

Happy Holidays

LULAC NEWS

COUNCIL 10 MONTHLY NEWSLETTER – December 2013

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No December Membership Meeting

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Merry Christmas: On behalf of the Executive Committee we would like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

Las Posadas (Journey of Joseph & Mary to find a place to stay): Council 10 will be cosponsoring the Tue evening, 17 Dec Posada at St Mary's Church parish center in Davenport. There will be tamales, pan dulce, hot chocolate and piñatas for the children. Please bring your children or grandchildren to help celebrate this Mexican tradition.

The program will start promptly at 7:00 PM in this order:

- Rosary
- Posada Hymns
- Readings
- Tamales y Chocolate
- Breaking of piñatas

Council 10 Holiday Mixer: We have scheduled our Holiday Mixer for Saturday 28 Dec at the LULAC Center. We would like to invite the membership to attend this social event. We will be providing spirits, hors d'oeuvres/appetizers and entertainment by Los Mocambos, all compliments of Council 10. Mixer is open to all LULAC members, so please come and join us.

2014 Membership Dues: A reminder about your 2014 dues renewal. Please send your \$20.00 annual dues renewal to LULAC Council 10 PO Box 4626 Davenport, IA. 52808-4616. This year's membership renewal goal is a 100% membership renewal. Your prompt attention to this matter is requested.

Davenport/Colon Queretaro Sister City:

At this month's meeting at City Hall officials from Davenport and the Mexican city of Colón marveled at the similarities between the two metropolitan communities.

Both are centrally located, with access to an airport and major highways and railways.

Both have universities and hundreds of companies that conduct business worldwide. Both are looking at new ways to develop economic and tourism opportunities.

Those similarities were enough to begin a "friendship" between Davenport and Colón that may one day blossom into a Sister City agreement.

"We have so much more in common than we have different," Davenport Mayor Bill Gluba said. "It's all about economic development and jobs, and doing the best that we can for our people."

Officials from the city, the Davenport Sister Cities Committee, the Quad-Cities Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Quad-Cities Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, LULAC Council 10 and Casa Guanajuato met at City Hall with delegates from Colón to talk about economic development opportunities in both regions. Council 10 was well represented at this recent meeting (see below).



Front Row; Rita Vargas, Salvador (Chavo) Lopez & Henry Vargas. Back row; Mike Reyes, Tara Barney, Jazmin Newton, Tar Macias & Tim Garcia

Putnam Museum: The museum will be sponsoring the Bittersweet Harvest: The Braceros Program 1942 – 1964 exhibit from Smithsonian Institution. The Putnam staff knows this exhibit will be of interest to our membership and our community. They are hoping that we might be interested in helping install the exhibit – painting, installing interactives, images, and banners. They have asked that we notify the membership about the upcoming exhibit. They are also requesting membership input and or any suggestions we might have. Please contact us if you might be interested in helping? More to come on this project.

Pedro Lopez Update: Pedro reports some awesome news; two weeks ago both he and his parents filed their immigration application for permanent residency. They had their immigration biometrics test done, and everything went well. Pedro is still commuting to Luther College in Decorah every day.

Building Renovations: Renovations to the bar and common area will start on or about the 6th of Jan. Renovations will include removing the old drop ceiling, walls, paneling, doors, trim and removal and disposal of all debris and waste. Work effort will include the installation of a new drop ceiling, rewiring, and installing energy efficient lighting. Project will also include re-dry walling of all walls, painting, and replacement of doors, molding & trim. Renovation is set to take 2 weeks.

December Membership Meeting: Remember we will not be having a membership meeting this month. Also there won't be Friday night bingo at the Center on the 13th, 20th or the 27th Dec. The next Fri night bingo is scheduled for Fri, 3 January. The bingo committee & staff deserve a well-deserved break.

Thank you: I would like to personally thank all the officers, committee chairs & their committees and our membership for all their hard work this year. We've had another busy but successful year. As I reflect on this year's achievements and accomplishments I'm taken back by all of our activity. Thank you all for making our organization a relevant, active, thriving organization that we should all be very proud of.

2013 Council Activities

- Scholarship Applications
- Local College/University Scholarship Match initiative
- Scholarship Awards Banquet
- Stepping Stones Celebration
- Davenport Firefighter Information Workshop
- Saint Ambrose University Urban Plunge
- Annual Fiesta
- East Moline Fiesta Parade
- Casa Guanajuato Marquette Academy Clean-up
- Bi State Hispanic Coalition
- LULAC National Convention
- NAACP Banquet
- Hispanic Heritage Month Veterans Ceremony

- Greater Quad cities Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Ambassador Award
- Iowa LULAC State Conference Builder Award
- Father Mottet Celebration
- Philippine Relief Effort Donation & Support
- St Mary's - Las Posadas Celebration
- Holiday Mixer
- RDA/SCRA Grant Award
- Building Renovation

Fundraisers

- Weekly Fri night Bingo
- Trivia Nights
- Golf Outing
- Fiesta Queen Contest
- Texas Hold-Um Poker Tournament

Civil Rights/Social Justice

- Davenport Civil Rights Commission
- Davenport Affirmative Action commission
- Davenport Citizens Advisory Panel
- Davenport Firefighter Recruitment Task Force
- Martin Luther King Celebration

Education

- GAP
- Jefferson - Edison Stepping Stone Summer Mini scholarships, after school program & volunteer support
- Big Brother Big Sisters
- Scholarships

¡Feliz Navidad y próspero Año Nuevo!

	<p>Se Renta Salon de Fiestas Hall Rental Available</p>
	<p>Buenos precios Great Rates call us (563) 324-7610 4224 Ricker Hill Road Davenport, IA.</p>
<p>Also LULAC Friday Night Bingo <i>Doors Open at 5:00 PM Games Start at 6:30 PM</i></p>	

Budget Deal, Better Than the Alternative

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, the League of United Latin American Citizens released a statement from LULAC National President Margaret Moran regarding Congress' latest budget deal.

“While our organization still has deep concerns with regard to the budget cuts resulting from sequestration, we believe this bipartisan deal is the best proposal available to mitigate the consequences of the ill-conceived sequestration process.

“The implementation of sequestration was bad economic policy. In fact, studies conducted by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) have shown that if sequestration were left as originally designed it would have cost the U.S. over 750,000 jobs. For a nation still recovering from years of economic recession, these jobs were too valuable to lose. In addition, sequestration cut budgets across agencies without regard to the impact it had on providing critical health, nutrition, and education services to underserved communities.

“While this bipartisan budget agreement does not eliminate all the problems created by sequestration, it does serve as a positive first step. LULAC will continue to educate Members of Congress on the importance of making the right investments in critical services such as housing, health care and education.”

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About LULAC:

The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) is the nation's largest and oldest civil rights volunteer-based organization that empowers Hispanic Americans and builds strong Latino communities. Headquartered in Washington, DC, with 900 councils around the United States and Puerto Rico, LULAC's programs, services and advocacy address the most important issues for Latinos, meeting critical needs of today and the future. For more information, visit www.LULAC.org.