



The Riptide

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SOUTHSIDE CORPUS CHRISTI ROTARY CLUB

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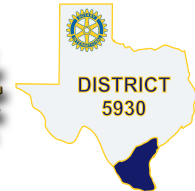
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Bragging Bucks

Debbie High bragged on **Anita Spreen** for organizing such a fun Holiday Social. She also bragged on **Don Ratcliff** for organizing the Salvation Army Bell Ringing and all of the Rotarians and their family members that rang bells. Finally, she bragged on **PDG Marilyn Spencer** for organizing such a great tour and luncheon last week.

Marilyn Spencer bragged on **Kathy Funk-Baxter** for her work in helping with the tour and luncheon last week. She also bragged on all of the Rotarians who participated in the Adoption Awareness Picnic, as 3 additional children were adopted into a forever family.

Don Ratcliff bragged on **Jerry Smith** for securing 18 new flag subscriptions.

Michelle Maresh bragged on **President Debbie High, Joe High, Kyle Fuehrer, Nancy Foster, and John Seaman** for attending the Corpus Christi Under 40 Mayor's Breakfast this morning. She also bragged on **Debbie High** to wish her a happy birthday!

Kyle Fuehrer bragged on **Michelle Maresh** for winning the Corpus Christi Under 40 Award, TAMUCC Distinguished Alumnus for the College of Liberal Arts Award, and TAMUCC Young Alumni Award.

Joe Owen bragged on himself for receiving a share of the Green Bay Packers stock over Christmas. Now we can say we know a part-owner of the Packers!

Clem Struve congratulated **Rod Eve** on being a new Grandpa. Rod and his wife were able to spend several weeks with their son, daughter-in-law, and new grandchild. Welcome back, Clem--we missed you!

Meeting Information

Invocation/Pledge: **David Walker**

Introductions: **Don Ratcliff**

Four-Way Test: **John Owen**

Visiting Rotarians & Guests

Leo Barrera, Corpus Christi

50/50 Raffle

Edd Price won the drawing. He drew the King of Hearts, so the pot rolls over to next week.

Pete's Market Report

There was no report from Pete Volpe.

Announcements

There will be a Board Meeting following the January 18th meeting. All Rotarians are welcome to attend.

LG Ellison Crider announced that the Rotary Foundation Dinner will be held on February 18 at the Corpus Christi Town Club. The guest speaker will be Ron Burton (Rotary Club of Norman, OK), PE Nominee of RI 2013-2014. If you would like a ticket, please see **LG Ellison Crider, President Debbie High, or ADG Betty Frantum**. If you would like to attend but cannot, please consider purchasing a ticket and giving it to **PDG Marilyn Spencer** to share with a Rotaract student.

Today's Program

January Program Chair **PDG Marilyn Spencer** introduced **Larry Churn**, Executive Director of Charlie's Place. Mr. Churn is a native of Youngstown, OH and has a 27 year-old son and 23 year-old daughter. He has been with Charlie's Place for 15 years, and has served as the Executive Director for the past 6.5 years. He has been sober for 16 years and credits Charlie's Place for his recovery. He is now a licensed chemical dependency counselor and a licensed social worker.

Charlie's Place is a residential drug/alcohol treatment program for adult males and females. As Mr. Churn explained, Charlie's Place will accept walk-ins and will provide medical detoxification to keep individuals from being sick (level 1 treatment). The facility is also residential (level 2 treatment), and focuses on teaching its residents how to think differently to recover from addiction.

Mr. Churn explained that Charlie's Place treats over 2,000 people per year. 6-10 people per day come in. The facility is an old hotel and is run as a cross between a hotel and a hospital. Mr. Churn emphasized that Charlie's Place is not a halfway house. There are 70-80 full time staff (counselors, social workers, directors of staff) on duty. The facility is open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year. It is the only facility that treats adults with drug/alcohol dependency in this type of setting in 19 counties in South Texas. It costs \$4,500 for a 30-day residential stay, and \$1,750 for a medical detox.

Charlie's Place's budget is \$4 million per year. They receive some funding from the state, and the rest is from contracts, such as with the Veterans Administration, and Housing and Development Agency.

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

of the things we think, say, or do...

Is it the truth?

Is it fair to all concerned?

Will it build good will and better friendships?

Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Special Presentations



(Photo Credit: Joe High)

Congratulations to **LG Ellison Crider** on Paul Harris +5!
Congratulations to **President Debbie High** on 8 years of perfect attendance!



Southside Rotary Members (left to right: Kyle Fuehrer, President Debbie High, Michelle Maresh, Nancy Foster, Joe High) attend the Mayor's Breakfast where Dr. Michelle Maresh received the Corpus Christi Under 40 Award. Not pictured: John Seaman.

Next Week's Program

TAMU-CC's International Outreach

Betty's Quote of the Week

"One of the things that is often forgotten about drug rehabilitation, it's not a destination. It's a journey." --Peter Hobson

Rotary at a Glance



Club Name/Phone Number	Est.	Club	Members	Day/Time	Location
Aransas Pass 232-4020	1960	2059	15	M--12pm	Aransas Pass Civic Center
Corpus Christi Padre Island 937-6196	2001	55912	16	T--12pm	Padre Island Country Club
Kingsville 595-8548	1923	2073	59	T--12pm	Cherry Tea Tree Room
Ingleside 776-1661	1948	2072	27	T--12pm	Garden Club
Portland 643-6759	1967	2085	46	T--12pm	Northshore Country Club
Taft 528-3230	1938	2096	13	T--12pm	Kiva Hut
San Diego 701-2198	1938	2093	23	T--12pm	Rotary Pavilion
Alice 668-3536	1938	2058	32 (I)	W--12pm	Alice Country Club
Corpus Christi Northwest 241-0794	1925	2090	11 (I)	W--12pm	Chicken Shack
Corpus Christi Southside 993-6902	1955	2095	50 (R)	W--12pm	Corpus Christi Country Club
Raymondville 956-689-5099 x103	1929	2087	25 (I)	W--12pm	Casa Blanca Restaurant
Sinton 364-6803	1947	2094	23	W--12pm	Backstreet Cafe
Corpus Christi Sunrise 993-5296	1984	22125	15	R--7am	Corpus Christi Yacht Club
Corpus Christi 882-8672	1914	2062	318 (I)	R--12pm	Solomon Ortiz Center
Corpus Christi Evening 429-4825	1992	29110	6	R--5:30p	Vietnam Restaurant (Water St.)
Falfurrias 325-1011	1927	2067	12	R--12pm	Stricklands
Kingsville Sunrise 593-2757	1999	52338	23 (I) (R)	R--7am	Linda's Mainstreet Cafe
Port Aransas 749-2208	1985	22399	45 (I)	R--12pm	Pelican's Landing Restaurant
Rockport 729-2712	1948	2091	37	R--12pm	Rockport Country Club
Corpus Christi West 882-6828	1966	2100	47	F--12pm	Corpus Christi Town Club
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