



The Riptide

December 7, 2011 edition

SOUTHSIDE CORPUS CHRISTI ROTARY CLUB

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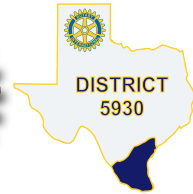
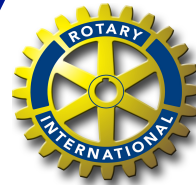
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Meeting Information

Invocation/Pledge: **Edd Price**

Introductions: **Jerry Smith**

Four-Way Test: **Dyke Henderson**

Bragging Bucks

Debbie High bragged on **Michelle Maresh** for being chosen as one of the recipients for the Corpus Christi Under 40 Award as a "mover and shaker" of South Texas.

Marilyn Spencer bragged on her husband "Santa" who was featured in the local section of the Caller-Times today. Santa was to speak with Coastal Bend students in pre-kinder and 2nd grade.

Visiting Rotarians & Guests

Dick Runyan, Corpus Christi

Lou Carter, Corpus Christi

Jack Green, Corpus Christi

Jonathan Garnett, guest of **Joe High**

50/50 Raffle

Mike Bridges won the drawing. The 4 of Hearts remains in the deck, so the pot (\$136) rolls over again to next week.

Pete's Market Report

The DOW was up and NASDAQ was down. Gold was selling at \$1,738, up \$17. Crude oil is above \$100, yet gasoline is selling at \$3.00. Pete indicated that diesel demand is high and refineries must produce 2 gallons of gasoline for each gallon of diesel.

Club Heroes

David Walker*

Don Ratcliff

Marilyn Spencer

Next Week's Program

Betty Frantum

National Park Service

Betty's Quote of the Week

"If the wings are traveling faster than the fuselage, it's probably a helicopter - and unsafe."

--Author Unknown

Today's Program

Texas DPS Aviation members **Rodney Ginn**, Tactical Flight Officer, and **Mike Creech**, Instructor Pilot, were present to share their experiences in aviation. The Unit is located at Ingleside San Patricio County airport and has been there for about 1.5 years. The unit call signal is DPS 103. Mike is an instructor with 5,000+ hours of flight time and has been with DPS aircraft for 17 years. Rodney has been with DPS for over 34 years, held 8 years with the highway patrol, and 4 years with aircraft section.



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?

Announcements

In 1949, DPS needed an effective method of transportation for operations and made a single engine plane purchase. In 1953, they added 1 pilot and bought 3 planes. In 1967, they added the helicopter program and 5 pilots. Mike Creech's dad was one of the first pilots with DPS. Currently, DPS has 15 helicopters and 52 pilots serving 15 stations around the state. Their mission is searches, surveillance, photo missions, disaster reconnaissance, water rescue, thermal imaging missions, and security for the Governor and President.

Aviation uses numerous tools to carry out their missions, including: thermal imager for total darkness; Night Sun, for ground performance; and night vision goggles for night visibility. Aircrafts also carry high technology equipment to carry out operations, such as VHF/UHF radio capabilities, aero computers with laser mapping designators based on GPS technology, satellite phones, and water rescue equipment.

TXDPS aviation is on call 24/7 with a day and night shift. Locally, the unit serves a 10-county area. They support all branches of law enforcement with no cost to the agencies for their service.

The Southside Corpus Christi Rotary Holiday Social for members and guests will be December 15 at Nolan's Restaurant, beginning at 6:30pm. Attendees are asked to bring a \$20 wrapped gift for gift exchange. Gifts can be funny or good. **Anita Spreen** is organizing the social. She has a sign up list to get a count, please sign up.

PDG Marilyn Spencer is organizing our January 4 meeting to be a lunch and tour of the TAMU-CC College of Business O'Connor Building. Please sign up.

PDG Don Ratcliff has prepared a list of club volunteers who will be helping with the Salvation Army Bell Ringing on December 17. The list is available today and next week for those helping. Times and phone numbers are listed for everyone.



Congratulations, December Academic Students of the Month!

Christopher Villegas

Moody Health Sciences Academy; academic Top 10; in 14 school clubs; interested in law school

Jenee Donley

Moody Innovations Academy; academic Top 10; developing a shoe insole to keep feet cool during hot weather

Rotary International President: Kalyan Banerjee . District 5930 Governor: Lauro Solis

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	Katz 21
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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