



The 39th Annual Shrimporee
Festival and Auction
Report

October 20, 2012
Landolt Pavilion, Clear Lake Park
Seabrook, Texas 77586

Submitted by:

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Background

President of the Club, Marilyn Musial, selected Edgar A. Smith Family YMCA, Bay Area Communities in Schools, and Early Act First Knight as the primary beneficiaries for the Shrimporee. All three were recognized and given their donations symbolically at the event. In addition to these projects there were 30 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 Sheryl Berg. The raffle prize was a choice of either a 50 cc Breeze Scooter from Scooterville in Kemah, Texas valued at \$1,200 and a Pandora Bracket by Lewis Jewelers in Houston, Texas valued at \$500. Both prizes were given away. 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 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. Art Oswald was the interface with the Clear Creek Independent School District and the Boy Scouts with the able assistance of Dr. Greg Smith, Superintendent of the school district.

Art Oswald also coordinated the volunteers along with Slade Lewis who was in charge of general clean-up. There were about 250 student and Boy Scouts volunteers, 40 adult volunteers, and 65 (60 %) of the Club members participated before or on the day of the event.

Summary

The 39th Annual Festival and Auction Shrimporee was held on October 20 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 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, 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 1,200 pounds of brisket, 1,200 pounds of shrimp, 375 pounds of sausage, 72 gallons of beans and 1,800 ears of corn purchased. There were many 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 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 kept 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-seven percent of the Club members sold 1482 meal tickets for a total of \$22,230. Meal ticket sales at the event were \$2,145 for a total of \$24,375 and 1625 tickets.

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 Constable Phil Sandlin, the auctioneers; Rodolfo Gonzalez, the auction coordinator, and Judge Holley Williamson, the Emcee provided an exciting and entertaining afternoon for all. Ninety items were sold in the live auction and ninety one items (24 baskets, 47 certificates and packaged items, and 20 artistic pumpkins in the silent auction) for over \$15,000.

The proceeds from the Shrimporee were over \$53,000. Photos and more information on the Shrimporee can be viewed in the Shrimporee 2012 home page under the Rotary History Year 2012-13 web page, <http://www.spacecenterrotary.info> found in the paragraph on the Shrimporee.

The Shrimporee planning committee was well attended and met in 14 sessions at 5:00 pm Tuesdays 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 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 30.

The Pavilion has been reserved for October 26, 2013 for Shrimporee 40.