

Southside Rotary Club of Corpus Christi Riptide

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MEETING INFORMATION

PRAYER/PLEDGE: EDD PRICE
INTRODUCTIONS: JERRY SMITH
FOUR WAY TEST: SKIP BARNES

VISITING ROTARIANS & GUESTS

There were no guests present.

Visiting Rotarians

From West Corpus Christi Rotary Club

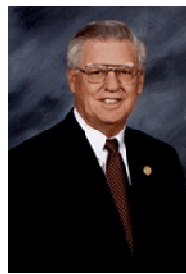
Hollis Ray Neese

From Corpus Christi Rotary Club

Dan New

Lou Carter

SAVE THE DATE!



Samuel L. Neal, Jr.

Save Thursday October 29 at 6p.m. for our next Hometown Hero fundraiser where we will honor **County Judge Loyd Neal with a Paul Harris Fellow** while raising money for scholarships and our Ramp Project!
For a reservation flyer please e-mail Lari at lari.young@tamucc.edu

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

19 AUG	The Role of CCAD Locally and Globally	Kresten Cook
26 Aug	POCCA Prj Mgr, NS Ingleside Redevelopment	Tom Moore

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BRAGGIN' BUCKS

- **SKIP BARNES** bragged on his son, **Brandon**, for having graduated from **Texas Tech** with his **Masters degree**. **He is now looking for a job**.
- **JACK SOLKA** bragged on his son, who designs computer chips, for designing a computer chip that will go on the next space launch.
- **MIKE BRIDGES** bragged on his daughter who is working with a gold tournament that provides all of its proceeds to the Navy Relief.

PDG MARILYN SPENCER won \$22.00 in the **50/50 raffle** for **Polio Plus**.
Congratulations **MARILYN**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **JENNIFER SMITH-ENGLE** announced that flyers were on the back table and requested that all **ROTARIANS** plan to attend. Tables are available for purchase at good rates. Donations are needed for prizes and for decorations.
- **PRESIDENT LARI** reminded everyone of the **SOUTHSIDE ROTARY BOARD** meeting immediately following today's meeting.
- **JACK SOLKA** introduced the newest member, **ERASMO NAVA**, of **SOUTHSIDE ROTARY**. He is President of Solka, Nava, and Torno, LLC. He is a graduate of the University of Houston and has been in Corpus Christi since 1985. His classification is Architecture Building.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

DAVID WALKER introduced our speaker, Commissioner Betty Jean Longoria.

Betty Jean explained her work experience and working with her husband, Al, in their family's business. The family business was a sheet metal business which they operated for over thirty years.

Betty Jean and Al have four sons. Three are graduates from the University of Texas, and one is from Texas A. & M. in College Station. When their sons were growing up, the question was not "Are you going to college", but "Which college are you going to attend".

Betty Jean began her public office career as a candidate for the school board in Tuloso-Midway Independent School District. She lost in her first try but was successful in her second attempt. She served six years on the board before she decided to run for the Corpus Christi City Council. One of the big projects completed while she was on the Council was the Mary Rhodes Water Line.

Then, Betty Jean decided to run for Nueces County Commissioner, and she was elected. She represents a large rural area of the County including Bishop, Agua Dulce, and Banquete. She has worked very hard to improve the libraries and does not believe in forming committees to make decisions or recommendations. Betty Jean believes that the person having been elected by the people should make the decisions.

The Nueces County Court has elected to keep the past years budget, which was for \$74,000,000.00, for next year. There are to be no increases in the tax rate. The Court does not manage any of the County Departments, but the Court determines the budget for each department. There is some control of the different departments.

Betty Jean will not run for the Commissioners Court again but will retire to be with Al. She will make a lot of lists of work for Al to complete.

She told the new Mayor of Corpus Christi, that the Coliseum should be demolished. She now sees the Commissioner's Court as voting along party lines.

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PETE'S MARKET REPORT

The Dow was up about 150 points.

Purchases were up.

The international trade balance was down again, as it has been for a long time.

DISTRICT 5930 THEME FOR 2009-2010



GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE:

District 5930 is again offering the opportunity of escorting a Group Study Exchange to France this year. The Group Study Exchange will go to District 1520 in Northern France. The Rotarian selected must be willing to spend four weeks in France. Speaking French is a must – you have until October 31, 2009 to learn French. You need to fill out an application.

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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	TBA
<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 Cafe
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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