



**ROTARY BOARD 2017-2018** (Roberta "Betty" Ramirez-Lara District Governor)

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**Auxiliary Board Members:**

**ROTARIAN of the WEEK**  
Cristin Howard



**SPEAKER**  
Tony Reisinger  
**TOPIC**  
Shrimp Aquaculture & Fisheries in the RGV



**NEXT WEEK'S ROTARIAN**  
"TBA" IS ALL WE CAN SAY  
**REMINDERS & NOTICES**  
June is "Rotary Fellowship Month"  
(Please read the last article on page two)

**TWO WEEKS AGO**

**Jeff** George from Sea Turtle Inc., updated us on the latest developments and future plans for the facility.



**CLUB NEWS**



**You** can still register for the District 5930 Installation Dinner on June 9, at the Rancho Viejo Convention Center, 401 Bolivar Ave. #1, Rancho Viejo.... Social 6:00 pm, Dinner & Program at 7:00 pm. Our new DG, Andy Hagan, a long time friend and visitor to our club, will be visiting again on **July 20**. Don't miss it.

**Next** week's meeting will be a very special one....don't miss it! *(Maybe a surprise or two)*

**Special** thanks to all who helped put out the flags on Memorial Day (Next dates, June 14 & July 4)



**Note:** Our last regular meeting this month, (originally scheduled for June 22), has been moved to **Saturday, June 23**, and will be our annual "Picnic in the Park" at the Port Isabel gazebo. This way Chiefee can be with us to host his last meeting as president....ALSO, Mark your calendars for our annual installation dinner on **Thursday, June 28** (Details TBA)



**The** board has voted to make Gloria Ridolfi an honorary member of the club. Congratulations Gloria, visit when you can.

**Our** May social was held last Thursday at the Golf course....small group, but a fun time.



**First Publication:** Wesley Martinez and Patrick R Deloney have been nominated for club membership. If anyone knows of any impediment to their membership notify the president or a board member ASAP.

**PICTURE of the WEEK**



**PROGRAM AND EVENTS CALENDAR**

**JUNE**

- 8 - Special Meeting - Don't miss it!
- 9 - Dist. Gov. Installation, B'ville.
- 11 - Board Mtg., Noon, Marcello's
- 14 - **Flags Out - Flag Day**
- 15 - Round Table
- 23 - John Magee (Saturday)
- 28 - (Thursday) Installation Dinner

**JULY**

- 2 - Board Mtg., Noon, Marcello's
- 4 - **Flags Out - Independence Day**
- 6 - Kent Mallquist

**CELEBRATIONS**

**ANNIVERSARIES**

1 - Sherman & Alta Lee

**BIRTHDAYS**

None

Today, 1926 - Marilyn Monroe

(Actress - "Some Like It Hot")



**THOUGHT for the DAY:**

**Did** you ever wonder which is longer... a microwave minute or a treadmill minute?



OR



**JOKES of the WEEK:** (We decided to share some of our best 'One-Liners' this week)

1. **What** do you call a fish with no eyes?.....A "FSH"
2. **Two** Texans fishing in a kayak were chilly. They lit a fire in the craft, it sank, proving once and for all that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.
3. **Two** guys from South Padre walked into a building ...you'd think at least one of them would have seen it.

**QUOTE for the DAY:**

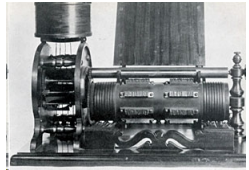
**"Without goodwill no system can succeed; with it even an imperfect one can scarcely fail."**

John Nelson, Rotary Club of Montreal, Quebec, Canada.



## STUFF YOU NEED TO KNOW

**June 1, 1869:** Thomas Edison beat his competitors to the punch - or at least the patent office - and was issued an official U. S. copyright on his device, # 90,646...the first voting machine. Edison, best known for inventing the lightbulb, movie-making and sound recording, is not remembered for one of his biggest flops, the voting machine, but it could have changed the course of American history - that is, if it had ever been given a chance. While he went on to have 1,093 patents to his name in his lifetime, at the time he was a lowly telegraph operator, recently fired from Western Union for tinkering with a lead-acid battery (which leaked sulfuric acid onto the floor, irreparably damaging it) on the job. The event drove him to work on what would become his first patented invention: a machine which recorded the ballots of would-be voters with the help of a simple switch and an electric current. Washington, D.C.'s city council was considering the utility of a mechanical recorder in lieu of roll calling votes, having reps say "aye" or "nay" one by one, with a scribe tallying up the votes. Edison's plan was to speed up the process with a machine, which he named the "electrographic vote-recorder," that let legislators vote with the flip of a switch - one end would signify a "yes" vote, and the other a "no" vote - and deliver the information via electric current to a main recorder, which would dispense the votes into two columns. After the legislators voted, a clerk would feed a piece of chemically-treated paper, which would then be used to "print" the votes out for everyone to see. Unfortunately, the machine might have been a bit too ahead of its time. Edison's took it to the nation's capital to showcase it to Congress. The response? The chairman of the committee responsible for rubber-stamping the machine for government use scoffed, "if there is any invention on earth that we don't want down here, that is it."The manual roll call method "enabled members of government bodies to filibuster legislation or convince others to change their votes." The Senate still uses the roll call method to this day.



## USELESS FACT OF THE DAY:

**A whale's penis is called a dork. [Now, think of everyone you've REALLY insulted] - sorry, no photos this week!**

## HOW ROTARIANS ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

The month of June is Rotary Fellowship Month. It does NOT refer to money raised for fellowships! When we talk about "Rotary Fellowships", we actually refer to the groups of Rotarians, Rotarian spouses and Rotaractors who join together to: Share a common interest in worthwhile recreational activities. Rotary Fellowships are intended to be a great way to make new friends around the world and enhance your Rotary experience. Rotary Fellowships are international, independently organized groups of Rotarians, family members, program participants and alumni, who share a common passion....The oldest fellowship dates back to 1947 when a group of Rotarians who loved sailing began flying the Rotary flag from their boats, calling themselves the International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians. Today, more than 3,300 Rotarians sail together in one of 109 Rotary fleets in 37 countries.... Currently, more than 60 other fellowships similarly unite Rotarians in friendship.... These groups range from cycling to skiing, Latin culture to jazz, doctors to photographers, and even wine-tasting to beer. One Rotarian writes, "I recently joined the Recreational Vehicle Fellowship and rallied for a week in Tucson, with 12 couples from Canada, California, Colorado, Texas and Arizona. We toured local attractions together, shared meals and enjoyed the comradery of like-minded leaders including two past DG's. My wife Kathleen and I hope to join the thousands of Rotarians in the United Kingdom who caravan together in recreational vehicles across Europe every summer."....The Rotary Wine Appreciation Fellowship is a learning tool for those who are interested in sharing ideas on all aspects of wine appreciation. Most fellowships have an email newsletter....Many fellowships use their special interests to serve others. The Fellowship of Canoeing Rotarians has organized cleanups of polluted rivers; members of the International Computer Users Fellowship have conducted training sessions for Rotarians and others in their community. Developing friendships by participating in a Rotary Fellowships can help improve your understanding of the world. "The best way to cultivate international understanding is through business and social intercourse," said Paul Harris at the Pacific Rotary Conference in Tokyo, 1928. Could we create a fellowship that would unite members of all our RGV clubs? Would such a fellowship help recruit new members? Sure we could. For info on how to start a fellowship go to: [rotaryfellowships.org](http://rotaryfellowships.org)

