



Hispanic Women's Council

Summer 2017 Newsletter

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

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Un mensaje de la presidente

Dear HWC Members,

The year 2017 is proving to be another year of action and commitment, honoring who we are as an organization and as community members. During our annual Board retreat, held at the Flying Star Restaurant in February, we welcomed five new Board Members: Maria Gallegos, Maria Gutierrez (elected Vice-President), Kathryn Ramsey, Rosella Trujillo, and Therese Trujillo (they were profiled in our last newsletter). I am deeply appreciative of all Board members and the multiple talents and experiences they offer to strengthen our organization. In March, jumping right into their roles, Therese Trujillo and Maria Gutierrez hosted a post-play reception with the *Hembras de Pluma* (see page 2). In May, Committee Chair, Terry Trujillo, and her committee (Maria Gutierrez, Julia Archibeque-Guerra, Marcela Sandoval and Rosella Trujillo) organized the Mother-Daughter Event held at the Albuquerque Hotel in Old Town. Not only was the menu a hit, but the silent auction and participatory activities added to a lively afternoon (see Annual Mother-Daughter Event, page 3). We are now in full action mode as we prepare for our signature events:



1. On September 14 we will meet-and-greet our 2017-2018 scholarship recipients at the South Broadway Cultural Center! Committee Chair, Maria Gallegos, and her committee (Dr. Victoria Sanchez, Terry Trujillo, Maria Gutierrez, Marcela Sandoval) have planned a very special event to honor these remarkable women. The 26 scholars, selected by the Scholarship Committee in July, are among the 217 scholarships awarded since the Scholarship and Mentoring Program's inception in 2007. The HWC has awarded a total of \$93,600 to students at the University of New Mexico and Central New Mexico Community College!
2. The Masquerade Ball on October 21 (see page 9) is co-Chaired by new Board member, Kathryn Ramsey and Dr. Vi Florez. Raqui Martinez and Vangie Samora round out the committee. As you know, the Ball is our major fundraiser for the HWC Scholarship and Mentorship Program. I expect that this year's ball will help the HWC reach (and exceed) \$100,000 in total scholarship funds since the scholarship program began in 2007!

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I realize that we may think that we are past our “costume phase” in life—but believe me, the company, food, music and silent auction is a perfect way to spend a Saturday night in October! Even if you can’t attend the Ball, I am asking you to help us identify sponsors for this year’s event so we can continue to support and mentor Hispanic women, “moving them into professions and enabling them to become valuable leaders in our community.” The sponsorship levels range from \$250 to \$10,000. If you or your business would like to be a sponsor, please let me know and I’ll forward the information to the Masquerade Ball Planning Committee. Materials are also accessible on our website: www.nmhwc.com.



At 2016 Masquerade Ball: Monica Sanchez, Dr. Veronica Sanchez, Marcela Sandoval

3. Elsi Sanchez, Kathryn Ramsey and Rosella Trujillo will be planning the Annual Christmas party set for December 3, 2017—another *comadre* to *comadre*, intergenerational event! Please check the HWC website for information. We will be emailing information to the membership as we get closer to the event!

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to announce that our 30th anniversary is coming up in 2018! Vangie Samora and Raqui Martinez are co-Chairs of the planning committee. Stay tuned—it’s going to be BIG! In the meantime, please take note of the tag line contest related to the 20th anniversary (see page 8) and submit your entry by the deadline.

Dr. Victoria Sánchez

March *Mitote* Power Hour: *Las Hembras de Pluma*



The women of the *Hembras de Pluma* collective, L-R: Andrea J. Serrano, Michelle Otero, Oza-wa Bineshi Albert, Sylvia Sarmiento, Valli Marie Rivera, Maria Teresa Herrera, Michelle Estrada Allred, Monica T. Rodriguez

Hembras de Pluma is a collective of women artists who have come together to present personal stories of childhood, growing older, loss, love, grief and joy, told as monologues and short plays, and written and performed to honor their histories, their ancestors, their families, and themselves. On March 19, the HWC hosted a *Mitote* Power Hour at the National Hispanic Cultural Center where we enjoyed their performance of “Rise: An Offering” written by the performers and directed by HWC member Mónica Sánchez. After the play, we gathered in the upstairs atrium to meet and greet the cast members and learn about their creative process. Special thanks to Terry Trujillo and María Gutierrez who organized the event and provided the refreshments.



Mónica Sánchez, Director of the play “Rise: An Offering” (performed by *Hembras de Pluma*), is an HWC Scholarship Recipient pursuing an MFA in Dramatic Writing at the University of New Mexico. Here is an excerpt from her Director’s Program Note:

We began our “rehearsal” process simply as an offering, to each other and to ourselves. An offering of time (arguably our greatest and most endangered natural resource). An offering of our stories. We rethought our approach to the form and content of our perspectives, thoughts, and feelings about the current issues, personal and political, that affect and sometimes shape our lives.

We summoned and yielded to our intuitions and impulses. We conjured from our lineages, memories, and dreams. We foraged for the girl in the woman and the woman in the girl. We ceded to spontaneity and collaboration. We honored and reveled in the process. In other words, we shared and created as women. For all our mothers, daughters, sisters and resisters-in-arms.

—Mónica Sánchez

Annual Mother-Daughter Event, Sunday, May 7, 2017

This popular event drew over 60 attendees, many of them wearing festive hats. The event was held at Hotel Albuquerque in Old Town. Following an uplifting welcome from our President, Dr. Victoria Sanchez, Marcela Sandoval delivered a blessing written by Julia Archibeque-Guerra. After brunch, we were treated to a delightful reading by Monica Sanchez titled *Collective Poem by and for our Mothers and Daughters*. As guests arrived to the event, Monica posted herself at the entrance and posed the question “what advice did your mother give you as a child.” The responses collected created the group poem (read poem on page 6). Zoe and Micaela (see photo at right) sang their favorite songs, after which an interactive personal trivia bingo had the entire room a buzz. Topping off the event was a silent auction featuring some very original and popular items. Lovely background music was provided by guitarist Dan Martinez.



Special thanks to the Event Committee: Terry Trujillo, Maria Gutierrez, Julia Archibeque-Guerra, Marcela Sandoval and Rosella Trujillo. Thank you to our trusty Treasurer, Raqui Martinez, for managing the finances. And sincere thanks to all who donated to the silent auction.

The purpose of this event is to honor women who have loved and nurtured us. The following photos capture the many relationships that enrich our lives: mothers, daughters, grandmothers, sisters, aunts, cousins, nieces, best friends.



Sisters, Pat Padilla & Madeleine Jenkins



Yolanda Sutton and daughter Briana Sanchez



Gloria Chavez-Sampson and her granddaughter Savannah Sampson



Novella Herrera and her daughter Lisa Herrera
(HWC Scholarship Recipient)

*More photos from the
Mother-Daughter Brunch*



Anna Herrera and daughter Micaela Russo



Zoe Duarte, Vianey Miramontes-Duarte, Eloisa Miramontes



Monica Sanchez (HWC scholarship
recipient) and her mother Petra



Veronica Sanchez, Petra Sanchez, Dr. Shelle
Sanchez and Dr. Victoria Sanchez



Dr. Shelle Sanchez and her mother
Dr. Carlene VanEtten



Angela Flores



Sisters, Elsi Sanchez and Vangie Samora



Theresa Cardenas and her mother
Elizabeth Cardenas



Rosella Trujillo & Eva Gonzales



Kathryn Ramsey, her mother Dr. Vi Florez, and Mari Ochoa



Sisters, Lucia Lopez, Louella Rodriguez
and Doris Caimi



Terry Trujillo & Raqui Martinez



Beva Sanchez, Veronica Sanchez,
and Beva's father.



Edna Lopez and Samia Hindi



Dan Martinez



Rose Spader and Rosalie Romero



Rosa Martinez (standing, center) filled a table with family and friends. Her husband, Dan Martinez (second from right), provided background music.

Collective Poem by and for our Mothers and Daughters

compiled and delivered by Mónica Sánchez
at the May 7, 2017, Mother-Daughter Event

My mother used to say:
Remember to wear clean underwear,
in case you get into an accident.

My mother used to say:
God helps those who help them-
selves

My mother used to say:
When you're making fun of some-
one and you say "I'm just joking,"
you're really not, so don't!

My mother always says:
She loves me.

My mother says:
I have to take a bath every day

My mother always says:
Don't forget to brush your teeth

My mom always tells me a story
about piggys!

My mother used to say:
En el mundo no hay más.

My mother used to say:
Dígame con quién andas y te digo
quién eres.

My mother used to say:
A mi no me importa pito!

My mother used to say:
Swallow those tears!

My mother used to say:
Respect the water; it runs thru your
veins.

My mother used to say:
Don't get married!

My mother used to say:
Always use the bathroom when you
have the chance, even if you think
you don't need to!

My mother used to say:
The good lord willing and the creek
don't overflow! (in terms of placing
the unknown in faithful perspective)

My mother used to say:
The lord is my shepherd and I shall
not want...

My mother used to say:
Just go for it: do it!

My mother used to say:
We fell off the ugly tree and hit
every branch.

My mother used to say:
I spank you because I love you.

My mother used to say:
Why are you so angry?

I'll never forget the first time she
heard me say a curse word!

My mother used to say:
Save your money and always
remember your relatives.

I always tell my daughter that I
love her and I miss her.

My mother used to say:
Finish college, do something you
love and be independent.

*Mi abuela cuando no nos gusta-
ba la comida, decía, "come y
calla!" o también decía,
"Entonces comen truscos!"*

My mother used to say:
Good night, god bless you and
happy dreams.

My daughter changed it to:
Good night, god bless you and
happy drinks.

¡Gracias!

Thank you to the following for donating silent auction items:

- La Bella Spa & Salon
- AARP of Santa Fe
- Rosella Peña Trujillo
- Sue Schuyler
- Vangie Samora
- Balloons & Blooms
- Elsie Sánchez
- Kathryn Ramsey
- Hispanic Women's Council
- María J Gutierrez
- Eva Gonzales
- Gina & Therese Trujillo
- Samia Hindi
- Rose Spader
- Heritage Hotels & Resorts
- Marcela Sandoval
- Rita Chavez
- Rosalie Romero
- Dr. Victoria Sanchez

Hispanic Women's Council

invites you to

Meet & Greet our HWC Scholars



Thursday, September 14, 2017

6:00pm to 8:00pm

**South Broadway Cultural Center
1025 Broadway Blvd., SE, 87102**

Light refreshments will be served. Free event.

***Please RSVP by Sept. 7, to Dr. Terry Trujillo:
theresetrujillo@msn.com or call 379-5444***

HWC 2017/2018 Scholarship Recipients

Melissa Aleman, BA Sociology
Martha Becerra, BA Finance & International Mgmt.
Andrea Borunda, Ph.D. English
Jessica Castiblanco, MS Education
Solana Cummings, BA Journalism
Marissa Elias, MPH Public Health
Monique Gallegos, BS Biology
Rebecca Gonzales, MBA Management of
Technology
Natalie Hernandez, BS Biochemistry
Rachel Hernandez, BA Integrative Studies
Lisa Herrera, MD Doctor of Medicine
Melissa Martinez, MD Doctor of Medicine
Trisha Martinez, Ph.D. American Studies

Florencia Monge, Ph.D. Biomedical Engineering
Julia Monge, BA International Studies & Foreign
Languages
Julianne Montaña, BBA Business Marketing
Celina Ortiz, BA Elementary Education
Amanda Provencio, MD Doctor of Medicine
Kimberly Rogge-Obano, BS Chemical Engineering
Monica Sanchez, MFA Dramatic Writing
Arianda Saucedo, BA Psychology
Sughey Suprenant, BBA International Management
Diana Torres, JD Law/MBA
Irma Vazquez, BS Mechanical Engineering
Kassandra Vasquez, BA Criminology
Lucretia Vigil, MPH Public Health

The year 2018 will mark HWC's 30th anniversary!

Tag Line Contest

Yes, indeed. Next year we will mark 30 years of “promoting, supporting, and creating opportunities for Hispanic women.” The HWC board is already working on celebration plans, led by Vangie Samora and Raqui Martinez. At this juncture, we are posing a challenge to the current HWC membership to help us identify a tag line that will appear on all materials and campaigns related to the 30th anniversary. We started off with “Hispanic Women’s Council...celebrating 30 years in 2018.” We want more pizzazz and need your creative input. Please submit ideas for a catchy tag line for consideration. If your submission is selected, you will receive a free membership, at your current level, for the 2018 year! Send your ideas to Vangie Samora at vsamora7@gmail.com by October 31, 2017.

If you have a meaningful memory from your tenure with HWC, or a comment about what HWC has meant to you, please share them with us. We want the year of 2018 to be a time for reflection and celebration.

The Piñata Exhibit (Sure to be a Smash Hit!) at the NHCC



Bless Me Ultima Piñata

Be sure to catch this exhibit at the National Hispanic Cultural Center. The exhibit runs from June 23, 2017 to March 31, 2018 at the NHCC Museum.

The Piñata Exhibit (Sure to be a Smash Hit!) celebrates this popular art form with over 175 examples from Mexico, California, Arizona, Nevada, Texas and New Mexico. Traditional and iconic works, alongside creations by contemporary piñata artists, illustrate how piñatas maintain their historical and social importance while also reflecting transnational shifts in popular, political, and visual culture.

When you get to the Bless Me Ultima Piñata, be sure to read the sponsorship label: “Sponsored by the Hispanic Women’s Council...celebrating 30 years in 2018. Courtesy of Vangie Samora.”

We thought this would be an excellent way to begin announcing our upcoming 30th anniversary. Special thanks to Vangie Samora for sponsoring the piñata in HWC’s name.



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Masquerade Charity Ball

**To benefit the HWC Scholarship &
Mentorship Program**

Saturday, October 21, 2017

Albuquerque Country Club, 601 Laguna Blvd., SW

\$100 per person (\$1,000 for table of 10)*

6:00pm, Reception (hors d'oeuvres & cash bar)

7:00pm, Dinner

8:30-11:00pm, Dance to the music of Freddie Chavez

Silent Auction "La Marcha" (Parade of Costumes) 50/50 Raffle

Costumes are optional; a selection of masks will be available for purchase.

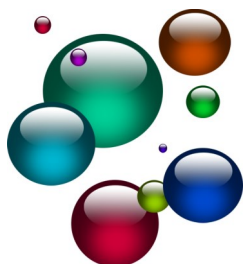
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***Tax-deductible portion is \$65 per ticket (\$650 for table of 10).**

Tickets can be purchased at our website: www.nmhwc.com

We Need Sponsors for the Masquerade Ball

The Masquerade Charity Ball is our major fundraiser for the HWC Scholarship and Mentorship Program. To date, we have awarded 217 scholarships totaling \$93,600 to students at the University of New Mexico and Central New Mexico Community College! Please help us identify sponsors for the 2017 event. The sponsorship levels range from \$250 to \$10,000. If you would like to be a sponsor, sponsorship materials are accessible at: www@nmhwc.com. If you know of a person or business that might be interested, contact Kathryn Ramsey at kathrynramsey26@gmail.com.



2017 HWC Membership

*Connie Aldaz-López, Tech. Mfg.
Manager, Intel Corp.*

*Clara Apodaca, Former First Lady
of New Mexico*

*Lillian Apodaca, Partner
Bingham, Hurst & Apodaca, PC*

*Julia Archibeque-Guerra
Sandia Labs Retiree/Educator*

*Dr. Marlene Ballejos
Assistant Dean for Admissions
UNM School of Medicine*

Valerie J. Borrego, CPA

Jane Braithwaite, Homemaker

*Elizabeth Cardenas
Retired Dance Teacher*

*Theresa Cardenas
Climate & Energy Consultant*

Philly Carrasco, Retired

Joan E. Castillo

Gloria Chavez-Sampson

*Dr. Viola E. Florez, Professor and
PNM Endowed Chair, College of
Education, UNM*

*Dr. Merrilee Foreman, Owner
Chiropractic Lifestyle Center*

*Eva Gonzales
Retired Customer Service Mgr.*

*Margaret Gonzales
UNM Graduate School*

*Dr. Melissa Gonzales
Associate Professor, UNM Dept.
of Internal Medicine*

Tanya Gonzales, Paralegal

Marisabela Hernandez

*Natalie Hernandez, Student
HWC Scholarship Recipient*

Samia Hindi, Educator

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

*Viola M. Johnston
Retired Accountant*

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

*Edna L. López, President & CEO
Compa Industries, Inc.*

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Rose López, Retired

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ning Consultant, FRENCH Funerals*

*Margarita Maestas
Retired College Educator*

*Monique Martinez
School Counselor*

*Linda López McAlister
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Camino Real Productions, LLC*

Stella Noriega, Retired

*Maricela (Mari) Ochoa, Outreach
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