



# Southside Rotary Club of Corpus Christi Riptide

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## 2010-2011 Officers

**President:** Jennifer Smith-Engle

**President Elect:** Debbie High

**Executive Secretary:** Matt Beavers

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## MEETING INFORMATION

**PRAYER/PLEDGE:** GARY BLUM led Rotarians in a Remembrance and Prayer for Kristallnacht ("Night of Broken Glass" Nov. 9-10, 1938), followed by our national Pledge of Allegiance

**INTRODUCTIONS:** RICHARD ESPINOSA

**FOUR WAY TEST:** JOHN OWEN

## VISITING ROTARIANS & GUESTS

### ROTARIANS

Rotary Club of Corpus Christi: Scott Elliff, Lou Carter, Curtis Cantwell

West CC Club: Hollis Ray Neese

### VISITORS

Rev. Eradio Valverde, Sr. (Guest of PDG Don Ratcliff)

Nancy Foster, Wooldridge Place Nursing Home Director (Guest of Jennifer Smith-Engle)

Rodney Eve (Guest of Clem Struve)

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**Nov. 17**

**"Solid Waste and Recycling" - Paul Bass**

**Nov. 22**

**No Meeting –  
Happy Thanksgiving!!!!**



## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL THEME FOR 2010-2011



**"BUILDING COMMUNITIES - BRIDGING CONTINENTS"**

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## 50/50 RAFFLE

Dr. BOB MEJIA won, and donated his win back to the PolioPlus jar. Thanks!!!

## BRAGGIN' BUCKS

1. **JENNIFER SMITH-ENGLE** bragged on **GILBERT VANSOI**, who supplied and inflated balloons, with help from Rotoractors, at the Adoption Awareness Picnic Sat. Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> at West Guth Park. **JOE and DEBBIE HIGH, PDG MARILYN SPENCER**, and **ELLISON CRIDER** also helped at the event.

2. **PDG DON RATCLIFF** bragged on **LARI YOUNG'S** recently-spotted *Rotary license plate*.

3. **GILBERT VANSOI** bragged on his exchange student son, Marco, who played his last football game and caught his first ball for a 2 point conversion. The City Council and Mayor recently recognized the exchange students and program.

4. **JOHN OWEN** bragged on the Green Bay Packers' win last Sunday and the Texas A&M win over Oklahoma.

5. **LARI YOUNG** congratulated Texas A&M on their win.

6. Scott Elliff is involved with mentoring CCISD students and bragged on his student, Arthur Garcia, who played on the winning Wynn Seale Middle School football team, which won the City Championship.

7. **JOE HIGH** bragged on his son's recent promotion, which he announced to Joe after a 4 hour telephone conversation.

## CLASSIFICATION TALK

**Joe High** (Hospital Pharmacist) presented a brief history of the pharmacy practice and hospital pharmacists. The first hospitals were put in place to serve the poor. Initially, pharmacists were held in low regard, and many practiced in hospital basements. In the 1960's only 50% of hospitals had pharmacists; today all do. Once product-focused, pharmacists' tasks are now patient-focused, and hospital pharmacists are medicine-use experts. Christus Spohn now has a pharmacy residency in place and will have an accreditation visit in April 2011.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Rotary Flag Project with the Boy Scouts Thursday November 11 (Veterans Day)** – volunteers please meet 6 am at Grace Presbyterian Church, 6301 Yorktown Boulevard.

2. **Rotary District 5930 Annual Raffle.** MCHELLE MARESH and KYLE FUEHRER have tickets. Monies collected fund qualified grants through the Rotary Foundation. Each Rotarian is urged to sell 10 tickets for the drawing in Laredo Dec. 10 of a new 4-door Mazda 3i Sport. Please return raffle tickets to our club meeting by Dec. 1, for immediate return to the District.

3. **Rotary Board Meeting** following the Nov. 17 luncheon meeting – Board members please mark your calendars; all club members are welcome to attend.

4. **No Club Meeting Nov. 22 (Thanksgiving week)**

5. **Southside Rotary Ramp Champs** will help the Rockport Rotary Club build a ramp Sat. Nov. 13. DYKE HENDERSON has a few volunteers and others are welcome – contact Dyke.

## DISTRICT THEME FOR 2010-2011



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## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



PDG Don Ratcliff introduced **Scott Elliff, CCISD Superintendent**, who spoke on the “**State of CCISD.**” He recently shared the District’s accomplishments with ~700 attendees at the State of the

District luncheon sponsored by the Corpus Christi Education Foundation, which provides funding to teachers and offers scholarships. Mr Elliff shared a new opportunity from the District. CCISD now has a program to allow anyone who had to drop out of school to serve during WWII, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War, to graduate and receive their diploma. Please contact the District if you know of any such individual.

Mr. Elliff shared the following:

- CCISD includes 59 campuses, 38,000 students and 4500 employees.
- 47 campuses recently were identified as Recognized or Exemplary.
- 3 high schools were identified as Recognized, a first for CCISD.
- Compared to other Districts of similar size, CCISD was the best in each area scored.
- The Collegiate High School, located at Del Mar College East campus, is visited by others to observe the new standard in high school curriculum. It graduated its first class last year and its class provided 17,000 of community service hours. 70% of the graduating class earned an Associate degree from Del Mar, before graduating from high school. 5 students earned 2 Associate degrees. This year, 80% to the senior class is on track to earn an Associate degree.
- The Innovation Academy at Cunningham MS and Moody HS offers engineering courses to students every year. These courses count towards college credit.
- The International Baccalaureate (IB) program is the gold standard of education. CCISD has the program in place at the elementary and middle school level. Ray HS is preparing for their review visit and the IB designation will provide



for this curriculum from first grade thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

- CCISD has recently received a \$6.5 million grant to implement the METRO program. The program will emphasize the Arts and Technology, and will convert Miller HS into a school within a school, with 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Miller HS. Wynn Seale will contain the K-6 curriculum.

- Bond 2008 was the first CCISD bond passed in 13 years. The District is on track to complete the proposed improvements in four years as promised, is on budget, with 67% complete and with a savings of \$15-17 million expected. New elementary schools have been built and a new technology and career high school next to Del Mar West will be built.

- Voters recently approved the Bond 2010. A new high school and middle school are planned. CCISD has not built a new HS in 43 years. The facilities will address the city’s Southside growth.

- The District is addressing issues like improving SAT and ACT scores, and improving PE programs for a healthy life style.

- CCISD is tackling civil behavior within the District. It hopes to raise expectations in five concern areas, such as bullying and profanity. CCISD hopes to redirect behavior, to have students understand what is considered profanity. Profanity and disruptive behavior will be handled through a citation process. To date, CCISD has issued 60 citations to students.

Jennifer presented Mr. Elliff with a Southside Rotary Club pen.



## PETE’S MARKET REPORT

The market was quiet overall: The NASDAQ was slightly up with trading at ~500 million shares; gold was down \$30 to \$1390; crude oil was slightly up.

## BETTY’S QUOTE

*By American author/actress Fran Lebowitz:*  
“In real life, I assure you, there is no such thing as algebra.”

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Club Location	Established	Club Number	Number of Members	Day/Time	Location
<b><u>Monday</u></b>					
<b><u>Corpus Christi Sunrise</u></b> 993-5296	1984	#22125	15	<b>M 7 am</b>	La Bahia
<b><u>Aransas Pass - 232-4020</u></b>	1960	#2059	15	<b>M noon</b>	Aransas Pass Civic Center
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>					
<b><u>Corpus Christi Padre Island</u></b> 937-6196	2001	#55912	16	<b>Tues noon</b>	Padre Island Country Club
<b><u>Kingsville - 595-8548</u></b>	1923	#2073	59	<b>Tues noon</b>	Cherry Tree Tea Room
<b><u>Ingleside - 776-1661</u></b>	1948	#2072	27	<b>Tues noon</b>	Garden Club
<b><u>Portland - 643-6759</u></b>	1967	#2085	46	<b>Tues noon</b>	Northshore Country Club
<b><u>Taft - 528-3230</u></b>	1938	#2096	13	<b>Tues noon</b>	Taft Community Center
<b><u>San Diego - 701-2198</u></b>	1938	#2093	23	<b>Tues noon</b>	Rotary Pavilion
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>					
<b><u>Alice - 668-3536</u></b>	1938	#2058	32 (I)	<b>W noon</b>	Alice Country Club
<b><u>Corpus Christi Northwest</u></b> 241-0794	1925	#2090	11 (I)	<b>W noon</b>	Chicken Shack
<b><u>Corpus Christi Southside</u></b> 993-6902	1955	#2095	61 (R)	<b>W noon</b>	Corpus Christi Country Club
<b><u>Raymondville - 956-689-5099 X103</u></b>	1929	#2087	25 (I)	<b>W noon</b>	Casa Blanca Restaurant
<b><u>Sinton - 364-6803</u></b>	1947	#2094	23	<b>W noon</b>	Backstreet Cafe
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>					
<b><u>Corpus Christi - 882-8672</u></b>	1914	#2062	318 (I)	<b>Th noon</b>	Solomon Ortiz Center
<b><u>Corpus Christi Evening</u></b> 429-4825	1992	#29110	6	<b>Th 5:30 pm</b>	Katz 21
<b><u>Falfurrias - 325-1011</u></b>	1927	#2067	12	<b>Th noon</b>	Stricklands
<b><u>Kingsville Sunrise -593-2757</u></b>	1999	#52338	23 (I) (R)	<b>Th 7 am</b>	Linda's Mainstreet Cafe
<b><u>Port Aransas - 749-2208</u></b>	1985	#22399	45 (I)	<b>Th noon</b>	Pelican's Landing Rest.
<b><u>Rockport - 729-2712</u></b>	1948	#2091	37	<b>Th noon</b>	Rockport Country Club
<b><u>Friday</u></b>					
<b><u>Corpus Christi West-</u></b> 882-6828	1966	#2100	47	<b>F noon</b>	Corpus Christi Town Club

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