

Next Meeting, Sunday, June 26, 2011, 2:00 pm.

LULAC OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: Michael Reyes
VICE PRESIDENT: Wes Baskovic
SECRETARY: Decker Truesdell
TREASURER: Lisa Lopez
PARLIAMENTARIAN: Rick Jimenez
CHAPLAIN: Celia Rangel
SGT. OF ARMS: Tim Garcia
VP for YOUTH: Tony Cedillo

President's Report

- **Scott County Regional Authority (SCRA):** The Council was awarded a grant for \$19,910.00, to replace the flooring in the dinning/bar area. Work is scheduled to begin in late July. No impact to the building operations is anticipated during floor replacement. The Council would like to thank Ms Terri Bing and the SCRA Board. The SCRA has awarded LULAC grants over the last 3 grant cycles for; insulating and siding of the building, installation of a new furnace and air conditioner unit in the back room as well as replacing an accordion door in the main hall and now for the new flooring. SCRA has awarded LULAC a total of \$47,379.00, of building infrastructure improvements. What this indicates to me is that the community is very supportive of the LULAC and our programs and has a vested interest in our organization's success.
- **Ford/LULAC Driving Dreams Through Education:** Council 10 was recently notified that it was a finalist and a recipient for this year's grant submission. The Executive Summary for the proposed program effort was outlined in last month's newsletter. We will be receiving a \$20,000.00 grant at an awards banquet at the LULAC National Convention in Cincinnati. Tim Garcia has been designated as the program coordinator and will be accepting the grant on behalf of the Council. We will be working this program with the University of Iowa, Davenport School District, the Davenport Library and the Quad Cities Big Brother & Big Sisters. This was really good work from the Educational Committee. On behalf of the membership thank you very much
- **LULAC Youth Council 600:** At last month's meeting the group determined that they would meet on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 5:00 p.m. Their summer schedules are quite hectic, due to various sports and summer activities. The next scheduled meeting for the kids is Sunday, 10 July at 5:00 p.m. at the LULAC Club. They have several issues to discuss including; Viva Quad Cities children's area support, construction of a float to enter in the East Moline Fiesta Parade, putting together the wreaths to be used for the River Commemoration Ceremony to Hispanic Veterans, as well as attending the Iowa Latino Conference. Parents if you could please make a special effort to remind the kids of the meeting it would be greatly appreciated.



LULAC Youth Council 600 with Council 10 of Youth vice President

- **Putnam Museum Mexican American Exhibit Update:** Thank you to Marry Ellen Chamberlain from the RDA for donating sponsorship funding to be used to help offset the cost of the Exhibit and Annual Fiesta. The LULAC Commemoration Ceremony for the QC Mexican American Exhibition at the Putnam Museum will commence with a "Riverside Floral Wreath Ceremony" on the Mississippi River with a flag presentation on the Iowa and Illinois sides of the river. This will be a salute to QC Hispanic Veterans ", as we are joined by the river for a fitting salute to our men and women of the military. The ceremony will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Fri, 23 September at both Schwiebert Park in Rock Island and LeClaire Park in Davenport.

The exhibit will officially open at 12:00 with a reception for invited dignitaries and guests on Fri, 23 September at the Putnam Museum. All Council 10 members are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions please contact Maria Mier-Llaca at (309) 797-1607.

- **LULAC Fiesta 2011:** The Council will be holding its annual September fiesta Saturday September 24, 2011. We are currently seeking candidates for the Queen contest. The winner will be crowned as queen of this annual event. The contest is open to any young Hispanic female, age 15 – 21 from the Quad City area. Those persons wishing to be a contestant can contact Henry Vargas 563-323-4088 or Rita Vargas 563-324-3214 for an application. This year's event commemorates the declaration of Independence of Mexico from Spain in 1810 as well as Hispanic Heritage Month.

- **Postville Update:** On Monday, June 6th, Mike Reyes, Cookie Llaca and Eva Savala made another caravan visit to Postville, IA. They had a twin bed with all the trimmings, curtains, and a summer gift for the Postville kids: 6 dozen athletic shoes for the boys and girls in sizes 2 to 14!! The bed was a real surprise for a 10 year girl who never had her own bed. She has adopted the donor and calls her "Tia Cookie". Mike, Eva and Cookie had a down to earth discussion with their father, who now has his legal status to work. He spoke of the hardships growing up in his small Mexican village and the hardships of arriving to this Country. His main and only goal was to provide for his family and find work so his children could have an education. With tears in his eyes, he knew all the sacrifices he and others suffered were in the past. The children have made their parents proud with their excellent grades at school. Pedro (Jr), and current Youth Council 600 member, was just leaving for a trip he earned at school and he was so excited telling us about visiting Washington, D. C., Gettysburg, Virginia, and all about our Country's early history. He is planning an August visit to the QC to meet with the youth group. LULAC membership can smile and be thankful that our efforts have helped not only the parents but the children regain their self-esteem and the results are beyond expectations. Good job LULAC Council 10 and friends!



Sammie and Pedro Lopez Jr. (back row)

- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Aug 13th and Nov 12th LULAC Council Trivia Nights w/ Mr. Trivia at the LULAC Club
 - Sep 9th & 10th Viva Quad Cities
 - Sep 18th East Moline Fiesta and Parade
 - Sep 18th LULAC Adolph Lopez Memorial Scholarship Golf Outing
 - Sep 23rd Putnam Museum Mexican American Exhibit and Hispanic Veterans commemoration ceremony
 - Sep 24th LULAC Fiesta at the LULAC Club
 - 28th & 29th Oct Iowa Latino Conference in Muscatine
 - 28 Oct LULAC Halloween Party at the LULAC

LULAC SCHOLARSHIPS

Maria Baskovic announces that this year's scholarship recipients will be invited to our July monthly meeting to receive their scholarships and to share a potluck dinner with us. Members please prepare to bring a dish.

Recipients are:

Assata Caldwell, Iowa State, \$1,000. Honors
Lissette M. Martinez, University of Wisconsin, Madison, \$1,000. Honors
Linsay N. Murga, Illinois State, \$1,000. Honors
Andrew S. Randleman, University of Iowa, \$1,000. Honors
Tyler J. Vanhyfte, University of Illinois @ Urbana, \$1,000. Honors
Brandon L. Busch, Lewis University, \$500.
Brett D. Busch, Lewis University, \$500.
Kayla D. Cordova, University of Iowa, \$500.
Cindy C. Enriquez, AIB College of Business, \$500
David C. Hernandez, University of Illinois @ Urbana, \$500
Melissa C. Herrera-Ortiz, Heidelberg University, \$500
Andrew EJ Lemus, Iowa State, \$500
Adrian M. Moreno, Knox College, \$500
Chaise L. Nache, Bradley University, \$500
Micaela R. Terronez, Augustana College, \$500

LULAC Weekly Bingo: Just a remainder that we have Bingo every Friday Night at the Club. Doors open at 4:30 with Bingo starting promptly at 6:30. Please come down and join us for an evening of cheap entertainment.

LULAC Council #10
4224 Ricker Hill Road
Davenport, Iowa

SCHOLARSHIP TRIVIA NIGHT FUN, FOOD, \$\$\$

\$80.00 per table Maximum of 8 per table
Or \$10.00 per person

Doors open at 5:30 p.m., Saturday, August 13th, Competition starts promptly at 6:30 pm

Cash bar and food available for purchase
Please call Lisa at: (563) 340-5787 to reserve a table
or at www.lulac10.org

No outside beverages allowed, but food/snacks are welcome

EDITORIAL PAGE

ON HATE CRIMES by Ernest Rodriguez

The Quad-City Times on Saturday, June 18th ran an editorial which praised the action of residents in a Moline Hispanic neighborhood who reported to police the unprovoked beating of a young Black and his girlfriend by four Hispanic youth. Some residents dared to exit their homes to shout at the attackers decrying their cowardly action.

It is indeed a sad commentary when one minority group commits a hate crime on another minority group. Many Hispanics took an active part in the Civil Rights movement to insure that the constitutional right of all people to pursue life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness would be secure. And of course a person's personal safety is an integral part of this right. LULAC has always been a forceful champion of civil rights therefore we are very proud of the strong stand of Moline's Hispanic residents against racial injustice. The LULAC motto "All for One and One for All" symbolizes our unity as a people and our recognition that we are all of one race, the human race. There is divine wisdom in the old but wise saying that an injustice to one is an injustice to all.

IMMIGRATION

Speaking of injustice, all Americans are faced with the choice of favoring a just immigration reform law that recognizes the human rights of undocumented workers crossing our borders or ascribing to the blind unjust theory that "illegal's are criminals and therefore have no rights." Unfortunately some states have passed laws based on this theory and it seems to be gaining momentum among other states. And of course the backers of such laws will say that there is no motive of racism in their action. But this belies the apparent singling out of a voiceless and powerless immigrant and giving a free pass from prosecution to the employers of the immigrant.

I have motored all over the country and everywhere I have seen Mexican and Central Americans working in fast order and sit down restaurants, hotels, and as field hands. One instance really stays with me. While traveling through the mountains of Colorado near the Aspen ski resort, my family and I stopped at a McDonald's tucked away on the side of a mountain. All of the personnel in the restaurant were Mexican immigrants including the manager. I asked myself, "How did all these people from thousands of miles away in Mexico learn that McDonalds needed workers at this particular place?" Obviously they were recruited on behalf of McDonalds. This is occurring all over the country and it is the effect of supply and demand or "push and pull." Employers' recruiters do the pulling of Mexicans who are being pushed by poverty and other unlivable conditions. An immigration reform law must insure that the human rights of immigrants are not sacrificed to bolster our economic system of free enterprise.

As our Council's president, Mike Reyes, so poignantly explained the motivation that brought an immigrant father to Postville, "His main and only goal was to provide for his family and find work so his children could have an education. With tears in his eyes, he knew all the sacrifices he and others suffered were in the past." How can anyone say that this man and his family are criminals?