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Port Isabel Texas Rotary Club

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MARCELLO'S ITALIAN RISTORANTE

FRI. AUG. 26, 2016

SERVICE ABOVE SELF

ROTARY BOARD 2016-2017 (Debbie High District Governor)

Bettina Tolin **President**

DeeOnda Ahadi **Past President**

Roberto Rodriguez **President Elect/Membership**

[TBA] **President Elect Nominee**

Aux. Board: Ralph Ayers **Pilot**, Lonnie Gillihan **Print/Distribution**, Norris Fletcher **Programs/Calendar**, Albert Perez **Foundations**, Paul Cardile **Song Master**

John Magee **Treasurer**

Diana Delgado **Secretary**

Jim Enholm **Community Service**

Bob White **Sgt. At Arms**

Jacqui Dempsey **Youth Service**

Cristin Howard **Club Service**

Sherman Lee **International Service**

Lonnie Gillihan **Vocational Service**

ROTARIAN of the WEEK

Jim Enholm



SPEAKER

Rob Nixon

TOPIC

Proposed Cameron County Erosion Response Plan



NEXT WEEK'S ROTARIAN

No Meeting

REMINDERS & NOTICES

Labor Day Round Table Next Week

LAST WEEK

Our meeting was held as scheduled...sort of. Due to the tragic accident on the causeway traffic was held up for hours and only eight members made it to the meeting. George Riley sat at table with us and read his presentation. We did not have the 50/50 drawing (50/50 of what?), but there were no fines either. Later that day a Rotarian from the Pflugerville Texas Rotary club came to the restaurant because he too, had been unable to get to the meeting. He and Bettina exchanged flags.



CLUB NEWS



The August Club Social was held on the 17th at Blackbeard's...great fun for those who attended...we learned a lot about what Norris can and can't do with his cell phone (Don't ask!) Apologies to those who left before the pictures were taken.

Note: The September board meeting/Dinner will be held at Bettina's house in Laguna Vista on Thursday September 8th. All official board members are required to attend to meet with the District Governor, who will visit the club the next day, Friday September 9th.

Lonnie has graciously agreed to take over as Vocational Lane Chair freeing up Chiefie for the task of membership as our President Elect...Thanks Lonnie.

PICTURE of the WEEK



PROGRAM & EVENTS CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 2 - Labor Day Round Table
- 8 - Board Mtg. 5:30pm (Bettina's Home)
- 9 - District Gov. Visit
- 11 - Flags Out - Patriot's Day
- 15 - Club Social, 5:30pm (Loc. TBA)
- 16 - Club Assembly
- 23 - Tom Plumb
- 30 - Ebbie Ahadi

OCTOBER

- 7 - Lonnie Gillihan

CELEBRATIONS

ANNIVERSARIES

- 27 - Ralph & Kitty Ayers
- 29 - Albert & Linda Perez
- 31 - Lonnie & Christie Gillihan

BIRTHDAYS

- 9 - Alejandra Hughes (Held Over)
- 17 - Orelia Rogan
- 31 - John Magee
- 31 - Robert Rodriguez

Because there's no meeting next week, the Above dates have been listed in advance

THOUGHT for the DAY:

What happens if you get scared half to death twice?



JOKE of the WEEK:



Bill Gates and the president of General Motors were having lunch. Gates boasted of the innovations his company had made. "If GM had kept up with technology the way Microsoft has, we'd all be driving \$25 cars that get 1,000 m.p.g." "I suppose that's true," the GM exec agreed. "But would you really want your car to crash twice a day?"



QUOTE for the DAY:

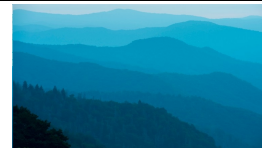
"You do not lead by hitting people over the head — that's assault, not leadership."

Dw ight Eisenhower



STUFF YOU NEED TO KNOW

Yesterday, August 25, 2016 was a very important birthday in our country, but few people paid any attention to it. The National Parks Service celebrated 100 years since its founding in 1916 by Theodore Roosevelt, Horace M. Albright, Stephen Mather and Woodrow Wilson under the United States Department of the Interior. The nations first and oldest national park, Yellowstone, was signed into law by President Ulysses S. Grant in 1872, 44 years earlier. Yellowstone receives over 5 million visitors annually. The most visited park is The Blue Ridge Parkway in Virginia which had more than 15 million visits last year, while second-place Golden Gate National Recreation Area hosted 14.9 million visits. Great Smoky Mountains National Park came in third 10.7 million visits.....The NPS manages all U.S. national parks, many American national monuments, and other conservation and historical properties with various title designations...Most of us have probably visited one or more of the 58 parks managed by the NPS and no doubt have many others on our bucket lists, and there are some you may have not known about. Maybe you've been to The Big Bend in Texas, but have you visited the Guadalupe Mountains? You've visited Yellowstone, Grand Canyon and the Smokies, but have you seen Congaree, SC, Cuyahoga Valley, OH, Acadia, ME or Great Sand Dunes, CO.? This centennial year kicks off a second century of stewardship of America's national parks and engaging communities through recreation, conservation, and historic preservation programs. The NPS is launching a movement to spread the word about the amazing places they manage, the inspirational stories that the national parks tell, our country's natural resources, and our diverse cultural heritage. You can join the fun by going to, FindYourPark.com to locate upcoming events near you, and interact by working in your community through education programs, community assistance projects, and more. The site is about state parks, local parks, trails, museums, historic sites, and the many ways that the American public can connect with history and culture, enjoy nature, and make new discoveries.



ROTARY SERVING HUMANITY MINUTE

The fight to eradicate polio got a major financial boost from the annual **Miles to End Polio** bike ride that took place 21 November 2015 in Arizona, USA. Rotary General Secretary John Hewko and a team of eight RI staff members helped raise \$4.4 million. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will match the funds 2-to-1, bringing the total contribution to PolioPlus to more than \$13.5 million....This was the fourth year in a row that Hewko has biked in the 104-mile (167 km) El Tour de Tucson ride, one of the country's top cycling events. More than 100 Rotary members from Arizona and around the world hit the pavement with the Evanston team.....



The RI staff riders have been training together since September. "In the beginning, riding 104 miles seemed impossible," says Jean Stanula, Rotary's Global Events supervisor. "But we came together early Saturday mornings and rode 20, 40, 60, and 80 miles. After a while, it felt like we could do anything."



Contributions of District Designated Funds (DDFs) were a big part in this year's fundraising effort, with more than \$1.4 million collected. Rotary members have taken part in the ride since 2009, when the End Polio Now campaign was designated an official beneficiary of the race, allowing Rotary cyclists to gather pledges for the campaign. In the first year, 27 cyclists raised \$35,000. The number has grown exponentially ever since.