was CCISD Superintendent Greg Smith and his people, who put together the dozens of silent auction baskets; Kathy Dooley, who had to round up hot dogs for the kids while Jack Lister and Billy Smith bought the corn on the cob, Dr. Ted Cummings the beans and red sauce; Gary Johnson, the wine; and Judge Rafael Lugo and Chris Gregg, soft drinks, while Scott Rainey lined up sponsors.

Micki Czarnik and the Women of Rotary were at the sweet table; Courtney Lindberg was in charge of ticket sales, while Art Oswald and Nancy Mallini lined up Boy Scouts and CCISD student volunteers, Darryl Smith was lining up equipment and Brian Ellis and John Nugent made sure to buy enough shrimp and brisket. Judge Louie Ditta and Port Commissioner Steve Phelps conducted the live auction

The list goes on and on. Why jeweler Slade Lewis, who donated the necklace for the raffle prize, ended up in charge of the cleanup detail, so if he looks a little disheveled when you see him this week, you'll know why. He had help but still, that's quite a job.

Major beneficiaries of this year's Shrimporee will be Hope Village and the CCISD Synergistic Lab



Space Center Rotary President David Coney, right, and Historian Jerrold DeWease are pleased to see the big turnout at the club's annual Shrimporee Saturday in Clear Lake Park's Landolt Pavilion.



Three members of Space Center Rotary in Clear Lake have been elected district governor over some 60 Rotary Southeast Texas clubs. They were all at the Shrimporee Saturday afternoon Floyd Boze, left, of Clear Lake, Susie Howe of Friendswood and Billy Weseman of Pearland.



Pete Olson, center, stops to say hello to Constable Bill Bailey, right, and his chief deputy, Phil Sandlin, at the Space Center Rotary Shrimporee Saturday.