

A Letter from the Chamber President:

Dear Chamber Members:

The month of May promises to be a busy one for the Port Isabel Chamber of Commerce as we head into our summer season.

You may have noticed the groups of students who have descended on the Lighthouse as they enjoy their spring school trips. You will be pleased to know that rolling down the hill is still one of their favorite activities.

If you did not attend our annual Awards Banquet April 20th, you missed a great evening. A total of 15 restaurants and a variety of service sponsors participated and we thank the Yacht Club Hotel for their graciousness as hosts for this event.

I hope all of you had the opportunity to attend the American Wind Symphony Orchestra's performance April 28. It was a unique opportunity for Valley residents to enjoy this cultural event. Congratulations to the El Paseo Foundation and the many sponsors who made this event possible.

I'd also like to remind you that Port Isabel Market Days has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 5, so please make plans to attend. You'll also want to attend our monthly All Chamber Member meeting May 4. Guest speakers are Bob Cornelison, Port Isabel-South Padre Island Navigation District Port Director and Jennifer Pollock of Time Warner Cable Advertising. I look forward to seeing you all there!

Sincerely,

Betty Wells

President Port Isabel Chamber of Commerce

Chamber Slates Awards Banquet

The Port Isabel Chamber of Commerce hosted its annual Awards Banquet Friday, April 20th from 6:30-9 pm at the Yacht Club Hotel.

The event featured specialty dishes from area restaurants, liquid libations, entertainment, and the company of good friends. It was also an opportunity to the Chamber to recognize the many contributions made by its business members.

The Yacht Club Hotel is a new venue for the event and its ambience added to the annual party. Congratulations to the following award recipients and thank you to our many fine sponsors:

Ben's Liquor, Fine Wine & Tobacco, Bridgeview Flowers, Cactus Flower, City of Port Isabel, Museums of Port Isabel, Dairy Queen, Gabriella's Ristorante & Pizzeria, Glazer's Distributors/Miller Lite, H.E.B. Grocery, La Jaiba Seafood Restaurant, The Lost Galleon Seafood Restaurant, Louie's



^PICC's Volunteer of the Year, Glenda Stafford

Backyard, Marcello's Italian Restaurant & Lighthouse Pub, Palm Street Pier, Pelican Station, Pirate's Landing, Pizza Hut, River Linen Service, Scampi's Restaurant & Bar, Sea Ranch Restaurant & Bar, South Padre Island Convention & Visitors Bureau, Tom & Jerry's Beach Grill, Valerie Bates, Welcome Aboard, White Sands Seafood Restaurant, Yacht Club Hotel

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD- Pat Marchan, Marchan's Restaurant

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD- Scott Friedman, Pirate's Landing

IN APPRECIATION-D'Ann Zimmerman

IN APPRECIATION-Louie's Backyard

IN APPRECIATION-Norma Turkington

SPECIAL RECOGNITION-Benham Khajeh, Ben's Liquor

SPECIAL RECOGNITION-Bob & Cecilia Bliss

OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS-

Museums of Port Isabel/City of Port Isabel

OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS- Yacht Club Hotel

OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS-

Cameron County Parks/Laguna Heights Coastal Recreational Park

OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY CITIZEN AWARD-

Valerie Bates

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR- Glenda Stafford

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD- Bill & D'Ann Zimmerman

CHAIRMAN'S AWARD- Berenice Settles



^Assistant City Manager, Jill Francisco and Mayor Pat Marchan accept Outstanding Community Improvements Award.

March New Chamber Members:Troy Giles Realty, Southern Wave Sailing,SPI Dolphin Research Sealife Center

MAY Community & Chamber Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1-Board of Adjustments 6:30p	2-PICC Board Meeting 8:30a First National Bank of Edinburg	3	4-All Chamber meeting 8:30a Pirates Landing	5-Queen Isabella Market Day 9a-4p on Lighthouse Square
6-Antique & Flea Market 9a-4p Beulah Lee Park	7-Parks & Rec 6p City Hall	8-City Commissioners 6p City Hall	9-Merchants Mtg. 8:30a @ Treasures Museum P & Z 6p City Hall	10-Beautification Committee 5p @ City Hall	11	12
13	14	15	16-PICC Ambassador Meeting 8:30 a @ Treasures	17	18	19
20	21	22-City Commissioners 6p City Hall	23-Merchants Mtg. 8:30a @ Treasures Chamber Mixer 5:30-7:30p Gabriella's	24	25-Lighthouse Establishment Cinema 9p. FREE	26
27	28	29	30-PICC Board Meeting- 8:30 a First National Bank of Edinburg	31-MoPI's Telling Our Stories 7p @ Treasures. FREE		

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