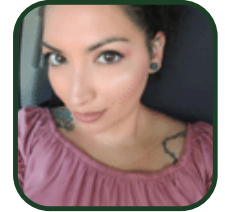




The Scoop!

THE PUERTO RICAN UNION OF MUTUAL AID

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



This is Halloween, this is Halloween, Pumpkins scream in the dead of night
This is Halloween, everybody make a scene, Trick or treat 'til the neighbors gonna die of fright, It's our town, everybody scream, In this town of Halloween

Happy October everyone

I am so glad to finally be in the midst of our first formal welcome back to P.R.U.M.A., our Halloween dance. Veronica Nunez has taken on this project and I can not wait to be tickled with joy and fright.

Veronica has put together a costume, so everyone come dressed to impress.

We are still looking for member donations to fix up the hall and to purchase items needed such as a printer for the office.

Mrs. P.R.U.M.A, Miss P.R.U.M.A. and Little Miss P.R.U.M.A? Would anyone like to see this event come back. Please let the board know of any past events that you may have enjoyed and would like to see come to light again.

With that being said we are striving to advance with progress.

Everyone please be safe and if you haven't heard from someone in a while call and check in on them. You never know what one is going through and what a difference a phone call can make.
Monique Gonzalez

WELCOME NEW BOARDMEMBER!

At our September meeting, Glenn Hernandez accepted a trustee position. Thank you Glenn, we look forward to hearing your ideas and feedback.

October is the month we start looking for people who are interested to Advance with Progress and join the board. If anyone is interested, please reach out.

Hispanic Heritage Month was celebrated here at PRUMA on Sunday, September 25, 2022, we invited our neighbors to join us for hot dogs, chips and drinks. A few people asked for applications. Thank you Cookie Valteau for the idea and spearheading the project.



Doris Melendez has had surgery and is home recuperating.

SYMPATHY

To: Laura Valdivia, Michelle, Alyssa and Andrew Escoto whose cousin Mildred (Midgie) Figueroa who was a member of PRUMA passed away. Carolyn Barahona and her children whose father, John Parnala Sr and her cousin, Marie Masquart passed away.

God bless you and comfort you.



INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- PG. 2- Upcoming Events, Thank You Notes, Birthdays & Anniversaries
- PG. 3 - In the Spotlight
- PG. 4 - Recipe of the month, Halloween in Puerto Rico
- PG. 5 - National Hispanic Heritage Month, Halloween and Anniversary Fliers

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY'S

Joseph Sayers	10/2
JoAnn Vegas	10/3
Jane Mendonca	10/4
Albert Riviera	10/5
Dianna Elisary	10/6
Doris Melendez	10/8
Monique Gonzales-Jaimes	10/11
Doris Madera	10/25
Rose Al'Borao	10/26
Maria Ramirez	10/27

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Tim & Pamela Caraballo 10/1/94
Happy Anniversary!!

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank You Glenn Hernandez, who donated an ice maker to PRUMA! We will put this machine to good use.

Thank You Al Jaimes for installing the ice maker and the time and efforts you have done to repair the hall. You've taken on a lot of projects and done a great job.

Glenn again did the 50/50 Raffle. The winner this month was Gina Sanchez. Congratulations Gina!!! Welcome to PRUMA!!!

Thank you everyone who brought food to share for the potluck!

Don't forget to send your pictures for the 85th Anniversary Slide Show. Spend an evening looking and reminiscing about the good times you and your family have had at PRUMA. DO NOT SEND THE ORIGINAL, NO PICTURES WILL BE RETURNED. If possible, please include the year the picture was taken.

MAIL TO: Puerto Rican Union of Mutual Aid, Attn: Yolanda Ramirez, P.O. Box 1540, Union City, CA 94587

UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE & POTLUCK

Sunday, October 16, 2022
Sunday, November 20, 2022
Sunday, December 18, 2022

1:00 pm at PRUMA Center

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Hurricane Fiona Relief: Sunday, October 9, 2022, Yoshi's Oakland, CA (See Flier)
- Halloween Dance: Saturday, October 29, 2022 (See Flier)
- 85th Anniversary/Night in Puerto Rico: Saturday, November 19, 2022 (See Flier)
- Holiday Boutique: Saturday, December 3, 2022* (More Info to Follow)
- New Years Eve Dance: Saturday, December 31, 2022 (More Info to Follow)

*This Boutique is a new project headed by JoAnn Carvalho. We are looking for vendors. If you are interested in helping with the boutique, please let us know.

AUGUST TREASURERS REPORT BY MICHELLE ESCOTO

Aug Income -	\$7,426.87
Aug Expenses -	\$2,098.50
Variance +	\$5,328.37

Account Balances:

Building Fund -	\$5,034.82
General Fund -	\$6,513.36
Scholarship Fund -	\$3,415.31
Brokerage Act. -	\$86,676.79
Account Totals -	\$101,640.28
Cash on Hand -	\$300.00
Grand total -	\$101,940.28

Follow PRUMA on:

SOCIAL MEDIA



_prumacenter



@PRUMA

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Ariana DeBose



Ariana DeBose will voice the role of Asha, a 17-year-old who sees darkness in her kingdom that no one else does. In a moment of desperation, she makes a passionate plea to the stars, and her prayers are answered when an actual star falls from the sky to aid her along her journey.

Film is set to debut November 2023



Ariana DeBose Makes History As The First Openly Queer Woman Of Color To Win An Acting Oscar

'There is indeed a place for us,' she said in her acceptance speech. March 28, 2022 by Marie Rossiter

Ariana DeBose made history at the 94th Annual Academy Awards on March 27 when she won the Oscar for Best Supporting Actress in "West Side Story."

DeBose, who portrayed Anita in the acclaimed remake of the popular musical, is the first openly queer woman of color to win an Academy Award for acting.

As she emotionally began her acceptance speech, DeBose referenced her character with gratitude and awe.

"Now you see why Anita says, 'I want to be in America,' because even in this weary world that we live in, dreams do come true," she said.



RECIPE OF THE MONTH PUMPKIN COQUITO

Former Miss and Little Miss PRUMA 2008



Amanda Pagan
daughter of
Tony and Janet
Pagan



Reiley Werder
granddaughter of
LeRoy and Nora
Rodrigues

RECIPE INGREDIENTS

Here's what you'll need to make this Pumpkin Coquito:

- Dark Rum
- Cinnamon Sticks
- Sweetened Condensed Milk: to create the creamy consistency!
- Coco Lopez: aka cream of coconut (this is not the same thing as coconut cream or coconut milk!)
- Coconut Milk
- Pumpkin Puree
- Evaporated Milk
- Spices: Ground Cinnamon, Nutmeg and Cloves
- Vanilla Extract
- Shredded Coconut: this is optional but offers additional flavor and a little added thickness to your coquito.

HOW TO MAKE PUMPKIN COQUITO

Mix: In a very large pitcher with a lid (or two large jars with lids – this will make about 70 oz of liquid) add rum and cinnamon sticks.

Soak: Let rum and cinnamon sticks sit for 1 hour or for a couple of days! This is an optional step, but really adds to the overall cinnamon flavor!

Puree: In a blender, puree all the other ingredients. Pour into the bottle and shake well to combine with rum and cinnamon sticks.

Refrigerate: Chill for at least 4 hours and store in an airtight container in the refrigerator for up to 2 weeks. (It never lasts that long at my house!)

Serve: You will need to shake vigorously before pouring.



HALLOWEEN IN PUERTO RICO

Immerse yourself in the culture of Puerto Rico by celebrating Halloween the local way: with the mask of the vejigante. You'll see these beak-shaped masks, called careta, with horns jutting out from them around the country any time of year. The vejigante are folkloric demons that can be traced back to medieval Spain and they've become integral symbols of Puerto Rican culture. If you dress as one during Halloween, be sure to pair your mask with a flowing cape in true vejigante style.



TICKETS ON SALE NOW!



PRUMA CENTER INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR A

HALLOWEEN DINNER & DANCE

SATURDAY OCTOBER 29th

\$25 PRE-SALE DINNER & DANCE
\$10 @ DOOR NO DINNER

Purchase tickets Online - Scan the QR Code or contact Yolanda Ramirez 510-816-0194 or email her at yolandamouse@gmail.com



PRUMA CENTER PRESENTS



A Night in Puerto Rico

85th Anniversary Celebration!



PRUMA Center
616 E Street,
Union City, CA



Saturday November 19th
- Doors open at 8:00pm
- Dance 9pm-1am

Tickets

Advanced tickets - \$25
At the Door - \$30
Food will be available!



Scan to purchase your tickets today or contact Yolanda Ramirez at 510-816-0194 or email her at yolandamouse@gmail.com!

TICKETS ON NOW!

NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

September 15 to October 15

Hispanic Heritage Month has been a big celebration in the U.S. for more than 40 years. Americans across the country celebrate this month with pride and joy, while commemorating the importance of diversity. Here are five things to know about Hispanic Heritage Month, its history and why we celebrate it in the middle of September.

What is Hispanic Heritage Month?

It's a national celebration to honor the history, culture and influence of past generations who came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America. The observance started in 1968 under President Lyndon Johnson's administration as a one-week celebration called Hispanic Heritage Week. Years later, President Ronald Reagan proposed extending this celebration into a month-long event. It was enacted into law on Aug. 17, 1988, officially designating the 30-day period starting on Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 as National Hispanic Heritage Month.

Why Does Hispanic Heritage Month begin on Sept. 15?

Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. The celebration starts mid-month because Sept. 15 marks the independence anniversary of five countries: Costa Rica, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala. It is followed by Mexico's Independence Day on Sept. 16 and Chile's on Sept. 18. Another important date that falls within this 30-day period is Día de la Raza, or Columbus Day, which is celebrated on Oct. 12.

What does Hispanic mean?

While many people use Latino(a) and Hispanic interchangeably these two words mean different things. A Hispanic person is someone who comes from, or is a descendant of a Spanish-speaking country. Latino(a) is used when referring to someone who comes from Latin America, or is a descendant from any Latin American country. A person can be both Hispanic and Latino(a), but not all Latinos are Hispanic. Brazilians, for example, are Latinos, but their native language is not Spanish. Conversely, not all Hispanics are Latino(a). Spaniards are considered Hispanic, but not Latinos, since they are part of the European Union. Hispanic countries are: Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, Spain, Uruguay, and Venezuela. Latin American countries are: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, French Guiana, Guadeloupe, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Martinique, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, Saint Barthélemy, Saint Martin, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

How many Hispanics are there in the U.S.?

The Pew Research Center says the U.S. Hispanic population is the nation's second-fastest-growing ethnic group after Asians. The Hispanic population in the U.S. reached a record 62.1 million in 2020, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Hispanics account for 18.7% of the total U.S. population.

How to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month?

People use this celebration to show the importance of Hispanics in the U.S. by donating to Hispanic charities, eating food from any of the countries that are being celebrated, learning from their cultures and honoring influential Hispanics who have made an impact on society.

Puerto Ricans Unite for our people!

One Week Away! HURRICANE

Fiona Relief

**PRUMA IN CONJUNCTION
WITH WRPRC AND YOSHI'S**

Salsa Fundraiser

In order to help the devastation Hurricane Fiona left the people of Puerto Rico PRUMA along with WRPRC and the Salsa Orchestra Leaders of the Bay Area will collectively help promote Hurricane Fiona relief fund raiser at Yoshi's on 10/9/22 doors open at 6:30am

Event info-

PRUMA and WRPRC will have a table to accept donations to help the people of our beloved island. Doors Open at 6:30 PM. Show Time 7:00 PM go online and get your tickets today!

Music by -

Eric Rangel & Orchestra America with special guest Santana's, Karl Perrazo



CONTACT US

PRUMA - www.prumacenter.org
WRPRC - www.wrprc.org



Presents

510 Embarcadero West
Jack London Square
Oakland, CA 94607
PHONE: 510.238.9200
boxoffice@yoshis.com



We are so grateful and thankful to you, Yoshi's, Eric and his people for your willingness to help the devastated people of Puerto Rico by hosting this Hurricane Fiona Relief Fundraiser on October 9th at Yoshi's. On behalf of The Puerto Rican Union of Mutual Aid (PRUMA) and the Western Region Puerto Rican Council (WRPRC), we thank you.

As I mentioned we are setting up a special Hurricane Fiona Relief account through WRPRC who is a 501(c)(3) organization to have complete transparency and accountability for all funds raised. We have feet on the ground in Puerto Rico and are focusing on a few areas to provide help to the people of Puerto Rico. These areas are as follows:

We are so grateful to Yoshi's of Oakland, for their willingness to help the devastated people of Puerto Rico by hosting this Hurricane Fiona Relief Fundraiser. PRUMA working under the umbrella of WRPRC, are working together, using WRPRC's 501(c)(3) status to offer donors a tax right-off for their generous gifts.

We set up a special Hurricane Fiona Relief account through WRPRC to have complete transparency and accountability for all funds raised. We have feet on the ground in Puerto Rico and are focusing on a few areas to provide help to the people of Puerto Rico. These areas are as follows:

Firstly, we have a former Chair of WRPRC and member of PRUMA who has retired and is living in Puerto Rico, Johnny Saldivia. Johnny has agreed to help us distribute both monetary and physical donations to the people who need help the most. There are three cities near Johnny, Cabo Rojo, Mayaguez and Lajas that he will focus his time and efforts.

Secondly, there is a friend of the club whose daughter, Joanna Ruiz, a schoolteacher at Félix Garay Ortiz School, and knows the student and the needs of their families so we will be adopting them as well. Lastly, I've been in contact with Eurando Piñero Fire Chief for the Metro Emergency Response Team, Inc. Puerto Rico Volunteer Fire Department. They have saved the lives of 7 people during the initial hurricane and are self-reliant on donations to keep the fire department going.

So, as I mentioned we are raising monetary donations for these three worthy causes within Puerto Rico but in addition we are setting up an Amazon wish list for generators, flashlights, water purification tables, diapers, formula etc. so people from the comfort of their devices can donate from a list of well needed items. These items will be delivered to Johnny, and he will make sure that the other two causes listed above are supplied. Please check out our website as this will be updated soon.

This event will go a long way to helping those people that lost everything and we are ready to help. You can donate as little or as much as you would like by just scanning the QR code in the middle of this page for your tax deduction donation. Thank you in advance for your generous gifts, - Tony Pagán

PRUMA in conjunction with WRPRC

Hurricane Fiona RELIEF

Working together to support the people of Puerto Rico!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!
The people of Puerto Rico are in desperate need of monetary and physical donations and anything you can contribute will help after the devastation of Fiona!

Make your check out to WRPRC NOTE for Fiona Relief for PR

Western Region Puerto Rican Council, Inc.
32216 Coronation Drive
Union City, CA 94587

CALL:
510 489-0513
www.prumacenter.org

MORE CONTACT INFO:
Scan this QR Code with your phone.

WE HAVE FEET ON THE GROUND WAITING FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS TO GET THEM INTO THE HANDS OF THOSE IN NEED.

Please come to our website and see how easily it is to donate money and get a tax deductible receipt or send a physical gift to help the people of Puerto Rico or scan the QR codes on this flyer. We are adopting Félix Garay Ortiz School and the towns of Cabo Rojo, Mayaguez and Lajas in Puerto Rico We need your generous gift. Thank you.



PRUMA

P.O. Box 1540

Union City, CA 94587

Tickets for the Halloween Dance and Night in Puerto Rico
will be available at our October meeting.
Please let Yolanda know how many tickets you would like.
yolandammouse@gmail.com
Home Phone: 510 471-1477
Cell Phone: 510 816-0194