



Southside Rotary Club of Corpus Christi Riptide

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MEETING INFORMATION

PRAYER/PLEDGE: EDD PRICE
INTRODUCTIONS: PDG DON RATCLIFF
FOUR WAY TEST: JOHN OWEN

VISITING ROTARIANS & GUESTS

Rotarians

From Corpus Christi Rotary Club

PDG George Dawson

James Duerr

From out of town

Jack Solka

Visitors

Lois Blum

REMEMBER!

Ramp Project on Saturday, June 5, 2010
at 8a.m.

*(Dyke also needs help on Friday, June 4. Call him if
you can help Friday at 438-5584.*

Meet Saturday at 8a.m. at location below:

2022 17th Street in Corpus Christi

(One block behind the old
Buttercrust Bakery on Ayers.).

**Bring nail aprons, electric screw guns,
extra batteries, hammers, levels,
measuring tapes, WATER and your great
Rotary spirit!**

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

9 JUNE	Islander Athletics	Athletic Director Tim Fitzpatrick
16 June	Media Bias - Key to the Future.	Charles Wiley - Allied Education Foundation

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REMINDER:
SOUTHSIDE ROTARY INSTALLATION
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30, 2010



BRAGGIN' BUCKS

- **PRESIDENT LARI** bragged on everyone who helped with Flags on Memorial Day. Helping members were **MATT BEAVERS, BETTY FRANTUM, JOE HIGH, DEBBIE HIGH, PDG DON RATCLIFF, JERRY SMITH, and PRESIDENT LARI YOUNG.**
- **DAVID WALKER** bragged on his 40th Anniversary. No, he is not getting a divorce.
- **FRED HAYDEN** bragged on his son, Jackson, who made straight "A's" all school year, is a member of the Junior Honor Society, and will get a cast off soon.
- **PDG MARILYN SPENCER** bragged on her "Tax Rebate Program" at the University being published in a book and for PDG George Dawson being a visiting priest at her church.

EDD PRICE donated his \$10 winnings from the 50/50 raffle back into the "pot". Thanks **EDD.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **RAMP PROJECT – MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Saturday, June 5** – please see **DYKE HENDERSON.** He needs help on Saturday and also on Friday. Bring Tools. Site is at 2022 17th St. behind the old Buttercrust bakery on Ayers.
- Incoming District Governor Gilbert Serna Installation is on Friday, June 11, in Laredo at the Paseo Real Reception Hall. Please register on-line at <http://www.rotary5930.org/govInstallation.htm>. Please sponsor a table centerpiece for \$125.00.

- **Southside Rotary Club** installation will be on Wednesday, June 30, during our regular meeting for **PRESIDENT-ELECT JENNIFER SMITH-ENGLE** and the new Board of Directors. Please plan to attend this important meeting.
- **DYKE HENDERSON** had the honor of introducing a new member, **ROD VAUGHAN.** **ROD** is with the City of Corpus Christi and is Director for the Coastal Bend Center for Independent Living. **ROD** has helped with the ramp projects and has selected the sites.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

PDG MARILYN SPENCER introduced our speaker, our own **GARY BLUM.** **MARILYN** had asked **GARY** to do a program about his dad, **ABE BLUM,** who was a former long time member of **SOUTHSIDE ROTARY.** **GARY** based his presentation on an interview that **ABE** gave before his death and on several photographs that **ABE** and his family members had saved over the years.

ABE was born in Poland in a small Jewish town about 125 miles from Warsaw. His father was a shoemaker who took his time making shoes and did very good work. The family had to leave Poland and go to Russia when the Russians invaded Poland during World War I. The family fled back to Poland in the middle of the night. Conditions were very bad following World War I and **ABE'S** father went to America. His father saved money and was able to send for his family later. **ABE** and his mother and sisters had to fill out much paperwork and had trouble with the Polish authorities getting permission to leave Poland. They were able to leave Poland and went to France. In France, **ABE** was able to buy and eat fruit which he had not been able to do in Poland. A sister was left behind in Poland because she was married and not considered part of **ABE'S** family. The sister died in the Holocaust.

ABE and his sisters became citizens of the United States when they arrived because they were under age. His mother did not become a citizen but tried unsuccessfully later to become a U.S. citizen.

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**DISTRICT 5930 THEME FOR
2009-2010**

ABE married in 1941 and later became a U.S. Soldier who served in Africa, Naples, Rome, and Florence, Italy. **ABE** said that the Italians welcomed the soldiers. He earned several metals including a bronze star for his service.

In November, 1950, **ABE** moved his family to Corpus Christi because of several relatives living here and the warm weather. He opened a “Stag Shop” with a partner and later bought the partner out. The name of the business was changed to “Blum’s Stag Shop”. **GARY** and all of the family members worked in the store. Several years later **ABE** closed the store and went into the real estate business.

ABE lost his first wife and later married another lady. He taught his children and his grandchildren to be good Americans. **ABE** did not have any regrets and said that you cannot do anything about regrets. **ABE** felt that it is very important to have a good family and good friends. He was a **ROTARIAN** and a **PAUL HARRIS FELLOW**.

Thanks **GARY** for a very good program. **PRESIDENT LARI** presented **GARY** with a pen for his presentation.

PETE’S MARKET REPORT

No **PETE** and no report

BETTY’S QUOTE:

TODAY’S QUOTE IS FROM A PERSON WHO’S NAME APPEARS ON MANY ARTICLES – AUTHOR UNKNOWN: “THE GREATEST GIFT I EVER HAD CAME FROM GOD; I CALLED HIM DAD”.



DO NOT FORGET

**RAMP PROJECT THIS SATURDAY
JUNE 5, 2010**

DYKE IS EXPECTING TO SEE YOU

**WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBER – ROD
VAUGHAN**

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Club Location	Established	Club Number	Number of Members	Day/Time	Location
<u>Monday</u>					
<u>Corpus Christi Sunrise</u> 993-5296	1984	#22125	15	M 7 am	La Bahia
<u>Aransas Pass - 232-4020</u>	1960	#2059	15	M noon	Aransas Pass Civic Center
<u>Tuesday</u>					
<u>Corpus Christi Padre Island</u> 937-6196	2001	#55912	16	Tues noon	Padre Island Country Club
<u>Kingsville - 595-8548</u>	1923	#2073	59	Tues noon	Sirloin Stockade
<u>Ingleside - 776-1661</u>	1948	#2072	27	Tues noon	Garden Club
<u>Portland - 643-6759</u>	1967	#2085	46	Tues noon	Northshore Country Club
<u>Taft - 528-2636</u>	1938	#2096	13	Tues noon	Kiva Hut
<u>San Diego - 701-2198</u>	1938	#2093	23	Tues noon	Rotary Pavilion
<u>Wednesday</u>					
<u>Alice - 668-3536</u>	1938	#2058	32 (I)	W noon	Alice Country Club
<u>Corpus Christi Northwest</u> 241-0794	1925	#2090	11 (I)	W noon	Chicken Shack
<u>Corpus Christi Southside</u> 993-6902	1955	#2095	61 (R)	W noon	Corpus Christi Country Club
<u>Raymondville - 956-689-5099 X103</u>	1929	#2087	25 (I)	W noon	Casa Blanca Restaurant
<u>Sinton - 364-6803</u>	1947	#2094	23	W noon	Backstreet Cafe
<u>Thursday</u>					
<u>Corpus Christi - 882-8672</u>	1914	#2062	318 (I)	Th noon	Solomon Ortiz Center
<u>Corpus Christi Evening</u> 429-4825	1992	#29110	6	Th 5:30 pm	Katz 21
<u>Falfurrias - 325-1011</u>	1927	#2067	12	Th noon	Stricklands
<u>Kingsville Sunrise -593-2757</u>	1999	#52338	23 (I) (R)	Th 7 am	Linda's Mainstreet Cafe
<u>Port Aransas - 749-2208</u>	1985	#22399	45 (I)	Th noon	Pelican's Landing Rest.
<u>Rockport - 729-2712</u>	1948	#2091	37	Th noon	Rockport Country Club
<u>Friday</u>					
<u>Corpus Christi West-</u> 882-6828	1966	#2100	47	F noon	Corpus Christi Town Club

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