

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Chamber Members:

The month of March will bring tens of thousands of Spring Break visitors to our area and, hopefully, warmer weather. Our Winter Visitors will be starting their trek back home and we want them to know how much we appreciate their visits.

In that light, the Chamber hosted its first Winter Texan Cajun Shrimp Boil. More than 200 Winter Texans were treated to the seafood meal, live entertainment and the new venue at The Garden (next to Designer Consigner).

I'd like to remind you that our regular All Member meeting has been set for Friday, March 5th at 8:30 am at Pirates Landing. I look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,  
Betty Wells  
President

## SCORE SEEKING BUSINESS COUNSELORS

Phillip Rathbun of SCORE will be the guest speaker at the March All Member meeting of the Port Isabel Chamber of Commerce. The meeting is set for Friday, March 5 at 8:30 am at Pirates Landing.

SCORE, "Counselors to America's Small Business", is a nonprofit association dedicated to entrepreneur education and the formation, growth and success of small business nationwide. SCORE is a resource partner with the US Small Business Association (SBA).

SCORE has 364 chapters in locations throughout the US and its territories with 12,400 volunteers. Both working and retired executive and business owners donate time and expertise as business counselors.

According to Rathbun, SCORE is seeking more business counselors and will host a luncheon at the McAllen Country Club, 615 Wichita, McAllen on April 6 at noon. For more information or to register for the luncheon, go to [www.rgvscore.com](http://www.rgvscore.com) and click on "volunteer".

## MUSEUMS OF PORT ISABEL HOSTS MEXICAN REVOLUTION & INDEPENDENCE EXHIBIT

On exhibit now through the winter of 2010, the Port Isabel Historic

Museum will feature Mexican Revolution and Mexican Independence images, artifacts and documents as part of their temporary exhibits. The Historic Museum is housed in the Champion Building on Railroad Ave.

Thursday, February 25th's "Telling Our Stories" by Rod Bates kicked off the Museums' celebration of the Centennial of the Mexican Revolution and the Bicentennial of the Independence of Mexico. Bates illustrated the impact both wars had on



Port Isabel and the Laguna Madre area with a variety of images and maps to a packed house in the theatre room in the Champion Building. The image above left, one used in the presentation, is an example of those taken during what came to be known as the Border Occupation. Taken in front of the Champion Building, this sepia toned image portrays three soldiers stationed in Point Isabel enjoying some leisure time. The two boys to the left were local aquadoces who delivered water to residences. Seated on their donkey is a soldier with a fresh box of cigars purchased in the Champion store. Images such as this one are part of the Mexican Revolution and Independence exhibits at the Museums of Port Isabel.

Additionally, video of the Rod Bates presentation at the Telling Our Stories will be playing in the theatre room of the Champion Building. For more information call the Museums at 956/943-7602 or email [jrivera@copitx.com](mailto:jrivera@copitx.com). Exhibit info: <http://portisabel-texas.com/blog/2010/02/27/museums-of-port-isabel-hosts-mexican-revolution-independence-exhibit/>



## CHAMBER HOSTS WINTER TEXAN SHRIMP BOIL

The Port Isabel Chamber of Commerce hosted a Winter Texan Shrimp Boil on Wednesday, Feb. 24th from 3-5 pm.

The event was designed to show the Chamber's appreciation for the Winter Texans. Tickets were limited to the first 200 tickets sold and the event was sold out shortly after tickets became available.

The shrimp boil was held in The Garden—the new patio area just opened next to Designer Consigner and operated by Glenda Stafford. "We really appreciate the way area businesses came together to make this event such a success," said Chamber President Betty Wells. "We are looking forward to making this an annual event."

The shrimp boil featured a Cajun shrimp boil meal, refreshments and live entertainment by Tom Wayne.

## MARCH CHAMBER & COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

3/1	5:30pm	Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting
3/2	8:30am	Joint Chamber Meeting (PI & SPI)
	5:30pm	Historical Preservation Board
	6:00pm	Board of Adjustments
3/3	6:30pm	PI Economic Development Corporation
3/4	5:30pm	Veterans Committee
3/7	9:00am	Port Isabel Antique & Flea Market
3/9	7:00pm	City Commission Meeting
3/10	8:30am	Merchant's Committee Meeting
	6:00pm	Planning & Zoning Committee Meeting
3/11	5:30pm	Beautification Committee
3/16	6:00pm	Joint Community Center Committee
3/17	8:30am	Ambassadors Meeting
	6:00pm	PI Economic Development Corporation
3/18	6:00pm	Harbor Committee
3/23	7:00pm	City Commission Meeting
3/24	8:30am	Merchant's Committee Meeting
3/25	5:30pm	Comprehensive Planning
	7:00pm	Museums of Port Isabel "Telling Our Stories"

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