

## A LETTER FROM THE CHAMBER PRESIDENT:

Fall is a busy time of year at the Port Isabel Chamber office, with preparations underway for the 14th Annual World's Championship Shrimp Cookoff and the 24th Annual Longest Causeway Run & Fitness Walk-our two major fundraising events. We are also working on plans for the 21st Annual Christmas Lighted Boat Parade and holiday activities at the Lighthouse and they all seem to be just around the corner.

As always during this hectic period, we rely upon our Chamber members to provide volunteer services and to help us spread the word about our upcoming activities. We hope you will help and encourage you to contact the Chamber of Commerce office at 943-2262 if you would like to serve on any of these committees.

Visitor traffic at the Lighthouse Keeper's cottage has slowed down a little, but that will soon change with the arrival of our Winter Texans. We look forward to seeing old friends and new faces as we enter a new season of the year.

Our monthly All Member meeting is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 5 at 8:30

am at Pirate's Landing and we hope you plan to attend. Our guest speaker will be Isidro (Sid) Ramos, Project Manager with the Valley Initiative for Development and Advancement (VIDA). I look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

*Betty Wells*

President Port Isabel Chamber of Commerce

## SEPTEMBER NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS

South Padre Island International Music Festival  
Laguna Skate Park  
Art Sea

## ISIDRO RAMOS IS CHAMBER'S OCTOBER GUEST SPEAKER

Isidro (Sid) Ramos, Project Manager for the Valley Initiative for Development and Advancement (VIDA), will be the guest speaker at the October All Member meeting of the Port Isabel Chamber of Commerce, scheduled to be held Friday, October 5 at 8:30 am at Pirate's Landing.

Ramos will be introducing the General Job Skills Training Program-a Valleywide initiative that empowers employees to be their best. He will be seeking input from area businesspeople to better

well as critical thinking skills such as dynamics of communication, emotional intelligence, teamwork and decision making skills that directly impact the level of success a worker has in the workplace.

## 14TH ANNUAL SHRIMP COOKOFF IS SET FOR NOVEMBER 4TH



Dozens of amateur and professional chefs will compete for top prizes at the 14th Annual World's Championship Shrimp Cookoff, scheduled to be held Sunday, November 4th from 10 am to 6 pm at the intersection of Highway 100 and 48 in Port Isabel.

The community event will be held in the parking lot of the Las Palmas Shopping Center, in front of Beall's and other retail stores. The new site location is provided courtesy of Tarantino Properties.

Live music will be provided by The Agency all day long, and festival goers can browse the booths of gifts, food items, art and more. A minicarnival and Children's area will be set up on Third Street-which will be closed for the one day event. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for children 10 and under. Proceeds benefit the Port Isabel Chamber of Commerce.

"This event is made possible through the generous support of our corporate sponsors," said Co-Chairmen Berenice Settles and Calvin Byrd. "In addition, the many volunteers who contribute their hours of time and efforts are what make this such a successful festival." This year's sponsors include The City of Port Isabel, The Port Isabel Economic Development Corporation, South Padre Island Convention & Visitors Bureau, AEP Texas, H.E.B., Port Isabel-South Padre Press and South Padre Parade, The Coastal Current Weekly and Island Breeze, Coleman, Hall & Heinze Insurance, L & F Distributors/Budweiser, IBC, First National Bank of Edinburg, Brownsville South Padre Island International Airport, Tipton Ford and Glazer's / Miller Lite.

## October Community & Chamber Calendar of Events

| Sunday  | Monday                       | Tuesday                                  | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday  |
|---|------------------------------|--|---|---|---|---|
|   | 1                            | 2-Board of Adjustments (City Hall) 6:30p | 3-PICC Board Meeting (White Sands) 8:30a                        | 4-Tarpon Homecoming Parade 6p                                       | 5-All Chamber meeting 8:30a (Pirates Landing) 8:30a   | 6   |
| 7-Port Isabel Antique & Flea Market (Beulah Lec Park) 9a-4p | 8-Parks & Rec (City Hall) 6p | 9-City Commissioners (City Hall) 7p      | 10-Merchants Mtg. (Treasures) 8:30a P & Z (City Hall) 6p        | 11-SPI BikeFest   | 12-SPI BikeFest                                       | 13-Lighthouse Arts & Heritage Festival (Lighthouse) 9a-4p<br><br>SPI BikeFest |
| 14-SPI BikeFest   | 15                           | 16                                       | 17-Ambassador's Meeting (Treasures) 8:30a PI EDC (City Hall) 6p | 18  | 19  | 20  |
| 21  | 22                           | 23-City Commissioners (City Hall) 6p     | 24  | 25-MoPI's Telling Our Stories 7p (Treasures Museum) Free admission. | 26-Lighthouse Establishment Cinema "Monster House" 9p | 27-Day of the Dead Festival (Museums & Cemetery) 10a-7p                       |
| 28  | 29                           | 30                                       | 31  |   |   |   |

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