

## Cape Royale Civic Association



The annual meeting of the Cape Royale Civic Association was held on Saturday, May 1st. The organization was established for charitable and social purposes including efforts to promote civic pride among the members of the Cape community. Contributions to local charities are given

at the annual meeting to representatives of those selected charities. The charities that were selected this year were the Coldspring Public Library, Senior Citizens, Backpack Buddies, CareShare, Habitat for Humanity, and C.A.S.A. Two of these charities are newly added to our gift donations- C.A.S.A. and Habitat for Humanity. A donation to the Cape Area Volunteer Fire Department was previously made. On April 17th, the Civic Association sponsored a benefit barbeque lunch. Over 220 plates were served with a total donation from food sales and private donors at \$5711.

During the meeting, the past year was reviewed discussing the social parties and other functions that the board participated in including decorating the club house and grounds for Christmas, bingo, the golf tournament, and the town hall meeting with Congressman Kevin Brady. The improvements to cape facilities as well as our charitable donations are made possible by the annual golf tournament sponsored by Terry Vaughan and Associates and Jay Mincks with Administaff. A hundred and twelve golfers participated this past year making this tournament the most successful ever. The golf tournament is held the last Saturday in the month of September. The date this year is September 25th. Our large cape project this year was installation of carpet in the club house and exercise room and new tables for the civic room.

The board is setup to have three members rotate off each year. This year Glenda Shuttlesworth, Carol Bell, and Judy Brindley rotated off and will be replaced by Emma Newhouse, Ann Probst, and Pam Chandler. New

officers will be Mary Miller, president, Gwen Fugman, secretary, and Pam Chandler, treasurer.

The recipients of the donations have an opportunity to discuss and share some information on their charities. Wendy Harvey accepted for the Coldspring Public Library. The library is privately sponsored through donations and a garage sale. Brookshire Brothers has paired with the library and is helping to raise funds through one dollar donations as you check out your groceries. Presenting the check from the Civic Association was Gwen Fugman.



Charlotte Loban accepted the funding for the Senior Citizen organization from Sissy Watkins. It is their purpose to provide lunches for the elder and those in need of assistance. She reported that in April, one thousand two hundred and sixty-four meals were prepared and delivered to homebound persons in the Coldspring area and Point

Blank. Another one thousand and ninety-five meals were served in house at the Senior Citizens' center. Lunch is served daily Monday through Friday. Clothing is also provided to CareShare families from the resale shop. Any monetary assistance for this organization is greatly appreciated and will help to continue this great service to our community.

Backpack Buddies began five years ago when a counselor noticed that



some children would collect food from their friends, put it in their backpacks to carry home for the weekend. Originally twelve children were involved. This year seventy children participate. Karen Holton wrote, "we are making a difference in the lives of these children. Hungry children can't learn."

Accepting a donation from Audrey Russell was John Davis.

CareShare feeds the indigent in San Jacinto County. Donations to this organization help to provide food in our community. Accepting our donation was Nancy Woffard, president of CareShare. Carol Bell presented the check.

Habitat for to our list of chose to support Vaughan spoke Four properties new homes. homes with



Humanity was added charities which we this year. Susan about their purpose. have been selected for Volunteers build the supplies purchased by

this organization. Funding is always needed as well as individuals that can help with the building. She accepted a donation from Mary Miller.

C.A.S.A. stands for Court Appointed Special Advocate. This newly organized group speaks and supports children who have to appear in court. Previously, the children of San Jacinto county were represented by individuals from Walker County because no organization had been established in our county. Funding as well as interested adults who could volunteer their services are needed. Training will be provided. Martha Burditt was instrumental in this charity's organization in our county. She accepted a donation from Glenda Shuttlesworth.



Following a discussion with our fifty attendees about new ideas for our association to participate in, the meeting was adjourned. Lunch was provided by the Civic Association and a wine tasting was sponsored by Brookshire Brothers.

Submitted by Glenda Shuttlesworth

Past President of the Cape Royale Civic Association