

LULAC NEWS

COUNCIL 10 MONTHLY NEWSLETTER – March 2014

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The Next Membership Meeting is Sunday, 30 March at 2:00 PM

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LULAC OFFICERS

Elections: The Council will be holding its election at the March membership meeting. Nominations will be accepted from the floor. Ernie Rodriguez will serve as the elections official. We will also be taking nominations for LULAC Man & Woman of the Year. After the meeting we will be having a ribbon cutting ceremony. The Greater Quad Cities Hispanic Chamber of Commerce ambassadors will be on hand for the ceremony. Additionally we will be having a potluck dinner afterwards, so please bring a dish to share. The Council will be furnishing the meat from El Mariachi Restaurant.

Membership: Tim Garcia (membership chairmen) will be submitting our annual re-charter application with approximately 146 members on its official 2014 roster. Thank you for all who took the time to renew. If you haven't yet submitted your 2014 dues you may still submit them to LULAC Council 10 P.O. Box 4616 Davenport, IA. 52080-4616. We would like to commend Tim for all his hard work this year on the re-charter application and the membership renewal. Thank you.

2014 Scholarships: The window is open, and closes 3/31/14. The Council will be awarding \$15,000 again this year. We are waiting for responses from local colleges to confirm if they will match again, Augustana, St. Ambrose, EICC and Black Hawk College. WIU Quad Cities has already confirmed they will match again this year. Also WIU is hosting a scholarship partnership event to raise funds to help provide scholarship match to area minority organizations. The event will be held in April, more info will be provided at the next membership meeting. The scholarship committee will meet in early April to rank applications and make selections. All area schools have received the information re: our scholarship program.

Education Committee: Please take time to read to your children. Statistics have proven that quality reading time improves your child's overall performance at school.

The DCSD is currently involved in changing the start time for its high schools to as much as an hour later in the morning. Studies show that high school age children are simply not wired to function "early" in the morning – a fact most parents of teenagers already know. Discussions continue as to how such an adjustment will affect other aspects of the school day.

Please consider becoming an ambassador for the DCSD. Help get the word out about the great things going on in our children's school district. For more information about how you can get involved, go to: <http://www.davenportschools.org/ambassadors/> or contact Tim Garcia.

Since Dr. Art Tate took over as DCSD Superintendent, the drop-out rate in the DCSD has improved dramatically. Take a look at the trend of the percentage of students who dropped out over the last three school years:

	DCSD	Iowa
2010-2011	10.12 %	3.4 %
2011- 2012	8.69 %	3.2 %
2012-2013	4.85 %	2.83 %

There is still much work to be done by the Drop-out Prevention Task Force and Council 10 will proudly continue to contribute to its success any way we can.

Remember, reading to your kids regularly will make them better students!

Legislative Day: Representatives from Council 10 attended this year's Legislative Day at the State Capital in Des Moines. Joe Henry & Tim Garcia and other area Hispanic community representatives met with the Governor and the LT Governor Kim Reynolds to discuss state issues that are important to our community (see below). Thank you Tim for being our Council representative and for the long day you put in.

Elementary Schools Music Program: LULAC Council 10 continues its partnership with the Davenport School District. Due to the district's current budget constraints we are now accepting donations to help fund repairs to 28 string instruments (violins and cellos) that will be used in four elementary schools in the Davenport Community Schools. These schools currently have waiting lists of students who would like to learn to play an instrument. Some of these students will not have the opportunity to pursue

their interest in music unless instruments in good working order can be provided. Many of these students are at risk or minority students.

An article published in Psychology Today, November 13, 2013 summarized neuroscientists' findings of the benefits derived from learning to play an instrument. Musical training has been shown to increase brain volume and strengthen communication between areas of the brain.

Learning to play an instrument also offers important lessons in discipline and focus, as well as instilling a life-long appreciation for music.

Individuals or groups wishing to donate to this project may forward their contribution to LULAC Council 10, P.O. Box 4616, Davenport, IA 52806. LULAC is a 501 (c) (3). If you have any questions please contact Clyde Mayfield 563/343-5375 with any questions regarding this program. LULAC will serve as the fiscal agent for this initiative.



Youth Council: Some of the members attended a campus visit at SAU this month. We will also be visiting The University of Iowa on Thursday, April 3. This is always a fun and informative event. If your child or grandchild would like to attend please let us know. For more information please contact Tim Garcia at (563) 210-1369; or Mike Reyes at (563) 343-4108. We will also be looking for volunteers to chaperone this event and parents are encouraged to attend as well.

Alvino Pena: LULAC Council 10 Charter Member Alvino H. Peña, 82, of Rock Island, formerly of Davenport, passed away on Thursday, March 20, 2014, in Rock Island. Funeral services and a Mass of Christian Burial for Mr. Peña will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 26, at St. Anthony Catholic Church, downtown Davenport. Visitation will be 3-8 p.m. Tuesday at the Halligan-McCabe-DeVries Funeral Home, downtown Davenport. He is survived by his loving wife, Jane, and many loving children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Alvino touched many people throughout the community and the nation. Alvino was a lifelong member of Council 10 with 55 years of continuous service to the Hispanic community. He leaves behind the legacy of the Pena Boxing Club, may he rest in peace.

NOTE: the Pena Boxing club will be having a boxing exhibition at the LULAC Center on 5 Apr more information to follow.



Alvino Pena

LULAC National Commendation Medal: Alvino Pena recently received his commendation medal that was previously presented to charter members of Council 10 by National President Margate Moran. Due to illness at the time Alvino was unable to attend the formal ceremony held at the LULAC Center. Council 10 has 3 charter members with 55 years of continuous service to the Quad Cities Hispanic community (Salvador Lopez, Ernie Rodriguez, and Henry Vargas).

Albert Rodriguez: LULAC Council 10 would like to thank the family of Albert Rodriguez for their generous donation to the LULAC Scholarship fund. Albert was a friend of LULAC for many years and passed away on January 25th. Albert was 93 years old and born on June 2nd 1920. May he rest in peace.

LULAC Trivia Night: We will be having our next LULAC Trivia Night on Saturday, 26 April at the LULAC Center. Doors open at 5:00 with games starting promptly at 6:30. Cost is \$10.00 per person, maximum 8 players per table. Individual entrees are also welcome. To reserve a table please call (563) 340-5787. All proceeds will go to the Youth Council activities.

Bracero Exhibit at the Putnam Museum: "Bittersweet Harvest", a bilingual (English/Spanish) exhibition on loan from the Smithsonian, explores the little-known story of the Bracero program; the largest guest worker program in U.S history. Between 1942 and 1964, millions of Mexican men came to the United States on short-term labor contracts. Both bitter and sweet, the Bracero experience tells a story of exploitation but also of opportunity. This exhibition is organized into three main sections that explore the braceros' motivations and expectations for the journey north, the work they did and the effects the Bracero program had on family and communities in Mexico and the United States. "Bittersweet Harvest" features the work of famed photojournalist Leonard Nadel as well as oral histories collected by the Bracero Oral History Project. There is still time to visit the exhibit. The Exhibit will be open through May 18th of this year.

Davenport Fire Department: The Fire department will be accepting applications starting on 11 Apr through 9 May 2014.

Qualifications

- AGE 21 AT TIME OF APPOINTMENT
- HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR EQUIVALENT
- EMT WITHIN 1 YEAR OF APPOINTMENT
- IOWA CHAUFFER'S LICENSE WITHIN 1 YEAR OF APPOINTMENT

Testing Process:

- APPLICATION, WRITTEN EXAM & ORAL INTERVIEW
- CANDIDATE PHYSICAL ABILITIES TESTING (CPAT)
- EXTENSIVE BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION

For additional information or to apply: www.cityofdavenportiowa.com/firefighter

Upcoming Events:

TRIVIA NIGHT: SATURDAY, 26 APRIL AT THE LULAC CENTER. (FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE BELOW)

LULAC NATIONAL CONVENTION & EXHIBIT: 8-12 JULY LULAC NEW YORK CITY

LULAC ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS BANQUET: SUNDAY 27 JULY AT THE LULAC CENTER

Iowa LULAC hosts second annual Latino Legislative Day

Feb. 18, 2014

DES MOINES - The second annual Latino Legislative Day drew about 25 legislators and dozens of Latinos from central and eastern Iowa.

The League of United Latin American Citizens of Iowa hosted the event today at the Iowa State Capitol. The day was created to give Latinos an opportunity to meet with their legislators, to develop relationships with elected leaders, and to address various concerns and legislation.

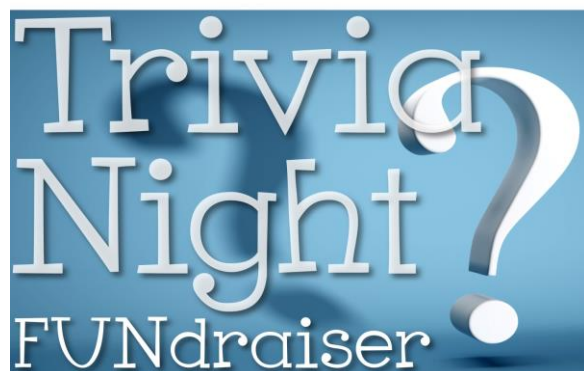
A handful of speakers provided those who attended with information about consumer protection laws, bills before the Iowa Legislature that affect the Latino community, and an update on efforts to reach out to elected leaders. Attendees then met with legislators to discuss various bills and the legislator's position.

"We were very pleased with the reception we received from legislators and hope that they take our concerns seriously when the time comes to vote on bills that affect the daily lives of working Latino families," said Joe Enriquez Henry, the state director of Iowa LULAC.

LULAC worked with the American Civil Liberties Union of Iowa and Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement to meet with legislators and discuss legislation designed to improve access to and affordability of health care; to increase funding for education, specifically for programs to assist students who are not native English speakers and come from low-income families; to provide driver's licenses to immigrants; and to increase the state's minimum wage.

"We are citizens, and we are entitled to every privilege of any other citizen in this country," said Mary E. Campos, a longtime Latino community advocate and state LULAC officer.

State LULAC leaders also met privately with Gov. Terry Branstad and Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds and discussed efforts to improve education in Iowa and access to technology for Latino students.



Saturday April 26th, 2014

4224 Ricker Hill Road/Davenport

\$10.00 per person lmax 8 per team

Cash bar and food available for purchase

Doors open at 5:00| games starts promptly at 6:30

No outside beverages allowed| food|snacks welcome

Please call 563-340-5787 to reserve your table

Proceeds go to Youth Services and Programs



<p>The seal of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC). It is circular with 'LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS' around the top and '1929' at the bottom. In the center is a shield with a diagonal banner that says 'LULAC' and stars above it.</p>	<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>	