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MEETING INFORMATION

PRAYER/PLEDGE: PDG DON RATCLIFF

INTRODUCTIONS: JERRET KROUSE

(He had a new bank shirt on today)

FOUR WAY TEST: DR. GARY BLUM –

Did the Four Way Test as an honor to his father, ABE BLUM

VISITING ROTARIANS

FROM THE
CORPUS CHRISTI CLUB

Leo Barrera

FROM THE INGLESIDE CLUB

Gene Seaman

ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY FUNDRAISER

PLEASE bring your Raffle Items THIS WEEK to President Lari to be included in the program donor recognition for our ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY FUNDRAISER SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY APRIL 21 AT NOON AT THE COUNTRY CLUB. THE RESERVATION FLYER IS ATTACHED TO THE NEWSLETTER E-MAIL

Reservations must be made and paid for in advance.

Walk-in seating and/or meals will not be available for this event.

This year's speaker is award-winning businesswoman, bestselling author, and international motivational speaker

Marion Luna Brem.



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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

14 April	PORT OF CORPUS CHRISTI	FRANK BROGAN, P.E.
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APRIL 21 OUR REGULAR MEETING WILL BE OUR ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY EVENT AND YOU NEED TO SIGN UP AND PAY IN ADVANCE. SEE RESERVATION FLYER ATTACHED TO NEWSLETTER E-MAIL.

COST IS HIGHER THAN REGULAR MEETING AND THERE WILL NOT BE ANY SEATING FOR WALKINS.

BRAGGIN' BUCKS

MIKE BRIDGES bragged on his daughter who made a very good score on a test which will allow her to receive college scholarships.

PRESIDENT LARI bragged on DR. GARY BLUM for doing a great eulogy for his father, ABE BLUM.

FRED HAYDEN bragged on his mother who just had her 89 Birthday and on his son, Jackson, who is 13, and who continues to receive a straight "A" report card in school.

50-50 RAFFLE

DR. ROBERT MEJIA won \$11.00 and plans to go out and celebrate tonight.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Our Administrative Professionals Day Luncheon** will be on our regular meeting day of Wednesday, April 21 at the Corpus Christi Country Club. **Please remember to start bringing RAFFLE ITEMS.** All proceeds from this event will go to our Ramp Projects and A&M-Corpus Christi and Del Mar scholarships.

- **DISTRICT 5930 Raffle tickets** are being distributed for the fundraiser to benefit humanitarian projects. Pick up your tickets and bring back the money to pay for the tickets.

DISTRICT RAFFLE TICKET MONEY OR UNSOLD TICKETS ARE DUE BACK TO PRES LARI BY OUR APRIL 28 MEETING.

- **MIKE BRIDGES** gave \$120.00 to our scholarship and charity funds because of the people who served as program chairman for a month this past year. He is also looking for people to serve as program chairmen next year.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

MIKE BRIDGES introduced our speakers, **CONNIE SCOTT** and **JON BUQUET**. **Connie Scott** is the former Executive Director and is currently on the Board of Directors for the Bay Area Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse. She resigned as Executive Director in 2007 to run for State Representative District 34. She is again the Republican candidate for House District 34 in this November's general election. **Jon Buquet** is the CEO of Bucket Works, and he is currently the Executive Director of Bay Area Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse.

Connie told us that the organization against lawsuit abuse began in the 1990's in the valley. Corpus Christi followed quickly. The Bay Area organization advertises locally, speaks against abuse, and uses billboards to get its message out to the public. Lawsuit abuse affects employment and the income of people.

Texas has tried to correct lawsuit abuse by passing House Bill No.4. **Gene Seaman** was a supporter of the bill when it passed in 2003.

There have been many instances of lawsuit abuse including a restaurant case in which over 10,000 people were afraid of coming down with cancer in the future. The 10,000 people were part of the suit.

Connie became aware of lawsuit abuse when her 16 year old sister was struck by an auto as she exited a

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school bus. The bus had its red flashing lights in service. The young person driving the auto was late for work. Her sister was in intensive care for several weeks. Attorneys contacted her father to represent the family and offered their services without any cost to the family. Her father was mad and upset and refused to allow the attorneys to represent the family.

Connie was recently called for jury duty and spent one and half hours being questioned by an attorney on a case that her husband's company was involved in the lawsuit.

People's responsibility and attitudes have changed over the years. Many people who have accidents now abuse the system. House Bill 4 has greatly reduced lawsuit abuse, and now the Federal Government may enter into discussions about lawsuit abuse against the bill.

PRESIDENT LARI presented our speakers with pens for their presentation.



PETE'S MARKET REPORT

PETE told us that the market was "Dull" today. Traders are not making any money. The Dow is down 15 points, crude oil is \$86.40 and gold is up.

BETTY'S QUOTE:

On February 19, 1935; Will Rogers stated that "We are always saying: 'Let the Law take its course' but what we really mean is: 'Let the law take OUR course'".

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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</u> - 232-4020	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</u> - 595-8548	1923	#2073	59	Tues noon	Sirloin Stockade
<u>Ingleside</u> - 776-1661	1948	#2072	27	Tues noon	Garden Club
<u>Portland</u> - 643-6759	1967	#2085	46	Tues noon	Northshore Country Club
<u>Taft</u> - 528-2636	1938	#2096	13	Tues noon	Kiva Hut
<u>San Diego</u> - 701-2198	1938	#2093	23	Tues noon	Rotary Pavilion
<u>Wednesday</u>					
<u>Alice</u> - 668-3536	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</u> - 956-689-5099 X103	1929	#2087	25 (I)	W noon	Casa Blanca Restaurant
<u>Sinton</u> - 364-6803	1947	#2094	23	W noon	Backstreet Cafe
<u>Thursday</u>					
<u>Corpus Christi</u> - 882-8672	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</u> - 325-1011	1927	#2067	12	Th noon	Stricklands
<u>Kingsville Sunrise</u> -593-2757	1999	#52338	23 (I) (R)	Th 7 am	Linda's Mainstreet Cafe
<u>Port Aransas</u> - 749-2208	1985	#22399	45 (I)	Th noon	Pelican's Landing Rest.
<u>Rockport</u> - 729-2712	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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