

LULAC NEWS

COUNCIL 10 MONTHLY NEWSLETTER – February 2014

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The Next Membership Meeting is Sunday, 23 February

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Membership Renewal Appeal: As the Council readies for its annual re-charter, part of the application process is the submittal of the annual membership roster. To date we have a total of 79 members that have not renewed their 2014 membership. As explained earlier the amount of members identified on our roster at the time of the re-charter has a direct bearing on the number of delegates and alternates our Council is allowed at the national convention. This becomes a paramount issue for us when voting on National amendments, convention rules, & regulations that have a direct impact on our State and local Council. So if you have not yet renewed your 2014 membership there is still time to do so. Please mail you membership renewal check in the amount of \$20.00 per member to: LULAC Council 10, PO Box 4616 Davenport, Iowa 52808-4616. If you have any questions please contact Tim at (563) 210-1369.

Section 4—Delegates: Each Council in good standing shall have the right to send as many delegates and alternates as it is entitled to, in accordance with their paid up membership as determined by the table below:

MEMBERSHIP	DELEGATES	ALTERNATES
10 (min. membership)	3	3
11 – 31	4	4
32 – 52	5	5
53 – 73	6	6
74 - 94	7	7
95 – 115	8	8
116 - 136	9	9
137- 157	10	10
158 and over, 1 delegate per each 30 additional members.		

Council Nomination of Officers: The Council will be accepting nominations for all Council officers at this month's membership meeting. If you are interested in becoming an officer please let Ernie know. You may contact him at (563) 505-0564. We will also be accepting nominations for LULAC man and women of the year. Additionally if you would like to be on one of the committees please let us know.

Legislative Day: Representatives from Council 10 are planning on attending this year Latino Legislative Day on Feb. 18 at the Iowa State Capitol. This is our day to learn about issues in the legislature that affect Latinos, and for us to lobby our elected leaders to ensure they understand the issues that are important to us and are on our side. Your attendance is vital to impressing upon our elected leaders that the Latino community is a growing part of Iowa (for details see below).

The day will begin with breakfast from 7 to 9 a.m. in State Dining Room 15. Afterward, there will be several speakers, both elected leaders and civil rights activists, who will give presentations about consumer protection issues, bills before the legislature and an update to LULAC of Iowa's lawsuit regarding voter rights. Lobbying efforts will follow.

Iowa LULAC's top legislative priorities:

- Affordable and increased access to healthcare
- Increased money for education, specifically for programs for ELL and low-income students
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Education Committee Activities: Council 10 was represented at the 3rd installment of GAP's Saturday Academy last month at Davenport's Fairmount Library. In spite of inclement weather, the turnout was fantastic. Our presence and help were very much appreciated. Perhaps equally as important were the contacts we made with individual Family Involvement Liaisons (FIL) and how we can help each school as per their specific needs.

All DCSD committee involvements are going strong. Those committees are – Drop-out Prevention Task Force, Local School Improvement Advisory Committee (LSAIC), Davenport Network for Community and School Partnerships (NCSP), and the Equity Committee.

Incidentally, Tory Reyes has agreed to participate in the Equity Committee. She will be a great asset to the work that committee is doing.

LULAC/ICAN Workshop: The Workshop was sponsored by Ascentra Credit Union and was held at the St Ambrose University campus at McCarthy hall. 24 area students attended along with many parents. The workshop focused on 3 areas; FAFSA Application, Scholarship Process & Financial Literacy. Matt Casillas presented a block on the LULAC Scholarship application process. He passed out 9 scholarship applications to 9 of the high school seniors who attended. Thank you Lupe Hernandez & Alvaro Macias for their support of the workshop & a special thank you to Ascentra Credit Union for their sponsorship



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LULAC Scholarships: The 2014 applications are now being accepted until 31 March. Applications are available on line at www.lulca10.org, at the LULAC Center or at local high school Counselors offices. If your child, grandchild, family member or possibly a friend are entering their freshman year of college please have them consider applying for a Scholarship.

Big Brother Big Sisters Put-A -Round: Two LULAC foursome's participated in the annual fundraiser. The event attracted over 1,000 individuals this year and a good time was had by all. Council 10 continues its partnership with their Mentorship Program and Mentoring recruitment. Our Youth Council will also be planning another activity day with the Big Brother Big Sister Little's for later this spring.



LULAC TEAM A

LULAC Team B

Putnam Bracero Exhibit: The Putnam Museum follows up with the Casa Nueva exhibit with the Smithsonian Bracero Exhibit. The Emergency Farm Labor Program, more familiarly known as the Bracero Program, enabled Approx. 2 million Mexicans to enter the United States & work on short-term labor contracts from 1942-1964. The exhibit will open on Saturday, February 15th. For more details see flyer below. Thank you to the LULAC volunteers who took the time to help the Museum staff ready the exhibit.

Building Renovations: Renovations to the bar area and dining area have been completed. The repairs were greatly needed and the renovation enhances the whole buildings look. Thank you to LULAC members Randy Robertson, Ronnie Lopez, Jason Reyes and other contract workers for all their hard work. We will be coordinating a formal ribbon cutting ceremony with the Greater Quad Cities Hispanic Chamber of Commerce next month.

Upcoming Events

18 February Latino Legislative Day at the Iowa State Capital 9:00 a.m.

26 February LULAC National Legislative conference and Gala Washington DC

8-12 July LULAC National Convention & Exhibition New York City

27 July Annual Scholarship Awards Banquet



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Jan. 30, 2014

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Lobbying tips

- Know who your legislators are: This can be learned by calling your local county assessor or through the State Legislative website:
<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislators>.
- Make contact with your legislators: They are more likely to listen to individuals from their own districts that can either help or harm them in an election. Legislators will pay attention to those who contact them because very few constituents do during a session.
- Develop a relationship with your legislators: Get email addresses and phone numbers for your legislators and keep in regular contact through email during the session, or meet for coffee before session begins or on the weekends when legislators are home.
- Keep at it: If a legislator is hostile or non-responsive to your issue, keep contacting him or her.
- Get active: If a legislator is against your position, find a new candidate to run against him or her.
- Stay informed: Each weekend legislators hold forums during the session. Attend these when possible to ask questions and stay informed.

This effort requires considerable financial resources, and we are seeking your help to pay for it. Please use the included envelope and mail your donation to: LULAC, 2463 E. Highview Drive, Des Moines, IA, 50320. Make checks payable to LULAC of Iowa. I look forward to seeing you on Feb 18th. Please contact me if you have questions or comments: 515.208.7312 or joehenry@iowalatinos.org

OPENING FEBRUARY 15

BITTERSWEET HARVEST

The Bracero Program 1942–1964



The Emergency Farm Labor Program, more familiarly known as the Bracero Program, enabled approximately 2 million Mexicans to enter the United States and work on short-term labor contracts. ***Bittersweet Harvest: The Bracero Program, 1942-1964*** explores the braceros' undeniable contributions to communities in Mexico and the United States, the opportunities that became available to braceros and the challenges that they faced as guest workers during the war years and afterward.

Bittersweet Harvest: The Bracero Program 1942-1964 was developed by the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History and circulated by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service. This exhibition received Federal support from the Latino Initiatives Pool, administered by the Smithsonian Latino Center.

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