



Hispanic Women's Council

October 2013-March 2014 Newsletter

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The Hispanic Women's Council is a non-profit, inter-generational, organization created in 1988 to promote, support, and create opportunities for Hispanic women.

Un mensaje de la presidente



Estimadas Amigas,

First, I would like to convey how honored I am to be your President for 2014. I have been a member of the Hispanic Women's Council (HWC) for many years and have been impressed by the activities and endeavors, such as the Scholarship and Mentorship Program and the inclusion of HWC books and oral histories in the NM State

Records and Archives. By awarding scholarships and providing mentoring, HWC is taking an active role in supporting *Latinas* as they become productive members of our future communities. By archiving the oral histories of our members, future generations of *Hispanas* can learn from our experiences. How exciting to be a small part of this bigger picture.

During my term I wish to grow our membership by recruiting new members and bringing back some of our previous members who have not joined us for several years. They will find that, while HWC continues with many of our traditions, this organization continues to evolve and to grow. We have not had an event with a national speaker for some time, so we are working on such for later in the year. Networking is also a priority. In my professional life I have

found that networking with constituents has been invaluable for my business. And, many members have mentioned that they much appreciate this activity. So we are planning several networking opportunities via "Mitote Power Hours" where we can enjoy time with "comadres" and communicate ideas for continuing the success of this organization. On page 2 you will find a full list of activities planned this year.

I look forward to working with the membership. Although HWC is driven by a Board of Directors, there are many opportunities for members to get involved in events. We will continue to solicit your assistance in the activities throughout the year.

Con todo respeto,

Merrilee Foreman



Board Members, L-R: Carol Vigil, Elsie Sanchez, Vangie Samora, Marcela Sandoval, Merrilee Foreman, Raqui Martinez, Diane Torres-Velasquez, Mary Frances Santistevan, Vi Florez. Not pictured, Yvonne Grimes.

2014 Membership

Dr. Teresita E. Aguilar
Vice President for Academic Affairs/Provost
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Hurst & Apodaca, PC

Carla Aragon, Author
Media Consultant

Ana Ayala

Antoinette Baca

Jeannie M. Baca
Director of Student
Affairs, UNM Gallup

Lorraine Aida Baca
Retired Educator, APS

Renee Baca

JoAna Marie Barela
HWC Scholarship
Recipient

Andrea deAna Barela
Instructional Designer
Infinite Energy Business Solutions

Valerie J. Borrego, CPA

Theresa Cardenas
NM Outreach Consultant,
Union of Concerned Scientists

Philly Margaret
Carrasco, Retired

Gloria J. Chavez-Sampson
377th Medical Group

Dr. Rose T. Diaz
Research Historian
Indian Pueblo Cultural Center

Upcoming Events

April 10: *Mitote* Power Hour
"Happy Hour"

May 4: Mother-Daughter Brunch
and Fashion Show

June: *Mitote* Power Hour hosted
by Mary Frances Santistevan

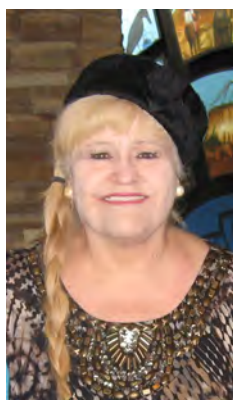
August: *Mitote* Power Hour &
guest speaker

September: Scholarship Recipient
"Meet & Greet"

October: Masquerade Charity Ball

November: National Guest Speaker
Event (pending availability of speaker)

December: Annual Christmas Party



Stella Noriega, *La Estrella Brillante*

The *Estrella Brillante* Award was presented to Stella Noriega at the January 26, 2014, Annual Membership Meeting. Stella was recognized for "extraordinary service" to HWC. She has served on the board, has worked on numerous committees, and has hosted events, including a popular cooking demonstration in her home, after which she served a full meal to everyone who attended. Stella's caring approach to any project she undertakes has reflected well on HWC.

Vi Florez, 2013 President, shares some thoughts about her term

One of the highlights of serving as the 2013 president was working with the HWC Board. I got to know them as wonderful women who make a difference for their community and families. Soon after assuming the HWC presidency, I was appointed as Interim Dean for the College of Education at the University of New Mexico, adding an intense layer of responsibility. I could not have done what we have been able to do if the Board members had not provided the support to get things done, and I would like to recognize them: Lenore Armjio, Yvonne Grimes, Vangie Samora, Raqui Martinez, Marcela Sandoval, Carol Vigil, Josephine Martinez, Micha Rinaldi, and Mary Frances Santistevan, who

also made a generous gift to the scholarship fund this year in memory of her daughter Joyce. With them at my back, we hosted many successful events. Our "Mitote Power Hours" are excellent networking events. Special thanks to Carla Aragon for hosting one in her home and to Carol Vigil for organizing one entitled "Self Care for the Care-Giver." The Mother-Daughter Brunch was inspiring, and the holiday party and *Peña Femenina* were festive and joyful. We connected with the scholarship recipients at a Meet & Greet and we raised funds for the scholarship fund via the Masquerade Charity Ball. (I am pleased to serve as the chair of the Masquerade Charity



Ball Committee in 2014.) I am also proud of the fact that 24 scholarships were awarded in 2013, and that we grew our membership. I am still pursuing the cookbook, another fundraising avenue for the scholarship fund, so send in your recipes. I look forward to our events in 2014 under the leadership of our new president, Dr. Merrilee Foreman. We are in good hands.

Board Member Profiles

Elsie Sanchez has been a member of HWC for over 15 years. After completing a 32-year career with the U. S. Geological Survey, she became a Peace Corps Volunteer and served one term in Honduras where she worked with the Foundation of International Community Assistance, and a second term in Uruguay where she worked with an affiliate of the Women's World Bank. When she returned to New Mexico, she served as the Director of the Small Business Development Center in Gallup. She retired in 2012 and relocated to Albuquerque. Elsie is an artist and does wood carving, water color and oil painting, and iconography tempera painting work in the Russian Orthodox style.



*Dr. Leila Flores-Dueñas
Associate Professor, UNM
College of Education*

*Andrea Gonzales, Student
Social Worker, Alliance
Home Healthcare*

*Yvonne V. Gonzales, Realtor
Remax Alliance Realtors*

*Geraldine Gutierrez
Outside Sales
Stonewood Flooring*

Maria J. Gutierrez

Samia Hindi

*Dr. Mari-Luci Jaramillo
Former Ambassador to
Honduras*

Jeri Lynn Kellogg

*Teresa Leger de Fernandez
Officer, Leger Law and
Strategy, LLC*

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President & CEO
Compa Industries, Inc.*

*Josephine Martinez
Retired, FAA*

*Esther M. Marquez, Retired
Education Administrator*

Diane J. Nelson

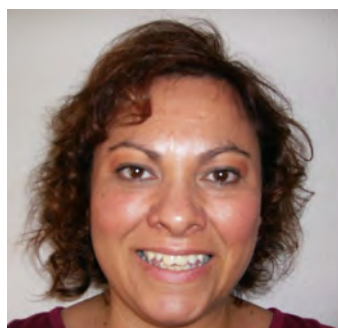
Stella Noriega

*Ana Pacheco, Writer & For-
mer Publisher of La Herencia*

*Micha M. Rinaldi, Owner
Rinaldi Productions, LLC*

*Carmen Rodriguez, Pres.
Carmen Cares Consulting*

*Dr. Valerie Romero-Leggott
Vice Chancellor for Diversity
UNM Health Sciences Center*



Yvonne Grimes is an HWC scholarship recipient (2009, 2010, and 2011). In July 2012, she graduated from UNM with a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Planning and Design, Cum Laude. She was accepted to the UNM School of Law and will begin her studies in August of 2014. According to Yvonne, she "became an HWC member because the mentorship aspect of the scholarship provided me with support and empowered me to reach my goals." She also liked the warmth and approachability of the women of the organization. Yvonne has been married for 18 years and has two children, ages 13 and 9. She is also a caregiver for her developmentally disabled sister-in-law.



Diane Torres-Velásquez is an Associate Professor at the UNM College of Education. Her research interests include Hispanic Education, Mathematics and Science Education, and Education Law. Her recent publications are on identity and science education. In fall of 2010, she served as Hispanic Education Liaison at the NM Public Education Department and wrote the first Hispanic Education Status Report. She is chair of the Latino Education Task Force and advocates fiercely for public education. Most importantly, she is mother of two loving sons, daughter of two civil rights activists, and granddaughter of creative, artistic, and hard-working grandparents. She enjoys dancing, experimenting with watercolor, and dreaming.

Exito y Más

Ana Pacheco has created a website celebrating New Mexico's history, heritage, and culture while providing information on genealogy, literature, and family histories. Take a look:

www.anapachecosantafe.com. **Theresa Cardenas** has graduated from the National *Hispana* Leadership Institute's Executive Leadership Program. The National *Hispana* Leadership Institute (NHLI) was established in 1987 and has prepared hundreds of Latina leaders for positions of national influence, public policy impact, and contributing to the advancement of the Hispanic community. **Teresa Leger** established her own law firm in Santa Fe, NM, **Leger Law & Strategy, LLC**. In March she received Albuquerque Business First's Women of Influence Award in the Business Services category, a designation given to women across the State who have shown they are "experts in the art of transforming challenges into opportunities." **Edna Lopez** is the 2013-2014 President of the Northern New Mexico Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO). **Dr. Teresita E. Aguilar** is the new Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at New Mexico Highlands University. Formerly she directed the Center for Mexican American Studies and Research at Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio, Texas.

Members...cont'd

Dr. Carmen Samora
Director, Julian Samora
Legacy Project

Terrie Samora Sais
Retired Economist

Anna M. Sanchez
Development Director
CNM Foundation

Petra Sanchez, Retired
Public School Educator

Veronica T. Sanchez
Unit Administrator
UNM Extended Learning

Dr. Victoria Sanchez
Assistant Professor
UNM Dept. of Family &
Community Medicine

Maria Samora Sedillo
Retired, UNM

Antoinette Silva, Owner
Rose's Pottery House

Edwina "Diana" Sisneros
Lead, CDS

Sally Skinner

Angie Tussing
Educator

Theresa M. Varoz

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Masquerade Charity Ball...a fundraiser for the Scholarship & Mentorship Program

On October 26, 2013, the inaugural **Masquerade Charity Ball** was held to raise funds for the HWC Scholarship and Mentorship Program. The event was held at the Embassy Suites and featured a reception, dinner, dance (live music by Jerry Jaramillo & the Brown River Band), ABQ Nouveau Retablo™ silent auction, and a 50/50 raffle (winner splits winnings with HWC). A brief message from Senator Tom Udall was delivered by Bianca Ortiz-Wertheim. "La

marcha," an all-inclusive parade of guests showcasing spectacular costumes set the tone for the rest of the evening and a good time was had by all.

With the funds generated by the sponsorships, ticket sales, 50/50 raffle (winner donated his share to HWC), and the silent auction, over \$6,000 were raised for scholarships. This winning format will be repeated at a second annual Masquerade Charity Ball in October 2014.

Artists featured in the
ABQ Nouveau Retablo™
Silent Auction:

Arturo Olivas
Leila Flores-Dueñas
Lynn Garlick
Pamela Enriquez-Courts
Antoinette Sedillo Lopez
Perla Martinez
Dolores Aragon
Kenny Chavez
Filemon Ramos
V. Delon



Masquerade Ball Photos:
Top row: Francela Valdez &
Lorina Gifford. Group: L-R:
Lenore Armijo, Theresa
Cardenas, Vangie Samora,
Rosalee Montoya, Mary
Frances Santistevan, Elsie
Sanchez.

Lower left: Vi Florez & her
parents, Florence & Jose
Florez, celebrating their
67th wedding anniversary.

Right: Leila Flores-Duenas
& Carol Vigil



HWC Scholarship Program News



Many of the 2013 HWC Scholarship Recipients attended a Meet & Greet on September 27, 2013 hosted by the HWC Board of Directors and held in Vangie Samora's home. This is a networking event between students and HWC members.

Scholarship Committee gets the job done

The HWC Scholarship Committee members are: Dr. Leila Flores-Dueñas, Dr. Irene Vasquez, Rosalee Montoya, Carol Vigil, Marcela Sandoval, and Dr. Vi Florez. They do the work of soliciting applications, reading applications, and awarding scholarships to deserving students at the University of New Mexico (UNM) and Central New Mexico Commu-

nity College (CNM). In 2013, the Committee awarded 24 scholarships (see names below). The Committee also oversees the Mentorship Program, assuring that each student connects with a faculty member during the academic year. Another mentoring opportunity is the annual **Meet & Greet** sponsored by the HWC Board of Directors. It is an opportunity for the

students to network with the many accomplished women who make up the membership of HWC. The Meet & Greet held on September 27, 2013 was attended by over 70 people!

The HWC Scholarship Program was established in 2007. Since its inception, 127 scholarships have been awarded totaling \$48,500.

2013/2014 Scholarship Recipients

Julie Acosta—College of Pharmacy
Italia Aranda Gonzalez—Biology
Mabel Arellanes—School of Law
Merlyn Avila—Psychology
Monica Avila—School of Medicine
JoAna Barela—Environmental/Distributed Sciences
Amanda C de Baca—Elementary Education
Aurea Cardiel—Political Science
Analia Coca—Psychology
Alyssa Cruz—College of Pharmacy
Aurora Cruz—Elementary/Bilingual Education (MA)
Rebecca Florez—Business Administration

Jacquelyn Garcia—Speech & Hearing Sciences
Teresa Guevara—Language, Literacy & Sociocultural Studies (PhD)
Lisa Herrera—School of Medicine
Sandra E. Lara—History (PhD)
Victoria LeBlanc Vialpando—Political Science/English
Trisha V. Martinez—American Studies (MA)
Janina Muñoz—Spanish/Management
Carla Nieto—Business Administration
Maura Ronquillo—School of Medicine
Tania Ruiz-Maya—School of Medicine
Cecilia Velasco—Psychology/Family Studies
Lucretia R. Vigil—Biology/Psychology

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Become a member and receive:

- Newsletters
- Discounted or free admission to educational & social events
- Access to a network of dynamic women in business, political, corporate, educational, and community positions.

Plus, you will enjoy the support of "comadres" and have lots of fun! Use form below.

HWC 2014 Membership Form

Date: _____

____ Renewal ____ New Member

Membership Levels:

____ \$30 Student

____ \$40 Seniors (55+)

____ \$65 Individual

____ \$115 *Patrocinadora*

OR

____ \$90 Business/Professional
(includes 2 members)*

____ \$140 Corporate
(includes 3 members)*

*Please provide a separate form for each business or corporate member.

Please print:

Name _____

Title _____

Organization/Profession _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____

Cell _____

Email _____

Please print, complete and mail this form to HWC, P. O. Box 27271, Albuquerque, NM 87125. HWC membership begins in January and expires in December; however, membership dues are accepted throughout the year.