



PHN NOTICIAS

September 2023

HOLA PHN FAMILIA! HAPPY SEPTEMBER!

We have a lot of exciting events coming up this month that we hope you, your co-workers, and familias can be a part of.



HISPANIC HERITAGE EVENT

Skip the meal prep on **Thursday, September 14th!** PHN has partnered with a handful of food trucks to set up shop in front of the employee entrance on **3rd Ave & Adams**. The event will be from **11am-1pm** and will have a diverse selection of foods to choose from such as pupusas, tamales, tacos, agua frescas, Puerto Rican desserts, & more!



EL GRITO CELEBRATION

Bring the whole family to this fun and **FREE** event! There will be food vendors, drinks, live music, ballet folklórico, and arts & crafts. The event will be held on **Friday, September 15th from 4-11pm on 3rd Ave & Adams**.



DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

Next month: PHN will be setting up an ofrenda in the City Hall Atrium where members and employees can view and admire this long time tradition. We will honor influential Hispanic icons that have passed by displaying their pictures on this ofrenda. There will also be an opportunity for PHN members to submit images and names of passed loved ones for our virtual ofrenda. More details to come!

Tuesday, October 17th: Phoenix Public Library will be hosting a [Dia de los Muertos Adult Craft Workshop](#).

If you are interested in learning more about PHN or would like to join a sub-committee, please visit our website to learn more!





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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

Saludos Todos!



I have been a Phoenix Hispanic Network (PHN) member since 2016. Not knowing many people and being new to the city, I took a leap of faith and ran for secretary in 2017. Since then, I have never looked back. As I transition into PHN President for 2023-2024, I am honored to work alongside the first all-female Board of Directors, knowing we all share the same passion for promoting the advancement of Latino employees. We'll also be focusing on professional development, networking, serving the community, educational opportunities, and, most importantly, involving all levels of City of Phoenix employees, from the field staff to the City Manager's Office.

I want to take a moment to thank outgoing PHN Board Member President Nickolas Valenzuela for his leadership and professionalism in guiding us through 2022-2023 and a successful leadership conference in May 2023. I'd also like to thank Members at Large, Gabriel Morales, for his quick-wittedness and serving on the board since its revival in 2015, and Chris Iniguez for his out-of-the-box ideas. Lastly, a big thank you to Members at Large, Sonya Blanco and Tricia Quiroz, who were always ready to help and vital in coordinating PHN special events and serving as liaisons between PHN and the Latino Institute.

To current members and the Board of Directors, in the upcoming year, my leadership commitment to you will be to carry the momentum already set forth by the hard work of our previous directors and subcommittees while continuing to grow PHN's membership base. Additionally, my goal is to provide guidance through innovative professional development programs that will assist in member development both professionally and personally. I look forward to working alongside you as we progress through the year. Thank you for your membership and continued support of PHN.

Muchísimas gracias,
PHN President, Vanessa Castillo