



Southside Rotary Club of Corpus Christi Riptide

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2010-2011 Officers

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President Elect: Debbie High

Executive Secretary: Matt Beavers

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PRESIDENT JENNIFER WAS NOT AT OUR MEETING TODAY. DEBBIE HIGH STEPPED UP TO PRESIDE OVER OUR MEETING, AND SHE DID A GREAT JOB

MEETING INFORMATION

PRAYER/PLEDGE: DAVID WALKER
INTRODUCTIONS: JERRY SMITH
FOUR WAY TEST: JOE HIGH

JOE CONTINUED WITH NO. 5
"IS IT FUN?"

UPCOMING PROGRAM

*March 16, 2011: Michael Womack
Executive Director
"South Texas Botanical Gardens
and Nature Center"*

VISITING ROTARIANS & GUESTS

ROTARIANS

Corpus Christi Club

MARY GLEASON
NICK HALLICH
LEO BARRERA

West Corpus Christi Club

WALTER DEVILLE

VISITORS

VERONICA GONZALEZ with Frost Bank, who
was a guest of **JERRET KROUSE**.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL THEME FOR 2010-2011



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DISTRICT THEME FOR 2010-2011



50/50 RAFFLE

MIKE BRIDGES won \$10.00 and donated his winnings back to the jar for scholarships and ramp projects. Thank you, Mike.

BRAGGIN' BUCKS

- **PRESIDENT JENNIFER** left us a brag on ourselves for contributing \$2319.00 this year to PolioPlus. Our goal for the three years was \$2000.00 each year, which we exceeded each year. Only five clubs in the district were able to reach their goal.
- **BETTY FRANTUM** did a super job with the 50/50 Raffle.
- **DEBBIE HIGH** bragged on our club helping with the Hands to Honduras project.
- **FRED HAYDEN** bragged on his son, Jackson, who has had all "A's" during his school years in middle school.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The **Southside CC Rotary Club monthly Board meeting** follows the March 9 regular weekly meeting. All Board members should attend. The Board meeting will count as a Rotary meeting.
2. **Southside CC Rotary Club's Administrative Professionals Day Luncheon** is scheduled for Wed. April 27, 2011 at 12:00 noon at the Corpus Christi Country Club. The keynote speaker is Dr. Diana Ivy, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi professor and a 1440 KEYS radio personality. She is a great speaker. This is a fundraiser for our club and a chance to recognize administrative professionals. Tables and individual tickets will be available.

3. **The Group Study Exchange Team** from Portugal will be in Corpus Christi from April 18 through April 21, 2011. Host families are needed.

4. **DYKE HENDERSON** reminded us of the **Ramp Project** scheduled for this Saturday, March 12. DYKE passed a sign-up sheet around. The location of the project is 4105 Stafford. Bring your battery drill!

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

ERASMO NAVA introduced Mary Gleason who is the Executive Director of the Corpus Christi Literacy Council. Mrs. Gleason was born in Mexico and has traveled extensively in India, Malaysia, England, France, New Zealand and several other countries. She has bachelor and masters degrees from Trinity University in San Antonio. She was a member of Leadership Corpus Christi - Class XIV, and is a member of the Corpus Christi Rotary Club.

Mrs. Gleason informed us that one-fifth (1/5) of the adults in the United States read below the fifth grade level. The cost of literacy in the United States is \$20 billion a year. About 80% of unemployed parents do not have a high school degree. General Motors spends about \$15 million a year teaching reading. Because people cannot read, a high employee turnover occurs, more accidents occur, and reports are not properly prepared. A serious health problem occurs because people who cannot read do not take their medicines correctly. Many people in prisons cannot read.

The Corpus Christi Literacy Council was created 26 years ago, and Mrs. Gleason was on the original commission. The Council does one-on-one training, and people determine their own pace. Testing is performed to determine the level of reading at the start of a person's teaching. In 2010, the Council was working with and teaching 404 people to read. The number of volunteers was 115 in 2010. Many of the volunteers are Anglo women. The Council is located on Greenwood Drive.

Mary Gleason was presented a "Tax Shelter" for her presentation.

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PETE'S MARKET REPORT

The market was down a little and oil was steady. The market was watching events in the Middle East, and the economy was getting better.

BETTY'S QUOTE

**“OUTSIDE OF A DOG, A BOOK IS
MAN'S BEST FRIEND. INSIDE OF A
DOG, IT'S TOO DARK TO READ.”**

-Julius Henry (Groucho) Marx

NEW MEMBER OF SOUTHSIDE ROTARY

PAUL AYERS was born in Philadelphia and raised in a small farming and oyster industry town on Delaware Bay. He attended Dartmouth College and had an early acceptance to Duke Medical School in 1966. He was a military flight surgeon in the Air Force. He did his ophthalmology residency at Baylor College of Medicine and moved to Corpus Christi in 1976. **PAUL** and his wife, Geni, have three sons and three daughters. **PAUL** enjoys fishing and traveling.

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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	Cherry Tree Tea Room
<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 - 528-3230</u>	1938	#2096	13	Tues noon	Taft Community Center
<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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