

BEHIND THE SCENES ROTARY SHRIMPOREE 2009

The purpose of this paper is to provide a wholistic perspective of the preparation, activities of the day of, and close out of the 2009 Shrimporee. It also gives a perspective on the statistics for this year and for the past year or years as appropriate. In my view, the 2009 Shrimporee functioned more effectively, including the clean up, than any other for the past 5 years, therefore providing a good platform for this write-up.

Most of the Club members are not aware of the complexity and the integration of the many activities that must be planned and carried out for a successful Shrimporee. Hopefully this paper, not only will help the newer members understand and appreciate the efforts, but the Club's membership as well. The paper is written with the expectations that more of those who are not involved will become involved and all of the Club members will appreciate what others are doing. The Club has a lot of champs. In addition there are many adult volunteers that are as faithful as our Club members, and many are more faithful. Most of them stayed all day. Their **names** and the areas where they worked are discussed in the respective parts of the paper.

The Annual Festival and Auction Shrimporee was held on October 17 at the Landolt Pavilion at Clear Lake Park, 5001 NASA Parkway, Seabrook, Texas. The Shrimporee has been held at the Clear Lake Park since 1984. It began at 11 am and ended at 4 pm on a beautiful sunny day reaching a temperature of 77 degrees. The Shrimporee has been the major fundraiser for 36 years with its beginnings in 1974 which netted \$7,400. Over a million dollars has been raised for local and international projects, with the majority of the proceeds going to the local community. This year there are 24 local and 10 international projects.

This year's Shrimporee began in August 2008. In August of each year, the Club must reserve the pavilion for the next year in order to get the October date. The October dates are high in demand and are taken almost immediately. Prior 2004,

the Shrimporee was held in September. But due to a rain situation that year, it was held on the rain date, which was in October. Consequently, October proved to be a better time because of the much cooler weather. Harris County Precinct 2 requires a contact be issued for the park with a refundable \$500 deposit if the pavilion is satisfactorily cleaned up. **Maria Soils**, Administrative Clerk for Commissioner Sylvia Garcia, prepared the contract and was also very helpful in other areas associated with the park as mentioned later in the write-up.

The chairperson of the Shrimporee is the President-Elect for the Club. This year it was Dr. John Wilson. The Shrimporee chair and the committee chairs began meeting in June and met 13 times prior to the Shrimporee. The planning group met at 5:30, normally on Tuesdays, at the Johnson Federal Credit Union in its conference room which was provided at the courtesy of Mike Brown. **Jennifer Higgs**, Executive Assistant to Mike, made the arrangements for the meeting room and saw to it that amenities were available to make the gathering more enjoyable. The meetings were well attended and never lasted longer than an hour. A post Shrimporee meeting was held on November 9.

The Shrimporee chair established an ambitious goal of \$110,000 gross income for the Shrimporee realizing the business economy was in recession. Consequently the Chair made strong appeals encouraging the Club members to work harder than ever to offset the possibility of less giving due to the economy. He felt strongly that the entire membership should participate in the Shrimporee especially the Red Badgers. Consequently, the membership was divided into 22 teams, each with a coach and four team leaders. A team leader was responsible for the other members of her or his team for a particular aspect of the Shrimporee. There were four aspects within each team; meal ticket sales, silent auction items, live auction items, and sponsors. Corporate responsibilities for these aspects were Courtney Lindberg, Dr. Greg Smith, Alan Wylie, and Scott Rainey respectively. Club President McKinnie selected the primary beneficiaries for the Shrimporee as Hurricane Ike Continued Relief, Shriner's Children's Hospital, and Armond Bayou Nature Center. In addition there are 31 other

service projects for Rotary Year 2009-2010 supported by the funds generated from the Shrimporee.

The price of the meal ticket remained at \$15 with children six years of age and under received a free meal consisting of a hotdog 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. In addition, free hot dogs were given to the student and scout volunteers, and free meal tickets were given to the adult volunteers.

There were 33 committees which had to function effectively and harmoniously in order for the event to be successful. Most of the committee chairs organized their own committees and acquired the members. For the most part, these committees have been working together for many years. However, the complexion of the Shrimporee has changed over the past 5 years with fish frying and Cole slaw preparation being replaced by BBQ brisket and sausage, beans, and boiled corn. The shrimp boil remains the same since 1974. A couple of committees which have been fluid in regard to consistent chairpersonship are publicity and general clean-up. Hopefully "permanent" chairs will take over the committees next year. One outstanding effort this year that significantly topped previous efforts was the sponsorship drive headed by Scott Rainey. No one could have imagined that the sponsors' donations would come anywhere close to last year's because of the economy this year. They didn't, they greatly surpassed last year's by 37% providing over \$51,000 cash. There were also several in kind donations that are not included in the cash amount.

Does anyone know what is involved in setting the pavilion up for the Shrimporee? One faithful Club member does, and has been doing it for years, Bill Taylor. Bill issues the purchase orders for the "party" stuff, including the big tent, in June, and for years, with the One Stop Party Shop, who was also a sponsor. Bill opens the park up early Friday and Saturday mornings on the week end of the event and sees to it that the "party" stuff is returned Sunday and Monday. He is the first one to arrive and the last one to leave on Friday and Saturday. He attends most

of the Shrimporee planning meetings to ensure that the committee chairs' needs are met. He sets up the table and chair arrangement in the pavilion and sees that the tables are placed so the committees can set them up in other areas of the pavilion area. There are about 60 tables and 300 chairs provided by the park commission which Bill sets up for the eating area and about 100 chairs for the live auction. In addition he ordered 80 tables (ten for the silent auction) and 20 chairs for all the other committees' uses. Bill is always around to help when the cooking and kitchen equipment trailer is unloaded and loaded. This year Bill asked Scott Rainey to pick up and return the popcorn and cotton candy machines and the table skirts. Bill Artzberger picked up and returned the sound system. **Mario Garcia**, owner of Dos Mas Mexican Restaurant, has provided the Shrimporee with 100 bar towels and aprons for the past several years. He delivers them Saturday morning and Bill Taylor returns them Monday. Mario also has donated a large take out dinner (30 persons this year) as a live auction item for several years.

Any idea of how much food and associated supplies are bought for the Shrimporee and what it takes to get all this stuff to the park? Well two of our Club members do, Brian Ellis and John Nugent. Even though Brian had personal issues this year, he continued to work, ably assisted by John Nugent, on the Shrimporee to ensure that it would be successful. Not only did Brian do a super job, but his wife, Alice, mentioned elsewhere in the paper, pitched in for Micki Czarnik and kept the sweet table efforts moving. Brian and John worked diligently to get as much food as possible donated or at a reduced cost. Consequently, they had to shop around. Food and supplies were picked up at the following businesses and brought to the park Friday before the event: Valentinos Seafood, Ruiz Wholesale, HEB El Camino, Texas Roadhouse, Mrs. Bairds Bakery, and Massa's Seafood Restaurant Downtown. The BBQ team, Pryme Thyme Kookers, picked up 1000 pounds of brisket Tuesday before the event from the Texas Roadhouse Restaurant. They cooked and then froze the briskets during the week and then brought them to the park Saturday morning and thawed them out. The 1000 pounds of Shrimp used this year was fresh Bay shrimp this year and not frozen. The Texas Roadhouse Restaurant, managed by Tony Bloomfield, an

honorary member of the Club, and Mrs. Baird Bread donated miscellaneous food supplies.

Did you notice how the inflatable moon walks and children's area was filled with children having a good time all day long? Well thank a non-member, **Alicia Gonzales**, Marc Schneider's assistant. Alicia has been making the children at the Shrimporee happy for years. In previous years, she has also gotten the volunteers she needed, however, this year, she was able to use mostly the volunteers provided by Art Oswald. Alicia was unable to be at the Shrimporee at the beginning of the day, but did not let her job go unattended. She had great help from **Kimberly Bartley and Jessica Ross**, both from Marc's office. Alicia sets up all the activities, including handling the inflatables (3 this year). **Gloria Loera** with Flowers by Gloria Ann did face painting and Hugh the Clown made balloon figures. Art Oswald had student volunteers hand out Shrimporee tee shirts to children less than ten years of age while they lasted. Mike Hernandez sponsored the tee shirts (187) and Art arranged for the purchase.

This year's event had more help than previous years: 79 (68%) of our club members, 30 adult volunteers, 7 law enforcement officers, approximately 70 student volunteers, and approximately 30 Boy Scouts worked during the event, with many working all day.

In September of this year, several hundred 11th and 12th graders from the four high schools in the Clear Creek Independent School District (CCISD) gathered at the Clear Lake Community Center for a volunteer workshop. The lunch was provided by the Club. These students and sponsors were from the P_A_L_S_, National Honor Society, and Interact (Rotary sponsored) organizations. This gathering afforded the Club an opportunity to make them aware of Rotary, the International Youth Exchange, and the volunteer opportunities at the Shrimporee. Jon McKinnie gave an overview of Rotary International and of the local Club's role, John Wilson talked about the Shrimporee and the many opportunities to volunteer, and Alan Wylie discussed the Rotary International Youth Exchange Program and encouraged the students to inquire about it. Dr. Greg Smith, Superintendent of the CCISD, provided insight into the date and location of the

gathering and identified the contacts within the school system for the student organizations. All which proved highly successfully for the Club in obtaining the student volunteers. Art Oswald, chair of the volunteers for the Shrimporee, handed out sign up cards to the students who wanted to volunteer to specify their preference for working. About 200 students responded to the request. Over the ensuing weeks, Art began matching the needs of the committee chairs with the preferences of the volunteers. There was much iteration by Art until the assignments were finalized as you can appreciate with 4 schools, 5 Boy Scout troops and 10 Shrimporee committees with volunteer needs. He then set up a log in/log out accountability process for the event so that he could provide the students' names and hours worked for credits to their respective sponsors. The primary contact for the Boy Scouts was **Robin Riley** who arrived at 8 am and left at 5 pm. He set the example for the Scouts by sweeping the pavilion floor. There were also several **Scout Masters**, who helped in assigning the scouts and overseeing them and who did a superb job.

The sponsors for the high schools are listed below:

Jamie Edwards	Clear Lake High School
Donna Stone	Clear Brook High School
Meredith Harris	Clear Creek High Schools
Traci LaFoy	Clear Spring High School

The Boy Scouts provided troops 514, 95, 870, and 216 to help with the Shrimporee. Robin Riley was the contact.

The President of the Rotaract club at UHCL, **Savan Vora**, and **5 students** also helped.

Many complimentary remarks were expressed about the number of and the good work done by these volunteers. Their participation should have been a shining example of community service and they should have learned more of what Rotary is all about. Dr. Ted Cummings praised the volunteers for keeping the kitchen wares cleaned up. He noted that one of the big benefits for the Boy

Scouts in helping at the Shrimporee was that they could see firsthand the work required in getting the money to donate to community projects such as the Boy Scouts.

How about those serving lines! Guests were continuous from 1 am to 4 pm. Most of the prepared food was used this year by the serving lines. The brisket, sausage, shrimp, corn, and beans had to come together at the right time all day for Marilyn Musial (who has handled the serving lines for years) to serve the continuous line of guests. She had two serving lines going almost all day long, there was no lull or let up this year. Carry-out containers were used this year for all food service rather than plates for eat-in and take out containers for carry out food. The adult volunteers who have faithfully helped Marilyn for many years were [Yolanda Coyle](#), [Wayne Musial](#) and [Mary Hintz](#). The serving lines under Marilyn's watchful eye handled over 14% more meals this year than last year for a total of 1809 meals.

The serving lines are the end results of a lot of hard work by the food preparation committees. Not only do the committees have to ensure that an adequate amount of food is ready to be served, but that it is properly prepared and warm except for the shrimp which is cooled after it is cooked. The beans and sliced brisket are kept warm (the beans are cooked) on two large charcoal grills installed in the back of the kitchen. The Pryme Thyme Kookers brought their large BBQ cooker/smoker to the park and used it to thaw out the frozen briskets as well as cook the sausage (450 pounds). Bill Lowes' Slice and Dice Committee sliced the thawed out briskets and placed them on the grill in the rear of the kitchen for keeping warm until picked up and carried to the serving lines. This year the Pryme Thyme Kookers cooked and sliced the sausage which was a great assistance to Bill in maintaining a sufficient amount of meat for the serving lines. [Bill's old Aggie friend, Eugene Nitsch](#), helped the Slice and Dice Committee as he has done for many years going back to the Fish Committee heydays. Dr. Ted Cummings fired up the charcoal grills early Saturday morning, kept the fires going all day, opened gallon cans of beans and put them in large aluminum pans, and placed the pans on one of the grills in the rear of the kitchen for holding until the

serving lines came and carried them to the serving lines. The corn was boiled in two large pots (part of the equipment brought in each year) located in the covered area in the rear of the kitchen under the scrutiny of Billy Smith who knows exactly how much and when to cook it. The boiled corn is put in large aluminum pans until picked up and carried to the serving lines. Ted and Billy add their secret ingredients to the beans and corn which makes them so tasty. Jack Lister's friend, **Ann Kimsey and her daughter and son-in law, Stephanie and Curtis Rice** helped Billy with the corn. Bill Geissler Shrimp Boil Committee worked in a covered area behind the kitchen. The cooker, propane tanks, and shrimp cooling table are brought in each year for the Shrimporee. This year the committee had to get acclimated to a new cooker which worked very well, however bugs have to be worked out of the process. A slight modification may be required for next year. The Shrimp Boil Committee kept the cooked and cooled shrimp in large aluminum pans on tables under the covered area until picked up and carried to the serving lines. Many compliments have been received about the good taste of the shrimp. One reason is that the shrimp was fresh Bay shrimp and not shipped-in frozen shrimp. The second reason is Bill's secret recipe known only to him. **Bob Jacobson, Chuck Jacobson, Jr., and Kip Glier (Chuck Jr.'s son-in-law) helped the committee cook the shrimp.** Vic Maria has ordered a refrigerated trailer of ice for years for the soft drinks, bottled water, and for the cooling of the shrimp. He ordered 100 sacks of 40 pounds each this year.

The condiments were handled by the student volunteers. They gave out the plastic eat-wear, bread and sauces. The shrimp cocktail sauce had been prepared for years from scratch, but last year it was bought already made and was bought again this year. The Roumalade was new last year and received many good compliments, consequently it was used again this year. The BBQ sauce was dispensed by a pump and the other two sauces by small plastic containers. Student volunteers prepared the small servings from large containers in the kitchen and carried them out to the condiment table under the watchful eye of Dr. Jean Walker.

Hot dogs, soft drinks, bottled water, beer and wine sales were brisk, but a little less than last year's sales (16 %) except for hotdogs (includes soft drinks and bottled water bought at the hot dog table) which sold about 100 more items. This year there were adequate student volunteers, with Kathleen Zeng among the outstanding ones. Don Kirchoff's wife Joyce helped him with the hot dogs and Travis Moebes' wife Carylon helped him with the beer sales. Gary Johnson's wife, Karen, helped Jennifer Keller with the wine sales. Gary was unable to attend at the last minute and Jennifer filled in for him. Over 2,600 dollar transactions (considering the cash received and including tickets for sweets and smoothies) took place during the day.

The dollar ticket and cash sales are shown below:

	<u>Yellow</u>	<u>Red</u>	<u>Green</u>	<u>Cash</u>	<u>Total</u>
Hot Dogs	519	99	268	200	1086
Beer	516			18	534
Sweets	282	3	40		325
Soft Drinks	322	25			347
Wine	107			15	122
Smoothie	231				231
TOTAL	1977	102	333	233	2645
Yellow	Purchased				
Red	Free Hot Dog Lunch				
Green	Student Volunteers				

The live auction would not be the same if not for Jerry Smith and regular auctioneers, Judge Steve Phelps and Judge Louie Ditta (who couldn't attend this year). Scott Rainey was the emcee with Jerry seeing that that the bidding process moved along at just the right pace. There were 84 items available this year even with the down economy thanks to the dedicated efforts by Alan Wylie, the buying of items by Jerry as well as the giving by the many Club members who continue from year to year providing good items. Each year Jerry buys from \$1,500 to \$2000 worth of auctionable items and many times has gotten items on a trip he

makes yearly to Mexico. The live auction brought in over \$13,000 this year, 30% better than last year's auction. Close out of auction items, both live and silent, was a big effort. Conducting the transactions, getting the items out of storage and often delivering them to the buyer's vehicle required much coordination and help. Many of the bidders did not close out until at the end of the auction which placed a great demand on the close out process. This year there were adequate student volunteers, with Ryan Kitchen and Katherine Hageman among the outstanding ones. Adult volunteers include: **Beth Kessler, Live Auction Manager; Marsene Boldt, Silent Auction to Recorder Coordinator; Gaye Wylie, Silent Auction to Recorder Coordinator; and Joe Matcha (Courtney Lindberg's friend).** Joe also helped Courtney place the informational signs.

The beautiful silent auction baskets did not just happen or were they bought. The silent auction committee under the direction of Dr. Greg Smith and the creative hands of Rae DeCastro made them. The committee did a tremendous job of taking the ingredients provided by the Club members and transforming them into the baskets seen on display. These baskets and the silent auction items were temporarily stored and then delivered to the park Saturday morning. Rae has been insistent that the silent auction tables be attractive and added the table skirts and decorative trimmings in recent years. There were 68 silent auction items which brought in over \$7,000, 52% above last year's auction. **Keri Owens, Marsene Boldt, and Howard DeCastro helped the silent auction committee.**

Security was provided by officers from Constable Bill Bailey, precinct 8. Off duty and on duty officers provided the security under the direction of Phil Sandlin, Chief Deputy. They also conducted the kids ID process. This year the Friendswood K-9 Corps demonstrated the corps abilities. The following is a list of officers who were present at the Shrimporee and their duties.

- **Wayne Gerrish - Harris County Constable Pct.8 Deputy/ Fingerprinted Children**
- **Michelle Calhoun - Harris County Constable Pct. 8 Deputy/ Fingerprinted Children**
- **Michael Scambray - Corporal, Friendswood Police Department- K9 Presentation**

- Bill Bristow - Harris County Constable Pct.8 Reserve Deputy/ Provided security during the event
- Officer Crouch - Police Officer, Friendswood Police Department/ Fingerprinted Children
- William Jenkins - Harris County Constable Pct.8 Deputy/ Fingerprinted Children
- Steve Jennings - Harris County Constable Pct.8 Reserve Deputy/ Provided security during the event
- Phil Sandlin - Chief Deputy Harris County Constable Pct.8/ Fingerprinted Children and provided security

Other educational activities were eye awareness provided by Dr. Vissett Sun (Casey Johnson and Kassie Strickland were the volunteers who handled the program) and Dr. Teris Minsue Chen regarding skin care.

The Women of Rotary is a volunteer group composed of women Rotarians and the wives of the Club members. Micki Czarnik heads up the group. However this year when Micki became ill, Alice Ellis, wife of Brian Ellis, took over and carried the activities forward until Micki regained her health. The group not only prepares and solicits sweets, but also runs the popcorn and cotton candy machines and sells coffee. The proceeds from the sales are used by the group for its charitable causes.

Bob Swint of ATA Associates, Inc. took video shots of the event and produced a video. Anita White and Ken Krueger of his staff worked on editing the video. Bob made a copy for each member of the Club and one for each sponsor. Pam Culpepper and Bob Mitchell were photographers for the Shrimporee. They produced DVDs of the pictures/video which were shown in the Club meetings. Eventually the DVD's will be electronically archived.

John Nugent set up a promotion of the Shrimporee on the Nassau Bay TV for a first this year. He received able help from Marilyn and Wayne Musial, J. B. Fox, Bob Mitchell, Dr. Jean Walker and Dan Weber. All did a great job. Kippy Caraway promoted the Shrimporee with two articles in The Bay Area Citizen thanks to

Mary Alys Cherry; one page in the Bay Area Houston Magazine; a half page in the Space Center Parent Magazine; and a half page in the Community Newsletter. The event was also placed on the bulletin board of the Wiredin web site. In addition, Jon McKinnie sent an email to over 2000 fellow Rotarians inviting them to the Shrimporee and later a list of the more attractive live auction items. Art Wood sent out 91 invitations to guests such as elected, law enforcement, and school officials. Seven of the invited guests came to the Shrimporee, Art noted that there were 3 or 4 more who did not sign in. Owen Morris was in charge of the bidders and VIP registration table. His wife, Joyce, and Art's wife, Renate, helped Owen and Art with the registration. Forty two yard signs were picked up by the club members for local advertising and four 3 x 8 foot banners were placed by Jon McKinnie along the NASA Parkway and Space Center Boulevard promoting the Shrimporee. Both the yard signs (21 were returned) and banners were reusable. About 100 11 x 17 Shrimporee posters and about 500 flyers, both containing the sponsors as of October 1, were picked up by the Club members for giving to friends, family, and businesses. A complete list of the sponsors was placed on the cover of the list of live auction items and was included in the video of the Shrimporee made by ATA Associates, Inc.

The raffle consisted of two wonderful prizes this year. The first prize was a \$6,725 Cartier Santos Galbee Watch from Lewis Jewelers courtesy of Slade Lewis and the second prize a \$1,100 White Gold & Diamonds Mikimoto Pearl Pendent from Ben Bridge Jeweler courtesy of Travis Vemeer. Sheryl Berg solicited both of the prizes and conducted the raffle. Sheryl and Patrice Sutherland (Becki Dietz came off Leave of Absence to help) promoted the prizes during Shrimporee. Keri Owens, wife of Club member Steve Owens, won the first prize and Todd Weaver won the second prize. The raffle brought in over \$4,600 this year, 72% above last year's.

Meal ticket sales have been a challenge for the Club since 1974 and were a challenge for Courtney Lindberg this year. With the slow economy, there was concern that ticket sales would be way off. Courtney, a Red Badger, took on the challenge and encouraged each Club member to sell \$300 worth of tickets through various suggested approaches. Even though the results remained similar to that for the past five years, the sales were much better than expected. This

year, 66% of the active club members (116) bought tickets and 58% bought \$300 or more for a total of 1439 tickets being sold before the Shrimporee. David Sincox and son **Dave** sold 150 meal tickets on the day of the event bringing a total of 1589 meal tickets being sold for the Shrimporee.

The meal tickets collected are as follows:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>% over 2008</u>
White (purchased by Club members)	1073	11
Blue (sponsors)	529	13
Yellow (see break down below)	207	38

Yellow Ticket Breakdown

- 150 Sales day of event
- 6 Given to VIP's
- 28 Given to adult volunteers
- 23 Given to Space Center Parent Magazine for ad
- 207

There are behind the scenes activities that take place during the year that most are not aware of. **Earl Maudlin** had a trailer made a couple of years ago to store the kitchen equipment including the shrimp cooker, cooling table, and propane bottles. The trailer is stored at Earl's business in Kemah. All of the preparation, cooking, and serving equipment such trays, can openers, large utensils, coolers, and the shrimp cooling table are packed at the end of the day of the event and stored in the trailer until the Friday before the next event where the trailer is moved to the park and unloaded. The meat slicing machine was provided by Massa's Seafood Restaurant and the kitchen knives provided by Bill Lowes' Dice and Slice Committee. The live auction committee acquires auction items throughout the year. For years these items were stored in Jerry Smith's home garage. About 3 years ago **Space Center Automotive** rented a storage unit at Extra Space Storage behind Denny's on Bay Area Boulevard available all year to

store live auction items. The auction committee met on Thursday before the Shrimporee and tagged all the items. Tim Kropp provided the labels. Then all of the items (this year 84) are transported and set up in the stage at the pavilion for display. After the auction some of the items and especially the larger ones have to be delivered to the bidder. In the past 3 years, a moving truck has been provided by **Deborah Bly, Re/Max Space Center**, to the live auction committee for the moving and delivery of these items. Dick Meyer maintains a layout of the informational signs placed at the pavilion area during the Shrimporee. Often taken for granted, these signs are for the most part, suspend high above the pavilion floor and takes quite a while to install. A moving scaffold must be used as well as a long step ladder. The informational signs are inventoried each year about a month before the Shrimporee and new ones made as needed. **The Graphic Zone** stores the signs for the Club during the remainder of the year.

The sale of beer and wine for on premise consumption and the auctioning of sealed alcoholic beverages require temporary licenses from the Texas Alcohol Beverage Commission (TABC). There are two temporary licenses required: A Special Wine and Beer Permit and a Temporary Charitable Auction Permit. Obtaining the licenses is a multi-step process. First the TABC application must be filled out and the Shrimporee chair have it notarized. A TABC Approval Form requires the landlord and the law enforcement agency which has jurisdiction over the park, approval to serve/sell alcoholic beverages at the pavilion. The landlord was the Superintendent of Parks, Gil Smith, whose office is located at Ramsey Park in Channel View. The law enforcement agency was Harris County Precinct 8 Constable Bill Bailey's office located in Clear Lake, signed by Chief Deputy, Phil Sandlin. The following documents were submitted to the TABC for the temporary licenses: the completed and notarized TABC application; the completed and signed TABC approval form; a layout of the park and pavilion identifying where the beer and wine were to be sold and the location of the men and women restrooms; letter from the IRS exempting the Club from Federal Income Tax; and the Articles of Incorporation for the Club. The Temporary Charitable Auction Permit also required a list of all the alcoholic beverages to be auctioned off. The

application packages were then submitted to the TABC on the Wednesday before the event at the TABC office for Harris County in the Heights area of Houston.

The printing, signs, vinyl lettering and banners were coordinated by the administrator this year except for the sponsor package, which was handled by Scott Rainey. The many forms, signs, displays, and tickets used for the event were produced by Micki Czarnik's business, The Graphic Zone. **The Graphic Zone** also stores the reusable signs and banners for the Club.

For the first time, recyclable barrels were available at the pavilion for discarded aluminum cans and plastic bottles; a suggestion made by Courtney Lindberg. Pursuing her suggestion, inquiry was made with the park officials as to the possibility of having the collectors. Assistant Superintendent of Parks, Earl Ehlers, advised that they were making it a practice to set barrels for recyclable trash out and barrels would be set out for the Shrimporee.

Hugh the Clown, the band, Jando, and the Pryme Thyme Kookers were paid for their services. The smoothie table is privately owned and the Club gives a percentage of the money taken in back to the Club. Last year there was a privately owned shaved ice trailer with similar contractual arrangements.

The Treasurer for the Shrimporee was Marilyn Musial who was also the Treasurer for the Club. This is the first year that the two Treasurers were the same person. The close out process accounted for the monies received from sales at the Shrimporee reconciled against the tickets sold. Seven different sources of money had to be counted and verified at the end of the day. Several of the vendors had to be paid also. The reconciliation of the money against the ticket sales was done after the Shrimporee. The accounting for the revenues from the auctions was handled by Alan Wylie. The Treasurer received all the incomes and expenses and prepared an income statement for the Club. It took several weeks before the final results were issued by the Treasurer due to invoices and revenues still coming in after the Shrimporee.

At 5 pm the park's chairs had been placed back in storage, the tables and chairs from the One Stop Party Shop gathered and stacked ready for pickup, the pavilion area and grounds cleaned, trash barrels emptied, and the kitchen and cooking equipment loaded in the trailer ready to be moved out. The trash was removed off site all during the day for the first time rather than piling it up north of the kitchen area (three large pickup truck loads were moved out.). Slade Lewis headed up the cleanup crews. At 5:30 pm a representative from the Bay Area Turning Point Ministries picked up the unused food, food supplies, and cooked food (the cooked food was relatively less than previous years since most of the cooked food was served to the guest). The food and food supplies were estimated to be worth about \$300.

The financial summary is below:

Income	\$105,148
Expenses	\$25,509
Net Profit	\$79,638

This was the largest net amount raised by a fundraiser since the Club began in 1964.

Thus concludes the story of Shrimporee 2009. The 2010 Shrimporee is scheduled for October 16, 2010 with Mike Dennard as the Chair. The pavilion has been reserved for October 15, 16, and 17 with a rain date of October 29, 30, and 31.