



# Brazos Valley



# P. E. T. News

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## 2012 PET Conference called a success.

The 2012 PET International conference was hosted by the Brazos Valley P.E.T. group on September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Many of those arriving on Thursday joined with the host committee members for a meal and fellowship (Meet & Mingle) at Papa Perez restaurant for some Mexican / TexMex Cuisine.



The next morning the PET Annual Meeting began at the First United Methodist Church, in Bryan. This was the beginning of two days of exchange of information, meeting with those involved in production, distribution and setting PET standards.



Presentations included looking at possible changes in the PET design, and changes in seating and operation as shown by several demonstration models.

The conference also included presentations and discussions involving our distribution partners. Presentations were made by representatives from MEDSHARE and CTOMA



Other affiliated groups also made presentations and were involved in discussions that included Lions International. Walt Hayes brought us some good information about working with service organizations, and his experience working with Lions International.



Both Friday and Saturday brought “guests” to the meetings. The Brazos Valley shop invited those affiliated with the production of our P.E.T.s. This included persons from other churches that send us parts or supply materials and labor to assist in our production. Representatives from the companies that supply materials to us were also invited so that all might see the extent of the PET project, locally and throughout the world.



The Saturday evening celebration event included the presentation of a proclamation from the Mayor of Bryan, declaring September 13<sup>th</sup>, PET Day in the City of Bryan.

During the celebration dinner, we were also serenaded with a song written by Pastor David Henry in celebration of the PET project.



Special presentations were made to Gwen and Richard Royall in memory of Jake Royall who had recently passed away. Mr. Royall was a founding member of the Lulling PET shop, which was the 3<sup>rd</sup> shop to be established. Gwen and Richard were accompanied to the presentation by Joe and Karen Svoboda, the other founding members of PET Lulling.



A flag flown over the Capital along with a plaque and flowers were presented to Gwen.

As changes are happening all the time, so we experienced a major change in our PET International operation at this time. Steve Bama resigned his position and was presented with a plaque from a grateful organization.



The Board of Directors of P.E.T. Brazos Valley would like to thank PET International for allowing us to host this conference. We would also like to thank FUMC Bryan for the use of the facilities, and a big thanks to Liz Rock, who managed to keep us well fed during the conference.



Liz and some helpers provided the meals, snacks and refreshments that were enjoyed by all.



And a **BIG** THANK YOU to all who attended



And we hope to see you at the conference next year.