



## The 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival and Auction Shrimporee Report

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Landolt Pavilion, Clear Lake Park  
Seabrook, Texas 77586

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### **Background**

Mike Dennard was the President of the Club and the theme for the year was "Service Above Self". He selected Cross Roads at Park Place and UHCL Center For Autism and Developmental Disabilities as primary beneficiaries for the Shrimporee. Both groups were recognized and given their donation at the event. In addition to these there were 21 local and international service projects supported by the funds from Shrimporee.

The Club had made it a practice for many years for the Club's President-elect to be the chairperson of the Shrimporee and this year it was Marilyn Musial. Teams were used again this year but only after an extensive ticket and auction buy out campaign and a survey of the membership. The teams were then based on those members who did not buy out the auction items or committed to bring a quality auction item. The membership was divided into 7 teams with 5 members each.

The raffle prize was a 18kt Infinity Peridot Stone gold necklace by David Yurman provided by Lewis Jewelers valued at \$1,250. The winner did not have to be present to win. A ticket sold for \$10 each.

### **Appreciation**

There were many Clear Creek Independent School District student, Boy Scouts, 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. Nancy Mallini was the interface with the School District and Art Oswald with the Boy Scouts.

Nancy Mallini and Art Oswald coordinated the volunteers along with Darryl Smith who was in charge of general clean-up. There were 200 student and Boy Scouts volunteers who contributed 640 hours, 2 NASA interims, and about 15 adult volunteers. Sixty-nine per cent of the Club members participated in the event.

## **Summary**

The 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival and Auction Shrimporee was held on October 15 at the Landolt Pavilion at Clear Lake Park, 5001 NASA Parkway, Seabrook, Texas. It began at 11 am and ended at 4 pm on a beautiful sunny day reaching a temperature of 87 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 band, Jando, the excitement of the auctions, delicious food, and 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 1,200 pounds of brisket, 1,100 pounds of shrimp, 350 pounds of sausage, 72 gallons of beans and 1,800 ears of corn purchased. The serving lines handled a about 1800 meals, 94 hot dog meals for children under 6, and 2541 dollar tickets and dollar purchases.

The Women of Rotary provided many kinds of sweet goodies; cookies, brownies, and cakes. Popcorn and cotton candy were also available. The proceeds from the sweet table are 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. Donated purchased, not used, meal tickets were used for the student volunteers. Seventy-eight percent of the Club members sold 1601 meal tickets for a total of \$24,015. Meal ticket sales at the event was \$2,295 for a total of \$26, 310 and 1754 tickets.

The children had many exciting activities to participate in, such as inflatables, a moon walk, a slide and an obstacle course; face painting; balloon animals by Hugh the Clown; tattooing; and hair dyeing. The 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. Steve Phelps and Louie Ditta, the auctioneers; Jerry Smith, the auction coordinator, and Scott Rainey, the Emcee provided an exciting and entertaining afternoon for all. One hundred and nine items were sold in the live auction and fifty items (33 baskets and 17 certificates) in the silent auction for a total of \$27,600.

The proceeds from the Shrimporee were over \$94,000 with expenses of about \$22,000 giving a net balance of over \$72,000. More photos of and information on the Shrimporee can be viewed in the Shrimporee 2011 home page under the Rotary History Year 2011-12 web page, <http://www.spacecenterrotary.info>.

The Shrimporee planning committee was well attended and met in 9 sessions at 5:30 pm Tuesdays at the Johnson Space Center Federal Credit Union courtesy of 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 and notes were prepared and distributed to the Club members to keep them informed of the committee's proceedings. A post Shrimporee meeting was held on October 25 at the Hilton, Nassau Bay.

The Pavilion has been reserved for October 20, 2012 for Shrimporee 39.