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MEETING INFORMATION

PRAYER/PLEDGE: LT GOV ELLISON CRIDER
INTRODUCTIONS: DYKE HENDERSON
FOUR WAY TEST: ERASMO NAVA

VISITING ROTARIANS & GUESTS

ROTARIANS

From Corpus Christi Rotary Club

James Duerr

Karen Selim

George Tanner

THERE WERE NO VISITORS TODAY

SAVE THE DATE!

**PAUL HARRIS BIRTHDAY
DINNER, FEBRUARY 27, 2010**

**Pledge TODAY to support District
projects through the
Iron Man Triathlon Fundraiser!
See details at the end of this
newsletter!**

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

27 JAN	METRO MINISTRIES	ROSA PIZZI
3 FEB	"UNSUNG HEROES"	SOUTHSIDE ROTARY



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BRAGGIN' BUCKS

- **BRUCE HAMENDE** bragged on his son who was able to obtain an interview for employment during this summer. Good luck.

JENNIFER SMITH-ENGLE won \$17.00 from the **50/50 raffle**. Her lucky number was 117.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **SOUTHSIDE ROTARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS** voted to send two **ROTARY Shelter Boxes** to Haiti. The cost is \$1,000.00 for each shelter box. Each box contains one ten person tent, vinyl insulated sleeping mats, thermal blankets, water purification tablets or a water purification kit (ability to purify 1,800 gallons, two plastic water containers, one trenching shovel, rope, mosquito netting, ten ponchos, plastic bags, tool kit, canvas bag, hatchet, knife, screwdriver, hammer, hoe, cooking stove, eating utensils, cups, plates and children's school supplies and coloring book.
- **Remember the PAUL HARRIS BIRTHDAY DINNER** to support the **ROTARY FOUNDATION**. Dinner to be on Saturday, February 27, 2010 at 6 pm at the Ortiz Center. Sign up on the **ROTARY 5930.ORG** website.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

BRUCE HAMANDE introduced our speaker, James Duerr. Mr. Duerr is a member of the **Corpus Christi ROTARY Club** and a former Sergeant of Arms of the club. He is a candidate for the U. S. Representative seat from Corpus Christi and is a former board member of the Nueces County Appraisal District.

Mr. Duerr was asked by John Longoria of the Corpus Christi Independent School District if he would serve as a board member on the Nueces County Appraisal District (District). He agreed and was appointed to serve on the District's Board. He stressed ethics and attending all meetings while he

was on the Board. He only missed three meetings, all of which were called on days that were not the regular scheduled meeting days.

He voted against the use of \$400,000.00 of funds which the District had remaining from the 2009 budget. He wanted the excess funds returned to the members of the District which included the City of Corpus Christi, Nueces County, Corpus Christi Independent District, and several other public agencies. The District's Board voted against him and voted to use the funds for the construction of a new office building for the District. He advised the Corpus Christi Independent School District, Nueces County, and the City of Corpus Christi about the excess funds. The District then began to try to have him removed as a board member.

The District voted to increase its budget 13% in 2009 and James was against the increase. The increase in funds was to add 12 new employees to the District. James voted against the increase. The District also voted to pay \$750.00 a month for a very seldom used parking lot.

Many cost figures have been provided on costs for renovation of the old building and construction of a new building. Presently the cost of the new building is about \$5,900,000.00 and the cost of renovation of the existing building is approximately \$3,800,000.00. James explained that there are many extra costs in rehabilitation of the existing building including new computer cables and soft wear additions that should not be included.

James was deeply involved in discussions concerning installing a new roof on the old building. It was stated that the old roof was leaking. James had a friend in the roofing business look at the roof. The friend informed James that the roof was only about 4 or 5 years old and that the roof was not leaking. The friend stated that only the old roof drains were leaking and new rood drains were not installed when the roof had been replaced. The old roof drains were replaced stopping the leaks.

James does not expect a new building will be built at this time for the Nueces County Appraisal District.

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PETE'S MARKET REPORT

No PETE and no report

BETTY'S QUOTE

On April 7, 1935 Will Rogers stated that "The big yell comes nowadays from the taxpayers. I bet you, when the Pilgrims landed on Plymouth Rock, and they had the whole of the American continent, and all they had to do to get an extra 106 acres was to shoot another Indian, well, I bet you anything, they kicked on the price of ammunition. I bet you they said – like we're doing now: "What this country coming to that we have to spend a nickel for power?""



DO NOT FORGET

PAUL HARRIS BIRTHDAY DINNER
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2010
6:30 pm AT THE SOLOMON ORTIZ CENTER

Gear up for the Ironman Rotary
District 5930 Fundraiser!



MARCH 6 IS THE RACE IN NEW ZEALAND! GET YOUR PLEDGES IN TODAY!!!

Attention District 5930 Rotarians! Here is a great way for you to support one of our current Ambassadorial Scholars and at the same time raise funds for the Rotary Foundation and District Humanitarian Grants. This year's District Ambassadorial Scholar Chris Vera sponsored by District 5930 [Victoria Northside Rotary Club](#) is headed to New Zealand in February 2010 to start his schooling and is going to participate in the popular Ironman Triathlon there in March. Chris served as a hospital corpsman in the Navy and served in Iraq as part of a fleet hospital based out of Pensacola. And his deployment to Afghanistan was with a Marine Corps Infantry Battalion. He has designated his Ironman effort to raising funds for our District and International projects. He is training now and getting fired up for the race. You can help the District and

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Rotary Foundation with its important projects and show your support for Chris by donating as much as you can to this worthy cause. Become a part of this exciting event with updates from Chris as he trains and competes.



[“Ironman New Zealand”](#) is the oldest qualifying race on the Ironman circuit, having started 22 years ago, and seems to get bigger and better all the time. Bonita Ironman New Zealand takes place in the beautiful resort destination of Taupo, which is about three hours drive south of Auckland. The swim course in the beautiful, clear, waters of Lake Taupo is a one loop affair around a rectangular course, which, if the water is calm, is laid out nicely for a fast first leg of the day.

Once out of the water, the athletes run past the Lake Taupo Yacht Club to T1, and then start the bike course by riding along the lake next to where they just finished swimming. The initial few kilometers are flat, but

a quick left turn takes the athletes up a hill that is a precursor of the fun to come.

The beautiful two-lap run course follows Lake Taupo down to Five Mile Bay and then returns back to town. The course could be described as "rolling," although there are a few good hills to be negotiated along the way.”

Cut and paste into your browser to pledge:

<http://www.rotary5930.org/IronmanDonation.htm>

Let’s help this young veteran achieve his goals while helping our District and the Rotary Foundation. There are 2 ways to pledge:

1. Pledge per mile. Total mileage is 140.4 miles--swim 2.4 miles, bike 112 miles, run 26 miles.
Or
2. Send your donation now to support his effort and our District Goals.

Thank you for your support. Those donating will be eligible for a drawing for an Ironman mystery gift from New Zealand.

If you wish to mail a donation toward this great cause please make it payable to **RI District 5930** and mail it to:

Lari Young, President
Rotary Club of Southside Corpus Christi
2637 Wool Drive
Corpus Christi, TX 78414.

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Club Location	Established	Club Number	Number of Members	Day/Time	Location
Monday					
<u>Corpus Christi Sunrise</u>	1984	#22125	15	M 7 am	La Bahia
<u>Aransas Pass</u>	1960	#2059	15	M noon	Aransas Pass Civic Center
Tuesday					
<u>Corpus Christi Padre Island</u>	2001	#55912	16	Tues noon	Padre Island Country Club
<u>Kingsville</u>	1923	#2073	59	Tues noon	Sirloin Stockade
<u>Ingleside</u>	1948	#2072	27	Tues noon	Garden Club
<u>Portland</u>	1967	#2085	46	Tues noon	Northshore Country Club
<u>Taft</u>	1938	#2096	13	Tues noon	Kiva Hut
<u>San Diego</u>	1938	#2093	23	Tues noon	Rotary Pavilion
Wednesday					
<u>Alice</u>	1938	#2058	32 (I)	W noon	Alice Country Club
<u>Corpus Christi Northwest</u>	1925	#2090	11 (I)	W noon	Chicken Shack
<u>Corpus Christi Southside</u>	1955	#2095	61 (R)	W noon	Corpus Christi Country Club
<u>Raymondville</u>	1929	#2087	25 (I)	W noon	Casa Blanca Restaurant
<u>Sinton</u>	1947	#2094	23	W noon	Backstreet Café
Thursday					
<u>Corpus Christi</u>	1914	#2062	318 (I)	Th noon	Solomon Ortiz Center
<u>Corpus Christi Evening</u>	1992	#29110	6	Th 5:30 pm	Katz 21
<u>Falfurrias</u>	1927	#2067	12	Th noon	Stricklands
<u>Kingsville Sunrise</u>	1999	#52338	23 (I) (R)	Th 7 am	Linda's Mainstreet Cafe
<u>Port Aransas</u>	1985	#22399	45 (I)	Th noon	Pelican's Landing Rest.
<u>Rockport</u>	1948	#2091	37	Th noon	Rockport Country Club
Friday					
<u>Corpus Christi West</u>	1966	#2100	47	F noon	Corpus Christi Town Club

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