



4th Quarter Newsletter

2026

President's Message



Queridas Amigas,
It has been such a blessing to serve as HWC President this past year! In 2025 we were able to share, learn, grow, and honor the important

contributions of las Mujeres Valerosas at HWC traditional events such as the Mujeres Valerosas Brunch in May, meet the outstanding scholarship recipients at the Meet and Greet in September, fundraise and dance the night away at the Masquerade Ball in October, and share holiday cheer at the Holiday Gathering in December. We were also able to share in the continuation of important traditions at new events like retablo making at the June workshop led by Rosa María Calles, honoring bilingualism at the Spanish heritage language workshop conducted by Dr. María Dolores Gonzales in July, and learn musical and dance traditions at the NM folk dance workshop led by Lucy Salazar in August. We were also able to debut our new updated website, <https://nhmhc.org/>. It is evident that our organization is a vibrant force in our NM community which upholds our mission as a non-profit established in 1988 to promote, support, and create opportunities for Hispanic women!

A special thanks to the HWC Board who worked tirelessly this past year. Rachel, Linda, Raqui, and Jaycee are true leaders in our community. It has been an honor to work with

2025



- **Upcoming Events**
- Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting

LOCATION

M'tucci's Twenty-Five
4939 Pan American Fwy NE,
Albuquerque, NM 87109

DATE AND TIME

1/25/2026
11:00AM-2:00PM

Board of Directors

**Rosalía Pacheco,
PhD. President**

you all this past year!

We are always in need of more amazing women to join our board and committees.

Please reach out at info@nmhwc.org if you are interested. You must be a paid HWC member for at least a year prior to board nomination.

I wish you and your families health, peace, prosperity, and joy this holiday season!

Hasta pronto, Comadres! Our HWC Board thanks you for all you do and looks forward to seeing you at upcoming events in 2026.

Abrazos,
Rosalía

Rachel Valenzuela
Vice-President

Raqui Martínez
Treasurer

MAJ(R) Linda Zamora
Immediate Past President ,
Secretary

Jaycee Zamora
Board Member

Committee Sign-Ups

Get involved and make a difference!
Join one of our committees:

Planning Committee – Help organize and coordinate HWC events.

Mujeres Valerosas Committee-Help Plan and organize the Mujeres event.
Membership Committee – Assist with member recruitment and retention efforts.

Meet and greet Committee– Organize the Meet & Greet event to celebrate scholarship recipients and their families.

Masquerade Ball Committee- Plan and organize the Annual scholarship fundraiser.

Holiday Party- Plan and organize

Annual Meeting- Plan and organize

To sign up, please contact Via the info@nmhwc.org or the link below.

Sign Up

Explore Our New Website & App!

We are excited to announce the launch of the new Hispanic Women's Council website! The site has been

Help Shape the Future of HWC

The Hispanic Women's Council has continued to thrive thanks to the dedication, passion, and hard work of our volunteers and leadership. Over the past few years, our organization has been guided by a small but mighty board of just five to six members who have worked tirelessly to keep our programs, scholarships, and events moving forward. As HWC continues to grow and expand its impact in the community, we are looking to welcome new voices, fresh ideas, and additional support to our Board of Directors. Expanding our board will allow us to share responsibilities more evenly, strengthen our outreach, and ensure the long-term sustainability of the organization we all care so deeply about.

Board service is a meaningful way to give back, build leadership skills, and help guide the mission and vision of HWC. If you are passionate about empowering women, supporting education, and strengthening our community—and you have been an active HWC member for at least one year—we encourage you to consider getting involved. Your time, perspective, and commitment can make a lasting difference. For more information or to express interest in board service, please reach out to us at info@nmhwc.org.

Membership Dues & Annual Renewal

As we begin a new year with the Hispanic Women's Council, we want to take a moment to thank each of you for being part of this incredible organization. Our members are truly the heart of HWC, and staying connected with you is one of our top priorities.

This year, we are asking all members—both new and returning—to complete our updated membership form. Even if you have been a member for many years, this form helps us ensure that we have the most accurate and up-to-date information on file. Having current contact details allows us to communicate important updates, send newsletters and mailings, and celebrate our members in meaningful ways.

In addition, we would like to remind everyone that annual membership dues are due each year on January 1st. To help members maintain their membership in good standing, we kindly ask that dues be paid no later than the Annual Meeting. Timely dues allow us to plan programming, support our scholarship efforts, and continue serving our community throughout the year.

Completing the membership form and submitting dues are both important steps in keeping our records current and our organization strong. We truly appreciate your cooperation and ongoing support as we work to build a more connected, engaged, and informed membership.

[Membership form](#)

[Pay Dues](#)

Paying by check?

Fill out the application above, and mail your check to:
Hispanic Women's Council
P.O. Box 27271, ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87125

Past events

redesigned with a fresh look, easier navigation, and updated features to keep our members and community connected.

On the website, you'll find:

- Event Information & Registration: Stay up to date on upcoming programs and celebrations.
- Membership Resources: Renew or update your membership quickly and easily.
- News & Highlights: Read stories, announcements, and updates from the HWC community.
- Photo & Story Submissions: Share your memories and milestones with us!

✨ New! HWC App ✨
For even easier access, you can now download our mobile app, giving you HWC updates, event info, and resources right at your fingertips, anytime, anywhere.

[Visit our Website](#)

The Masquerade Ball

HWC's Lotería-themed Masquerade Ball was a vibrant and unforgettable evening filled with color, music, and community. Guests embraced the theme with enthusiasm, enjoying live music, participating in the silent auction, and celebrating together in a beautifully festive atmosphere. We are incredibly grateful to our many sponsors whose generosity helped make this event such a success and supported our ongoing scholarship efforts. Thank you to everyone who attended and participated in making the night truly special.





The Holiday Party

In December, HWC members gathered to celebrate the season at our annual Holiday Party, enjoying festive games, great conversation, and delicious food generously provided by Raqui and Baca Boys. The evening was filled with laughter, connection, and holiday cheer, making it a wonderful way to bring our members together and close out the year. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the celebration such a success.





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