

Torch and Scroll

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President's Message

Kendra Fowler

*Nothing great was ever achieved
without enthusiasm.*

Ralph Waldo Emerson

*No pessimist ever discovered the
secret of the stars, or sailed to an
uncharted land, or opened a new
doorway for the human spirit.*

Helen Keller

I guess it's obvious I'm a quote
person. I always enjoy searching
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Program Meeting

Date: August 27th

Place: Omni Marina Hotel

Time: 6:00 p.m. - Networking

6:30 p.m. - Dinner served

7:00 p.m. - Speaker

Contact Information: Kendra
816-5667 or Rosa 438-5534

Board Meeting

Date: August 13th

Place: Clara Faye Veshenesky's

2218 Gershwin Lane

Time: 6:30 p.m.

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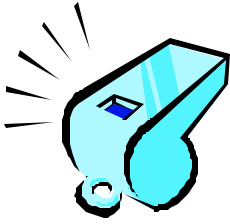
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Guest
Speaker

Barbara Canales -Black

Barbara was born and raised in Corpus Christi, Texas in a family that stressed strong values, education, and public service. As a child, she had the privilege to watch and learn from her Grandmother Dr. Cleo Garcia and Uncle Dr. Hector P. Garcia how to be a champion for the people of South Texas. Their life long example of advocacy and commitment inspired her to do the same and become active in my community, which she continues to practice today.



Title IX Debates

Information from USA Today 07-30-02

The Bush administration is beginning the debate and review of Title IX. The Commission on Opportunity in Athletics was formed to "allow the issues surrounding Title IX to be reviewed and debated." The commission will hold town hall meetings to allow for public debate and to assist in the formulation of a report that is due to the Secretary of Education Rod Paige on January 31, 2003. The first town hall meeting will be held in Atlanta on August 27th with other meetings to be held in Chicago, San Diego, and Colorado Springs - home of the U.S. Olympic Training Village. Some have blamed Title IX in the reduction of some of men's sports. Others believe that this is the first step in eliminating or reducing the effectiveness of Title IX. Whatever the intent, this is a debate of which we all need to be aware. We have

come a long way towards the equalization of women's sports to men's and we do not want to go backwards.

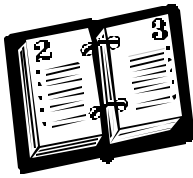


T idbits and T ell-All

The Secretary of the Navy, Gordon R. England, awarded Grandis Lenken the Navy Award for outstanding work with the Navy. In addition, she was recently re-elected as Regional President of the Navy League - Southwest Region. The Southwest region encompasses Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas. Grandis also received an award for recruiting the most new members and most sponsors.

Dolores Savage recently retired from teaching and she is looking forward to traveling, having fun and doing what she wants to do for a while.

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Upcoming Events

"Taste of the Coastal Bend", Friday, September 20 from 5p.m. - 10 p.m. at the Ortiz Center. A family oriented event with live entertainment from Ty Herndon and Tammy Cochran! Tickets will be available soon!

The first in a series of brown bag seminars will begin on Wednesday, August 14 from 11:30 - 1:00 pm with a focus on Insurance. The first seminar is presented and hosted by Heavin & Associates Insurance Agency and will cover the Archer Medical Savings Accts. (Federally qualified high deductible health insurance plan with a medical savings account). Please RSVP to Norma at 881-1832. Lunch is provided by Heavin & Associates Insurance.

Wednesday, August 14, Joint Navy League, C.C. Chamber & Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Welcome dinner for Capt. Gabriel Salazar. Dinner \$17 per person or \$10 for military. FMI and to RSVP call

Norma at 881-1832.

Tuesday, August 20 is the next Baybreak Breakfast at 7:00 am at the Solomon P. Ortiz Center (402 Harbor Drive). Sponsored by: Flint Hills Resources, highlighting the Women's Shelter. Tickets \$10 each. RSVP Norma at 881-1832.

The Texas Jazz Festival Society has a concert fundraiser on Sunday, August 11 from 5:00 - 9:00 pm at the Pelican Club (914 Tarpon St., Port Aransas). Hear the music of Regency Jazz Bank with the great sounds of Bill Averbach. Tickets are \$10.00 and can be paid at the door. FMI call 883-4500.

The Coastal Bend Workforce Development Board Business Services Division is hosting "Bottom Line Business Strategies" Seminar from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm on August 16 at the Omni Bayfront Hotel. A networking lunch is included. Call 698-1021 fmi.

Hospitality Sales & Marketing luncheon/meeting will be at the Omni Marina Hotel, on Wednesday, August 7th. Mr. Ron Kitchens, the
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Tips for the Busy Person

Since we are all very busy people, Elida Gutierrez has some helpful hints for using your

Bounce fabric softener sheets.

1. It will chase ants away when you lay a sheet near them.
2. It takes the odor out of books and photo albums that don't get opened too often.
3. To repel mosquitoes, tie a sheet of Bounce through a belt loop when outdoors during mosquito season.
4. To eliminate static electricity from your television set, wipe your television screen with a used sheet of Bounce. Since Bounce is designed to help eliminate static cling, it will keep dust from resettling.
5. To dissolve soap scum from shower doors, clean with a sheet of Bounce.
6. To freshen the air in your home, place an individual sheet of Bounce in a drawer or hang in a closet.
7. To prevent thread from tangling, un a threaded needle through a sheet of Bounce before beginning to sew.
8. To prevent musty suitcases, place an individual sheet of Bounce inside.
9. To freshen the air in your car, place a sheet of Bounce under the front seat.
10. To clean baked-on foods from a cooking pan, put a sheet in the pan, fill with water and let sit overnight. The antistatic agent apparently weakens the bond between the food and the pan while the fabric softening agents soften the baked-on foods.
11. To eliminate odors in wastebaskets, place a sheet of Bounce in the bottom of the wastebasket.
12. To collect cat hair, rub the area with a sheet of Bounce to magnetically attract all the loose hairs.
13. To eliminate static electricity from venetian blinds, wipe the blinds with a sheet of Bounce to prevent the dust from resettling.
14. To wipe up sawdust from drilling or sand papering, a used sheet of Bounce will collect sawdust like a tack cloth.
15. To eliminate odors in dirty laundry, place an individual sheet of Bounce in the bottom of a laundry bag or hamper.
16. To deodorize shoes or sneakers, place a sheet in your shoes or sneakers overnight so they will smell better in the morning.

Let us know what you do on a daily basis to get organized and save time.

Vacancies

Corpus Christi Board, Committee/Commission August 2002

Arts & Cultural Commission - Five (5) vacancies with terms to 9-01-03 and 9-01-04 representing the following categories: 1 - Art /Business Development, 1 - Public Art / Public Space, 1 - Del Mar College, 1 - Economic Development / Tourism and 1 - Marketing. Meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 4:30 p.m. in City Hall. (Mayoral appointments subject to confirmation by Council)

Cable Communications Commission - One (1) vacancy with three-year term to 7-27-05. Meets quarterly on the 2nd Monday immediately after the end of a given quarter at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall.

Community Youth Development (78415) Program Steering Committee - Five (5) vacancies with two-year terms to 8-31-04, three of which represent the category of 78415 resident. Meets

the 3rd Thursday of every month at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall.

Corpus Christi Bay Area Minority Business Opportunity Steering Committee - A minimum of three (3) and a maximum of six (6) vacancies with three-year terms to 8-01-05, three of which represent the following categories: 1 - Federal/state/local agency, 1 - Private sector and 1 - Hispanic Chamber. Meets quarterly, the 3rd Wednesday of the month, at 3:00 p.m. in the Workforce Network Building.

Food Service Advisory Committee - Two (2) vacancies with three-year terms to 6-24-05 representing the following categories: 1 - Food industry and 1 - Community at Large. Meets every other month on the 3rd Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. in the Health Department.

Park and Recreation Advisory Committee - Two (2) vacancies with terms to 8-23-04. Meets the *Continued on page 7*

Vacancies

Boards and Commissions
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2nd Wednesday of the month at
5:00 p.m. in City Hall.

Storm Water Management Advisory
Committee - Two (2) vacancies
with terms to 6-03. Meets the 3rd
Thursday of the month at 1:30
p.m. in City Hall. (Mayoral
appointments subject to
confirmation by Council)

Water Resources Advisory
Committee - Two (2) vacancies
with terms to 4-01-03 and 4-01-04
representing the following
categories: 1 -Military facility and 1
- Citizen at large. Meets the 4th
Thursday at 11:00 a.m. in the
Water Department Conference
Room. (Mayoral appointments
subject to confirmation by Council)

For more information, please
contact Rebecca Huerta at (361)
880-3893 or by e-mail at
rebeccah@ci.corpus-christi.tx.us.
You may also refer to our web
page at www.ci.corpus-christi.tx.us/government/secretary/commiss.html fmi.

Upcoming Events

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President and CEO of the Regional
Economic Development Corp. will
be speaking about what is
developing on in our City. FMI
regarding our organization, please
contact Terri Hammond by
Monday, August 5th by 4:00 p.m.
at thammond@omnihotels.com;
361-903-3624.

The City Council will not meet until
Tuesday, August 20th at which
time it is believed they will award
the construction contract for the
expansion of the Convention
Center.

Junior Achievement needs
volunteers for the 2002-2003
school year! You have an
opportunity to visit a classroom
and work hand in hand with bright,
ambitious students. Become a role
model! Volunteer at your child's
school, at your Alma Mater or a
school near your office! JA
provides the curriculum and
training, all you need is to give a
little of your time! FMI contact
Jayne Woodall, 242-5243 or by
email jwoodall@ciris.net.

Did Ya Know?

As of November, 2001, the Secretary of State estimates that 81% of the State's total voting-age population are registered voters.

The TAAS test (Texas Assessment of Academic Skills) will be replaced by the TAKS (Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills).

Grant and financial aid info. For college bound students can be found at www.thecb.state.tx.us or by calling 512-427-6100.

Texas parents can now evaluate their child's day care by reviewing the child care compliance history database which contains information about each of the state's 23,000 licensed child care centers and homes. The website is <http://www.txchildcareresearch.org>

The Texas Legislature meets this spring and Vilma Luna would like to hear your comments and concerns. Contact her at
Telephone: 361-854-9816
512-463-0484
Fax: 361-852-0665

Tidbits and Tell-All

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Grandis Lenken recently received a 50 year award for her longstanding work in banking.

Dr. Yvonne Landavazo was recently nominated for the Texas Chiropractic Association Secretary.

Bobbi Wood-Hughes' son is attending Marion Military Institute on a full scholarship. He is working towards acceptance at the Naval Academy.

Helpful Numbers

Governor's Comment Line:

1-800-252-9600

State Comptroller:

1-800-531-5441

Attorney General:

1-800-252-8011

Open Records Request:

1-877-Open-Tex

Consumer Protection Hotline:

1-800-337-3928

**PRESIDENT BUSH
WITH-HOLDS FAMILY
PLANNING
FUNDS**

On July 22, 2002, the Bush administration announced it will permanently withhold the \$34 million allotted for the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) for fiscal year 2002. UNFPA works to expand access to maternal health care and family planning around the world and is the largest internationally funded source of population assistance to developing countries.

President Bush froze UNFPA funds earlier this year, citing a false assertion that UNFPA helps fund China's coercive one-child policy. To investigate the claim, the administration commissioned a task force, which recommended release of the funds. Nevertheless, the President de-funded the program. This decision is expected to be devastating to women and families in the poorest developing countries. U.N. officials estimate that a loss of U.S. funding could undermine UNFPA's capacity to

--Prevent 2 million unplanned pregnancies and 800,000 abortions. UNFPA does not fund abortions, but instead reduces the number of unplanned pregnancies and subsequent abortions.

--Prevent the deaths of 4,700 women. UNFPA reduces the maternal mortality rate by providing quality reproductive health and family planning services in developing countries.

--Prevent the deaths of 77,000 infants and children per year. Family planning improves child survival rates by allowing women to time and space births, thereby decreasing the incidence of low-birth-weight infants and improving overall child health.

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HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO!
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--Help spread the word. Work with friends and family to distribute this alert in your community.
-- Urge members of Congress to re-fund UNFPA through the fiscal year 2003 foreign operations spending bill.

From AAUW Get the Facts 08-08-02

President's Message

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For the perfect quote, the one that seems to provide perfect clarity in an otherwise fuzzy situation.

This month, I think our theme should be "Get excited!" There are so many great things going on, I can't help but feel energized when I think about the year to come.

Just yesterday, Barbara Canales-Black accepted our invitation to speak at our next meeting. I can't wait to hear firsthand about her experiences in making a tough decision, setting a very difficult goal, and going all out to achieve it.

And we're still working with the YWCA to try and bring Senator Hutchinson down here for National Business Women's Week. We're also planning lots of other activities that week; together, we're going to TURN UP THE VOLUME!

We're also going to start program-only lunch meetings in September. We're still working on the details, but this is another great way to network with and learn

from other outstanding people.

So, let's get energized and excited about BPW! If we work together and share our enthusiasm, we will achieve our goals. Remember: 75 by 75th!

I hope you all have a great month, and I look forward to seeing everyone on August 27th.

Smile!

Kendra

Editor's Notes

If you have an article, tidbit, information, etc. for the newsletter, please email me at aduvall@flash.net or fax to 361-850-7096 so that your information will be included in next month's issue. Thanks to all that contributed to this month's issue. Thanks, Annette

T hought for the Month

Everything we need to know about life, we can learned from Noah's Ark...

One: Don't miss the boat.

Two: Remember that we are all in the same boat.

Three: Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.

Four: Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.

Five: Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.

Six: Build your future on high ground.

Seven: For safety's sake, travel in pairs.

Eight: Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.

Nine: When you're stressed, float a while.

Ten: Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.

Eleven: No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

You can now Advertise in the T & S!

Starting next month, you can advertise your business in the Torch and Scroll for only \$50 for twelve issues. FMI call Kendra at 816-5667 or Annette at 850-7128.