

# WARNER ROBINS ROTARY CLUB

Oct. 6, 2009

## PROGRAM REPORT

Sept. 29, 2009

### **Velicia Lowe, executive director, Court-Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Houston County**

#### **Greeters**

Today Willie Talton, Rob Tawse, Dick Walden  
Oct. 13 Rodney Smith, Jim Whitaker, Steve Williams

**Invocation**..... Ralph Johnson  
**Pledge of Allegiance**..... Ryan Gilcrest  
**Four-Way Test** ..... Ronnie Sanders

#### TODAY'S PROGRAM **Larry L. Najera Jr., Najera Design**

**classification talks**

#### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Oct. 13 TBA  
  
Oct. 20 Andrew White, president,  
Foundation for Relief and Reconciliation  
in the Middle East (11:30 a.m.)  
*at Landings Golf Club*  
  
Rotary Golf Tournament  
*at Landings Golf Club*

#### PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS

If you have a suggestion for an upcoming program, contact Randy Randall by phone at 922-9234 (work) or 951-2178 (mobile), or by e-mail at glcm1@cox.net.

Lowe explained how CASA - a non-profit organization funded through grants and donations - recruits, trains and organizes volunteers to advocate for abused or neglected children in Houston County Juvenile Court deprivation proceedings.

"We are the eyes and ears for Juvenile Court Judge Deborah Edwards," she said. "It's not something that everybody can do."

Lowe said CASA has about 39 volunteers, but needs more. It's not easy to find them, though - they are true volunteers who are not reimbursed for expenses, and must meet certain requirements. The reward, however, is the ability to be a positive influence in a young person's life.

"The thing I tell volunteers about the children we serve is that we can't change the circumstances that brought them into care, but we can be a loud voice for them," Lowe said.

She said that of the 167 children currently in foster care here in Houston County, CASA is serving 54 of them. She hopes someday to have a volunteer for each child in care.

#### ROTARY DISTRICT 6920 RAFFLE

There are four prizes in this year's raffle:  
Grand prize: Eight-day trip for four to Honolulu and Maui, Hawaii  
Second prize: Eight-day trip for two to Bermuda  
Third prize: Eight-day trip for two to San Francisco and Sonoma  
Fourth prize: Eight-day trip for two to Santa Fe, New Mexico  
All prizes will be awarded at the District Conference, April 23-25, 2010, on Jekyll Island.

First prize winner may select any of the four trips. Remaining trips are selected by subsequent winners.

Tickets are \$25 each, or five for \$100.  
**IMPORTANT:** Be sure to make your check out to "Rotary District 6920 Raffle" in the amount of at least \$50 (the price of two tickets).

