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Valiente to host Hispanic Heritage events for DFW LGBT community

By Jesse Garcia
Valiente Secretary

For the time ever, the LGBT community will have a series of Latino cultural events during Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15-Oct. 15. The events targeted to the North Texas LGBT community are being hosted by Valiente. The events will focus on Hispanic art, culture, history and health. Several programs have been confirmed as of Aug. 7:

September Meeting with John Loza

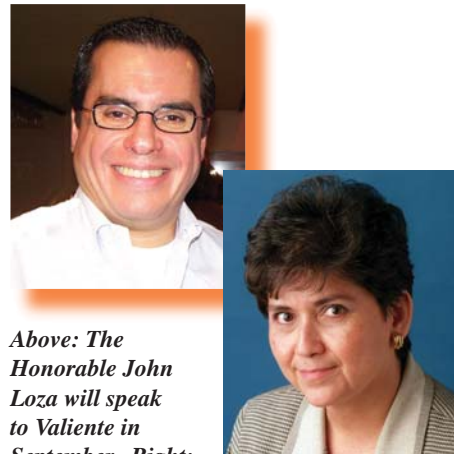
On Sept. 21, Valiente will welcome The Honorable John Loza to speak at its general meeting at 6:30 p.m., at Havana's, located on 4006 Cedar Springs Rd., Dallas, TX 75219. Loza is the first Gay Latino elected to Dallas City Council. He was instrumental in passing the nondiscrimination ordinance which protects LGBT residents from unfair housing and hiring practices in the city, plus extends same-sex partner benefits to city employees.

Poetry Slam featuring Latino Work

LGBT Latinos will read their work, or the work of Latino poets, at a Poetry Slam being held at Sueños Sabrosos, located on 408 N. Bishop Avenue, Ste. 105, Dallas, TX 75208. The event takes place Saturday, Sept. 30, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Those who are interested in participating should contact Project Coordinator, Valiente President Fernando Sanchez at fsanchez@aidsarms.org. Readers should provide the poem's name, information about the author, and a short biography of themselves. Please contact Sanchez by Sept. 15.

Noche Bohemia

"Noche Bohemia" will take place Sunday, Oct. 8, from 4 to 7 p.m., at Sueños Sabrosos also. Latino artists who want to participate should contact Project Coordinator Jesse Garcia, by e-mail at Jgarcia71@aol.com, or by phone 214.500.7066 no later than Sept. 15. Valiente requires artists to submit a digital image to the aforementioned e-mail, along with a description of the work by this date. Artwork being accepted are paint-



Above: The Honorable John Loza will speak to Valiente in September. Right: Mercedes Olivera of The Dallas Morning News will speak at the October meeting.

ings, drawings, sculptures and photography. On Sept. 22, the committee will decide the entries to be showcased.

October Meeting with Mercedes Olivera

The featured speaker for Valiente's October Meeting is Latina Dallas Columnist Mercedes Olivera.

"I'm always more than happy to speak before Dallas groups about the history and changing nature of the Latino community in North Texas and its growth, and my role here at The Dallas Morning News in chronicling this evolution," said Olivera. The meeting takes place Thursday, Oct. 19, at 6:30 p.m., at Havana's.

Other Events Planned

There will be a "Diez Y Seis" Kick Off Party on Saturday, Sept. 16 (details are coming soon). Plans are underway for a Gay Latino Film to be showcased at a local theater during September 20-24. Valiente will coordinate an HIV-testing location during National Latino AIDS Awareness Day on Oct. 15 (details to come soon). And, Valiente will be participating in LifeWalk on Sunday, Oct. 1 and the Alan Ross Freedom Parade on Sept. 17.

Members who want to volunteer for these events can contact the Valiente president at fsanchez@aidsarms.org. ▽

'Dream' girls raising serious cash for four DFW agencies

By Jesse Garcia
Valiente Secretary

The "Impersonating for a Dream" drag competition kicked off on July 28 with a great show and worthy competitors.

The event, sponsored by Valiente, is an "American Idol"-type competition featuring local female impersonators who will be donating their tips to AIDS Arms LifeWalk, AIDS Outreach Center of Fort Worth, GEAR Transgender Support Group and Greater Dallas Council of Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

There will be two more shows before the winner is announced.

The next shows are on the following Fridays: Aug. 11 and 18. The contests start at 9 p.m. at Havana's, located on 4006 Cedar Springs Rd, Dallas, TX 75219. Currently, Ivana Tramp, who is representing LifeWalk, is in the lead.

For more information about the competition, contact Valiente Membership and Fundraising Co-chair Jerry Martinez

at jerrymartinez06@comcast.net. ▽



*Clockwise from the top:
Layla O'Hare, Niki
Lauren, Mimi Casa-
nova, and Ivana Tramp
with Valiente President
Fernando Sanchez.*



Dallas Public Library announces Gay and Lesbian program series

By Jesse Garcia
Valiente Secretary

The Dallas Public Library has announced its Gay and Lesbian Program series, running from September 2006 to April 2007. Special thanks to Valiente member Leonardo Melo, who is a city librarian, for making this information available to the membership.

• GLAAD Media Workshop, Saturday, Sept. 16, at 2 p.m. Oak Lawn Branch Library, 4100 Cedar Springs Rd., Dallas,

TX 75219.

• Immigration Equality Info Session, Saturday, Oct. 14, 1:30 p.m. J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young St., Dallas, TX 75201.

• Rafael Campo, Lambda Literary Award-winning author, Saturday, Nov. 15, 2 p.m. Oak Lawn Branch Library.

• "Out at the Library" exhibit, February 5-April 1. Oak Lawn Branch will host a traveling exhibit from the archives of the James C. Hormel Gay and Lesbian Center at the San Francisco Library. ▽

News Briefs



Carlos Macias of GLAAD returns to Dallas to facilitate the second portion of bilingual media training.

Bilingual GLAAD media training:

Valiente invites everyone to participate in the GLAAD (Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation) bilingual media training Thursday, Aug. 10, from 6 to 9 p.m., at the Latino Cultural Center, 2600 Live Oak, Dallas, TX 75204. The training will be presented by Carlos Macias, GLAAD's People of Color Media Manager. Seating is limited, R.S.V.P. at (214) 893-5458 or e-mail gaefren@yahoo.com.

Gay LULAC meets Aug. 22:

Valiente members are invited to Gay LULAC's general meeting being held Tuesday, Aug. 22, 6:30 p.m. at the LULAC Housing Commission Headquarters, 6500 Greenville Ave. #515, Dallas, TX 75206.

'Salsa Cocktails' sponsored by HRC:

Valiente members are invited to "Salsa Cocktails" being sponsored by the Human Rights Campaign on Wednesday, Aug. 23, from 6 to 9 p.m., at Ciudad Restaurant, located at 3888 Oak Lawn Ave. Suite 135, Dallas, TX 75219.

Parade volunteers needed for entry:

Valiente will participate in the 23rd Annual Alan Ross Freedom Parade. Volunteers are needed to decorate the Valiente entry. The parade takes place on Sunday, Sept. 17, starting at 2 p.m. Volunteers are also needed to staff the booth at Lee Park. To volunteer, contact Valiente Membership and Fundraising Chair Cesar Reyna at reyna_cesar@yahoo.com. ▽

Mundo Latino

Mexican American Culture comes into focus at Brookhaven College:

Beginning this fall, Brookhaven College will offer an associate degree in Mexican-American Studies. An increasing interest in the history and culture of Mexico led to the college adding a course "Mexico: A Cultural Perspective" a few years ago. The addition of the field of study degree will allow those who want to learn more about the historical, social, religious, artistic and linguistic traditions of Mexico an even greater opportunity. To learn more visit www.Brookhaven-College.edu.

LGBT-friendly Latino Legislator urged to run for Dallas Mayor:

Momentum is building for State Representative Rafael Anchia to run for Dallas Mayor. Anchia, who represents District 103 (parts of West Dallas and Irving), has been a longtime advocate of the LGBT community. He co-sponsored the "Dignity for All Students" act which aims to protect LGBT student in Texas schools from bullying. Former Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk has already pledged his support. Anchia is a second-generation American. His father is originally from Spain and his mother is originally from Mexico.

Fidel Castro survives operation:

For two days, generations of Cubans in Florida were cheering the pending death of 79-year-old Cuban President Fidel Castro. Castro went into surgery on July 31 to correct an intestinal problem. A statement released the following day, from Castro himself, quoted him as saying he was "stable" and "as for my spirits, I perfectly fine." Castro, though, has not been seen in public. He has ruled Cuba for 47 years.

Telenovela sensation crosses over to ABC Fall lineup this season:

"Betty La Fea" was a sensation when it came out of Columbia years ago. It was remade for Mexican audiences this past year. Now American households will see "Ugly Betty" on Friday evenings, featuring America Ferrera. Ferrera, who starred in "Real Women Have Curves," will play the lead in the English version of the series being produced by actress Salma Hayek. ▽

10 Questions

with
Rosa Lopez

Before Valiente, there was Rosa Lopez. During the 1990s, the Dallas Latina brought together a group of women and formed an organization that fostered the social and civic development of Latinas who were Lesbian.

This month, she will continue her civic involvement by allowing Valiente to host one its Hispanic Heritage events at her place of business, a cute little Ice Cream Parlor Shop in the heart of the Bishop Arts District.

Lopez is also the director of a non-profit in West Dallas, Vecinos Unidos, that builds affordable housing for low-income Latino families.

Boletín: You help found Lesbianas Latinas. When did the group form and why did you start the group?

Rosa Lopez: "Lesbianas Latinas De Dallas (LLDD) was started in the Fall of 1992. It was created by several women who wanted to advocate for the emotional, social, political and educational advancement of Lesbianas Latinas in the Dallas area."

Boletín: What are some of the struggles you saw back then for LGBT Latinos in North Texas?

RL: "The struggles are the same: language, cultural and emotional. Continuing to encourage and support the building of our leadership in the Latino community."

Boletín: What advice do you have for Valiente to keep our group alive?

RL: "Validate and celebrate each step in overcoming obstacles; embrace each member and the strengths they contribute."

Boletín: The Bishop Arts District is slowly become an LGBT hot spot. Why do you think the neighborhood is appealing to the LGBT community?

RL: "I think we look at the diversity of the Bishop Arts District, straight, gay, transgender, people of color, etc.; the small-town appeal, where everyone is not only recognized but welcomed."



Boletín: Where are you originally from?

RL: "Moline, Illinois."

Boletín: Where did you attend school?

RL: "In Illinois and New York."

Boletín: Where is your business located and what are your hours?

RL: "Sueños Sabrosos is opened Tuesday through Friday, from 5 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, 1 to 10 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 to 6 p.m.; and closed on Mondays. My old-fashioned ice cream parlor is located at 408 N. Bishop Avenue, Suite 105, Dallas, TX 75208."

Boletín: How long have you been in business with your shop?

RL: "I'm in my ninth year."

Boletín: What types of ice cream do you sell?

RL: "Blue Bell, a Texas home-made ice cream. I sell 16 flavors from true vanilla to chocolate, fruit based like strawberry, and nut flavor like Butter Pecan; I also have two Sherbets, one Yogurt flavor and one sugar substitute flavor."

Boletín: When are your Valiente/Hispanic Heritage Events?

RL: "The Poetry Slam takes place on Saturday, Sept. 30, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The Noche Bohemia event takes place Sunday, Oct. 8, from 4 to 7 p.m. It is open to the public." ▽

Valiente, LULAC raise \$1,600 for local school

By Natalie Lopez
Contributing Writer

Valiente and LULAC Council #4844 hosted a fundraiser benefiting William Lipscomb Elementary School on July 21.

The event was designed to raise funds to purchase uniforms and school supplies needed throughout the 2006-2007 school year for pre-kindergarten through third grade students.

The event was held at Monica's Aca y Aya restaurant. Monica Green, the owner of the Deep Ellum establishment, provided complimentary appetizers.

Along with donations at the door, funds were also raised from a raffle that night. Ruffled items were donated by local Dallas businesses.

Because of generous people from the community, Valiente and LULAC Council #4844 were able to provide the school



Left to right: Valiente President Fernando Sanchez, Lipscomb Elementary Principal Yolanda Gonzales, and National Trainer and Outreach Coordinator for the LULAC Housing Commission Oscar Gutierrez.

with money and school supplies totaling \$1,600.

A check was presented to Yolanda Gonzales, principal of Lipscomb Elementary, at the end of the night.

Lipscomb Elementary has been ranked as an "exemplary" school for the past two years.

The school, officially opening in 1921,

has served as not only an educational center, but also a social one as well for the Swiss Avenue, Munger Place, and Junius Heights neighborhoods.

Valiente and LULAC would like to thank all those who helped organize this event and those who attended or contributed. Thank you for helping to make this fundraiser a success! ♡



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Valiente General Meeting
Thursday, August 17, 6:30 p.m.
Havana's on 4006 Cedar Springs Rd.
Featured guest:
The Mega Vote Initiative