

Satellite Rotary

Meeting Minutes

02/20/2018

- Call to order was Erin Mosty Wofford
- Invocation was Denise LeMeilleur and Pledge was led by Erin.
- Erin made introductions and welcomed our guests: Phyllis Ricks – Noon Rotary, Nadia Noel Anslade from Beldon Roofing and Becky Etzler Guest Speaker from Riverside Nature Center
- Program was Becky from Riverside Nature Center – Becky has been director of RNC for the past 2.5 years and has welcomed the opportunity to share with the community and develop public awareness to the Texas Hill Country's environment. This matches the mission statement of RNC where it emphasizes education, information and example. She informed our group about the Monthly talks for Adults where they have a nature educator with various different topics. She also spoke about the evening discussion groups where a different speaker presents information and the audience shares refreshments of wine and cheese.



There are many family friendly bi-annual exhibits and they encourage families to participate in the activities of RNC, "from the cradle to the grave." There are activities for everyone. Every third Saturday Brookdale residents are involved in a walk n roll where they get to come and enjoy the center as well as participate. Great outreach in the community. The neatest part of being the director is getting to see second generations participating. There is so much joy in seeing in children's faces their amazement as they learn about wildflowers, trees, birds and butterflies. Reaching and connecting with every age group in our community. They have also partnered with KISD for a Spring 4th grade field day. This has been accomplished with grant money from the KISD program. 2nd graders get to come through scholarship money given during the Big Give campaign.

Riverside Nature Center has a lending library, gift shop, and meeting rooms for the community to learn. The exhibit this year is focused on the Guadalupe River, as it is an essential part of our nature environment. There is so much to learn about the Guadalupe, it spans 40 miles, and the headwaters start at Divide. Interesting to know Town Creek meets the Guadalupe.

RNC also has an Arboretum of native trees with over 80 species of trees and shrubs. The wildflower meadow is a pollinator garden, giving butterflies and bees an environment to cross pollinate and bring beauty to the eye of the beholder.

There are 4 full time staff, three part-timers and volunteers who are the backbone of the RNC. Becky's heart is full of passion for the volunteers whose jobs are endless as they do everything there is to do with the any facets of RNC.

How can you get involved: Become a member, serve on a committee, donate or join a campaign. Annual membership for a family is \$60. To learn more about RNC go to their website at

www.riversidenaturecenter.org or check them out on FaceBook. The campaign they are passionate about now is Preserving the Night Skies. You can find out more about this campaign at www.hillcountrynightskies.org they are in partnership with hillcountryalliance.org.

CLUB BUSINESS

- Denise reminded the club about the Rise against Hunger March 3rd , includes a food drive for area non-profits/food pantries.
- Membership Drive Social is March 20th at Grape Juice and there is \$25 Gift Card to the person who brings the most people to the Social.
- Future Leadership – we will need to add a new person to Leadership of Satellite effective July 1st. Proposed slate will be presented in May.
- March 15th Rotary is sponsoring the Kerrville Chamber Luncheon at Schreiner Univ. Encourage all Rotarians to attend.
- Habitat for Humanity work day is Saturday March 24th, RSVP to Rob or Rebecca Poindexter.

ROTARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Erin ask for signups for prayers for the meetings
- Scholarship deadline is March 9th
- Next Month's meetings: March 3rd Rise against Hunger event, March 20th regular meeting Social
- March 15 joint luncheon at Schreiner Univ.

Erin closed the meeting with the 4 Way Test.

March 3rd – Satellite Meeting

There were over 170 volunteers, many of them were Rotarians; Noon Rotary, Satellite and Morning Rotary as well as InterAct and many other volunteers from area churches and youth groups came out to make this event a huge success! It was awesome to see so many people volunteer for a great event benefitting others who are less fortunate. "Service above Self".

Here are a few pics from the event.

