

# **LULAC NEWS**

**COUNCIL 10 MONTHLY NEWSLETTER – December 2014**

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**The Next Membership Meeting is Sunday, 25 January at 2:00 PM**

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*Happy Holidays*

**2015 Membership Dues:** Just a reminder, about your 2015 dues renewal. Our membership chair says the dues renewal has been slow. If you haven't sent in your 2015 dues we ask that you do so this month, our annual dues are \$20.00. Please mail in your dues to LULAC Council 10, PO Box 4616 Davenport, IA. 52808-4616. Remember the old adage, "There is strength in numbers". We need your continued support to make our organization relevant and viable. If you have any questions please contact Sylvia at (309) 793-0684.

**Holiday Mixer:** The Council will be having its Holiday Mixer on Saturday, 10 Jan from 6:00 -10:00 pm. The social hour will be from 6:00 -7:00 with an open bar. We ask that members bring an appetizer or snack to share. Please try to attend if at all possible. It should be an enjoyable evening.

**Financial aid & FAFSA Application Seminar:** Council 10 sponsored a financial aid & FAFSS seminar at SAU this month. Lupe Hernandez from ICAN presented the seminar. Students and parents received answers to questions on topics, including the financial aid process; FAFSA application review; understanding FAFSA results; and understanding costs, college comparisons, financial aid options, scholarships process and where to go for help. FAFSA stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Lupe is a member of council 10 and is on the scholarship committee.



**Lupe Hernandez of the Iowa College Access Network instructs parents and students Saturday about college financial aid requirements.**

**Stepping Stones Program:** Several Council 10 representatives attended a recent recognition ceremony & reception held at Jefferson School. Dr. Tate, Davenport Schools Superintendent, was in attendance as well. LULAC was recognized for their support of the Stepping Stones reading program for at risk students at Jefferson Elementary School. A donation from LULAC from the recent late night bingo was also presented to the Shaney Ford program director. The Council was also recognized for the orchestra instrument repair/replacement initiative. The program allowed for the repair of musical instruments allowing for minority children to be able join school orchestra at three Davenport elementary schools to include Jefferson School. Ms. Jill Tindall the orchestra music was on hand to speak about the very successful program. She reported that there were no children on the waiting list to play in the orchestra.



**Jefferson School Stepping Stones**

**LULAC Scholarship Application Workshop:** Council 10 will host a 2<sup>nd</sup> workshop on Jan 31<sup>st</sup> at SAU. Purpose of the workshop is to review the 2015 scholarship application, Ascentra Credit Union & the Greater Hispanic Chamber of Commerce will also provide an overview of their scholarship application process. In addition there will be an essay writing seminar & a financial literacy segment to the workshop. LULAC scholarship applications should be available by the time of the workshop. Applications will be accepted through 31 Mar 2015.

**LULAC National Scholarships Fund:** LNEESC and LULAC established the LULAC National Scholarship Fund (LNSF) to help youth in underserved communities make the dream of college enrollment a reality. LNSF is a unique partnership between grassroots advocates and corporations that funds educational opportunities for deserving youth across the U.S. Every dollar raised by local LULAC Councils is matched by corporate partners secured by LNEESC, increasing the amount given in both the council and corporate names. This model results in a true grassroots/corporate partnership for the empowerment of the Latino community. Former recipients of LNSF scholarships are now leaders in fields of business, science, government, and education.

A rigorous selection process assures the expectation that future recipients will demonstrate the same level of excellence

**General Electric LNEESC Scholarship:** The GE LNEESC Scholarship Program awards \$5,000 scholarships to qualified minority students who are enrolled as business or engineering majors. Applicants must be working towards a bachelor's degree at an accredited US college or university, and must be classified as college sophomores in the fall. The \$5,000 awards will be divided into two equal disbursements made on September 15<sup>th</sup> and January 31<sup>st</sup>. Scholarship awards are sent directly to the recipient's college or university and deposited in the recipient's name. The funds will be allocated toward the payment of tuition and academic fees, and the purchase of required educational materials and books. The school is custodian of the funds and will disburse the award consistent with the purpose of this program

**RMHC/HACER Scholarship:** RMHC/HACER is a scholarship for Hispanic students presented by Ronald McDonald House Charities® with the support of McDonald's®. The scholarship provides financial assistance to graduating Hispanic high school students to fulfill their dreams of pursuing a higher education. Students are selected based on demonstrated academic achievement, financial need, and community involvement

### **Upcoming events:**

- Scholarship workshop Sat, 31 Jan at SAU McCarty Hall from 10:00 -12:00.
- Greater QC Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Gala Sat, 31 Jan at the Waterfront Convention Center in Bettendorf, IA starting at 5:30
- **Council Membership Holiday Mixer is scheduled for Sat, 10 Jan at the LULAC Center from 6:00 – 10:00 pm.**
- 2015 Latino Youth Summit on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am-3:00 pm at the Quad Cities campus



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*6th Annual Gala*

**Saturday, January 31st**

More information: [www.gqchcc.com/2015Gala](http://www.gqchcc.com/2015Gala)  
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Black Hawk College would like to cordially invite you to attend the 2015 Latino Youth Summit on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am-3:00 pm at the Quad Cities campus. The Summit is open to middle school and high school students and their families. The purpose of this event is to raise awareness about the importance of a post-secondary education and the many community resources and services available to help these families succeed.

We realize that as educators & community members you work directly with students and families on a daily basis and it would be advantageous for you to attend so you are better equipped to help these families. There will also be sessions that focus on:

- ❖ Understanding cultural identity, career exploration and positive decision making.
- ❖ College 101-joint effort with the Illinois Assistance Commission and the Iowa College Access Network
- ❖ Dual credit opportunities
- ❖ Exhibitor area featuring nonprofit organizations and colleges.

With the Holidays just around the corner, Black Hawk College wanted to ensure that you had ample time to “Save the Date” as we understand the beginning of the year is a very busy time. In January you will receive additional marketing pieces with the final agenda, session topics and presenters bio’s, if you would like to be included on this mailing list, please reply back with your preferred mailing address.

We look forward to having you on our campus this February and hope that you are able to join us in reaching out to the Latino community and understanding the many challenges they face. Please share this information with students/families and have a Happy Holiday season!



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