Wilson Sands and John DeFillippo
John Bunker Sands Wetland Center

Wilson Sands was born and raised in Dallas and received a B.A. from Baylor University in 1993. He helped successfully build several local business enterprises in the areas of IT service management, automotive service centers, and industrial real estate.

Wilson began work on a new enterprise with the co-founding of Wetlands Management in 2008 where he is responsible for mitigation credit sales and site development. Wetlands Management is the sponsor and operator of mitigation banks in North Texas.

John DeFillippo, Director of the John Bunker Sands Wetland Center, is an engaging naturalist with over fourteen years of experience blending ecological concepts with business insights. After receiving his BS in Business Administration in 1992 from Mississippi University for Women, he pursued a career as a naturalist with two nature centers in the southeast; Camp McDowell Environmental Education Center in Alabama and Crow's Neck Environmental Education Center in Mississippi.

In 2002, John joined the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science as an Outreach Educator where he presented endangered species programs that focused on protecting Mississippi's diverse ecosystems. While living in Mississippi, John served as the president of the Mississippi Environmental Education Alliance and was awarded environmental educator of the year in 2008.

Most recently, John accepted the Lead Natural Science Educator position with the Dallas Museum of Nature and Science in 2008. Currently, John is a member of the North Texas Master Naturalist, the Texas Association of Environmental Education, and the Association of Nature Center Administrators.

Dentistry With A Heart Creates Many Smiles

The final figures are in from the Dentistry with a Heart day on Fri, Feb 12. Thanks go to Dr. M. Rainwater and Dr. M. Alexander.

- 14 offices and 7 locations were coordinated
- 611 patients were seen
- $442,563.00 of dentistry were delivered to patients of low income families
- 312 volunteers were organized, including
- 87 Rotarian volunteers representing 5 clubs
- All 14 offices had Rotary financial and volunteer connections.

RCPC Takes Aim at the Sporting Clays Challenge Benefitting Buckner International

The Sporting Clay Challenge on Sat, Apr 24, resulted in about $55,000 to support the work of Buckner International. The RCPC volunteers were headed by Jon Petersen and Brad Rejebian. A good time was had by shooters and volunteers alike. See a video of the event at www.buckner-events.org

Doug Means represented RCPC as a delegate to the Tejas Multi-District Conference. Activities included a private tour of Morgan's Wonderland, the world's first ultra accessible family fun park. More high lights next week.
Columbia, SC announced that he will be sending out "reminiscence from The Philippines..." and "Guide My Feet," an American spiritual, "Guide My Feet," and "My Country 'Tis of Valor." He introduced the new RCPC Foundation and announced that he will be sending out "reminders" by email.

Bob Patton introduced our visitors and guests, including long-distance visitors from Des Moines, IA, and Columbia, SC. Margaret Collins announced ten attendeeship awards, culminated by Charlie Bond with twenty-five years.

Greg Pape reported that to date eighty-three RCPC members have contributed to the RI Foundation. He introduced PDG C.C. Collie who recognized his daughter-in-law Joyce Collie as a Paul Harris Fellow. Herb Burkman gave us our first introduction to our Youth Exchange student Kimberly Uyman-tiao from The Philippines. Host families are needed for her visit.

Nolan Duck introduced our speaker today, Dr. Russell Dilday. Dr. Dilday asked what ever happened to the statement "I respectfully disagree?" Incivility is dangerous, particularly when it can travel by computer. He said that the Latin word civilitas actually means polite political behavior or statesmanship. Civility is kindness; it is what Abraham Lincoln meant with his phrase "with malice toward none and charity for all." Civility is what is meant in the Declaration of Independence by the phrase, "decent respect for the opinions of mankind." He said that to be civil does not mean that one has to give up one's convictions, but to be willing to listen, and that it is okay to use strong persuasive language, but not to be rude. He quoted Eric Hoffer that "rudeness is a weak man's language,..." which is an openness and interest in the welfare of others. Also, it encompasses the concepts of faith, hope, and charity. It is something you choose to do; like charity, civility is not passive.

Get involved!

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Rivers

In rivers and bad governments, the lightest things swim at the top.

~ Benjamin Franklin

Rivers know this: there is no hurry. We shall get there some day.

~ Winnie the Pooh

You could not step twice into the same rivers; for other waters are ever flowing on to you.

~ Heraclitus

Sometimes, if you stand on the bottom rail of a bridge and lean over to watch the river slipping slowly away beneath you, you will suddenly know everything there is to be known.

~ Winnie the Pooh

THOUGHTS ON . . .

Rivers

Gettig to know Kimberly:
The Rotary Club of Dumaguete City-South in The Philippines is endorsing Youth Exchange Student Kimberly Uymatiao. She is sixteen and in the fourth year of high school. She attends at a boarding school on a different island than where her home is because her parents “like the standards of teaching in Chinese and English.” She says “the school has a strict disciplinary program with regard to students to prepare them to be independent and law-abiding citizens.”

THEY PROFIT MOST WHO LAUGH BEST

The Politicians Lament
Ten politicians trying to align; only one did so – and then there were nine.
Nine politicians entered a debate; but one spoke his heart out – then there were eight.
Eight politicians saw the road to Heaven; one tried to follow it – then there were seven.
Seven politicians trying hard to mix; one got all mixed up – and then there were six.
Six politicians eager to survive; one ate a rubber chicken – and then there were five.
Five politicians found they had the floor; one spoke for all of them – then there were four.
Four politicians sitting down to tea; one choked on a principle – and then there were three.
Three politicians looking at the view; one saw a policy – and then there were two.
Two politicians politically outrun; one lost credibility – and then there was one.
One politician found nothing could be done, so he took the Bridge to Nowhere – and then there none.