Mensaje de la Presidenta

¡Saludos mujeres! Es con gran orgullo y orgullo que me sirve como tu nueva presidenta 2006 del Consejo Hispánico de Mujeres de Nuevo México. En los años pasados, el HWC ha trabajado para satisfacer las necesidades de su ambiciosa membresía y ahora está comenzando a colaborar con otros enlaces nacionales de Latinas. Este progreso en nuestra organización no es en absoluto un azar, sino un resultado de la generosa legado que sus integrantes y líderes han establecido que continuará creciendo en los años venideros. Estoy ansiosa por liderar el HWC en lograr nuestros propios objetivos de apoyarnos uno a otro, aprendiendo de nuestros colegas y hermanas, y pasando un tiempo juntos. Será un año fabuloso!

Así como han escuchado en el último encuentro anual pasada enero, he establecido varias comisiones HWC para reunir a un mayor número de mujeres para tomar decisiones sobre eventos que quieran patrocinar o apoyar. Las comisiones que he iniciado son las siguientes (más información en este boletín):

a) Premios – responsable por HWC y comunidades de premios;

b) Educándonos – responsable por Comadre Power Hour Workshops para educarnos a nosotros mismos

c) Nuestras Raíces: History & Literary Arts Strand – responsable por mantener registros históricos y completar el segundo libro HWC Mujeres Valerosas;

d) Nuestras Raíces: Performing & Visual Arts – responsable por proporcionar entretenimiento para los eventos HWC y planificar eventos artísticos;

e) Las Comerciantes – responsable por proporcionar HWC con oportunidades de desarrollo profesional a través de proyectos locales y conferencias nacionales.

Hasta ahora, hemos empalmado el año 2006 con la bien asistida reunión anual que ayudó a recordar quiénes somos como una organización y a encontrarnos con miembros mágicos y nuevas. Este mes nos trabajamos también con el National Hispanic Cultural Center's Women in Creativity Series con una especial "Brindis" para pagar tributo a las mujeres que ofrecieron sus historias a HWC’s nuevo libro, Mujeres Valerosas. Estamos en un buen camino. Por favor, mantenganse atentos a los eventos que le harán tirar sus calcetines y motivarla a ser la magnífica mujer que eres!

Con mucho cariño,

Leila Flores-Dueñas
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Upcoming Spring Events:

Saturday, April 15: End of Life Issues: Advanced Directives/Writing a Living Will Workshop con Attorney Tom Briones, 2-4 p.m. UNM Science & Technology Park 801 University Blvd. SE, RSVP: Jean Salas Reed 899-4161;

Sunday, April 30: Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, HWC miembros caminan. Más información, formas y RSVP: Carol Vigil 269-0078;

Sunday, May 7: Mother-Daughter Brunch, Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town, RSVP: Veronica Sanchez 242-9203

Friday, May 12: Latina Style Business Series Conference, 8 AM -3 PM, Hyatt Regency 330 Tijeras Ave. NW, RSVP: María Elena Alvarez Luk 880-0470.
The 2006 HWC Annual meeting was a resounding success as 100+ members, guests and family filled the Salon Ortega at the National Hispanic Cultural Center on February 11.

The HWC membership gathered to celebrate the year’s accomplishments and to recognize special members who give of their time and talent to ensure the success of HWC. It was also a time to elect new board members and welcome the incoming 2006 President. Board members who completed terms—Rosa Maria Calles, Patricia L. Chavez, Edna Lopez, Susan Lopez, Joan Ludeke Rosa Maria Calles, Josephine Martinez and Georgia Montoya—were recognized for their service on the Board. The Board presented outgoing President Rosalee Montoya-Read with a beautiful piece of artwork by local artist Rosa Maria Calles for her leadership on the Board (see photo this page).

Attorney Tom Briones was presented with the 2005 President’s Award for his dedication and commitment to HWC. Mr. Briones has provided legal expertise and guidance for the past ten years “pro bono” to HWC. Explaining his reasons for his dedication to HWC, he recalled his mother’s struggles to advance herself during his childhood. His comments were both moving and inspiring, which led the audience to a standing ovation.

The recipient of the 2005 “Estrella Brillante,” was also announced. Valerie Borrego was selected to receive this honored award that was established to recognize members for extraordinary and outstanding service to the HWC. Valerie has served on the Finance Committee and has donated her CPA expertise and services to HWC for more than 10 years.

Maria Elena Alvarez Luk, Vice-President then presented the nominations for the 2006 board of directors. She gave a brief description of each nominee and opened the floor for voting. The membership voted unanimously to elect Ana Baca, Judith Cordova, Judith Espinosa, Monica Rodriguez, Veronica Sanchez and Carol Vigil who was asked to serve an additional term to the board.

Next, Rosalee introduced incoming President Leila Flores-Dueñas who gave an overview of her goals and objectives for 2006. Her plans were well-received and several members signed up to serve on HWC’s newly created committee (see Mensaje, pg. 1). The meeting concluded with entertainment by New Mexico’s living legend, Antonia Apodaca on her accordion. She delighted everyone with her own rendition of “Frijolitos Pintos” and polkas which members enjoyed so much that several were dancing in the aisles!
New Board Members: Ana Baca, Judy Cordova, Judith Espinosa, Monica Rodriguez and Veronica Sanchez

Ana Baca is a native of Albuquerque and is part of the Baca family of Bueno Foods. She holds a bachelor’s degree from Stanford University, a master’s degree from UNM and is Communications Manager of Bueno Foods. A published author, her third picture book Pia’s Sopaipillas and her first novel, Mama Fela’s Girls are forthcoming this fall. Judith M. Espinosa is Director of UNM’s ATR Institute and known nationally for her advocacy and public policy work in transportation and the environment and has been appointed to two NM Cabinet positions: Secretary of Environment (1991) and Secretary of Transportation (1983). She is a founding member of HWC and has served as a past-President and is a Las Primeras Award recipient. Judith is the proud mother of one daughter, a UNM graduate student in Art History/Archaeology. Monica Rodriguez was born in Espanola, NM. She is the Director of the Compliance Division, Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court. Monica, an UNM Honors graduate, holds a BS in Biology. She has been a member of HWC since 2004. Monica enjoys acting and has worked with Teatro de Taos, La Compania, Northern NM Video and Matraka, Inc. She enjoys “La Politica” and spending time with her 14-year-old son, Michael. Judy Cordova retired from the Department of the Interior, National Park Service after 30 years. She enjoys retirement, volunteer work in the community and “dog rescuing, especially Chihuahuas.” Judy is currently a field representative for the Patricia Madrid Congressional campaign. Native New Mexican Verónica Sánchez-Tovar has worked in both the public and private sectors, including positions in Barcelona, Spain with Hallmark and a major fashion promotion agency. Verónica holds a BA in business and works at UNM’s Extended University. She has taught Mexican Ballet Folklorico, stage managed bilingual theater productions, and has written grants for the arts.
On March 10, the Hispanic Women’s Council hosted a Brindis at the National Hispanic Cultural Center (NHCC) to honor women featured in our new book, *Mujeres Valerosas*. This event was part of the “Women in Creativity” Series sponsored by the NHCC.

Over 100 guests, including women who traveled from other states, gathered to hear from the book editors, Vangie Samora, Raquel Martinez and Theresa Cardenas who spoke about the process of planning, writing, producing and fundraising for the book. Donors, project advisors, editors and designers were recognized for their contributions. A highlight of the program was the inaugural viewing of a video presentation produced by Theresa Cardenas. The video begins with local artist Simone Debbas working in her studio on what would become the artwork for the cover of the book. This was followed by clips from interviews of three women who will be featured in the book: Lenore Armijo, Carmen Chavez and Mari-Luci Jaramillo. Their poignant messages were uplifting and clearly touched the audience in a personal way. Next, the images of every woman featured in the book appeared on the big screen, accompanied by the beautiful voices of Carol Vigil and Leila Flores-Dueñas who sang their version of the song “Mujeres Valientes” by Miguel Barragán. The final image of the video was the finished painting of the book cover (see photo above).

To all who were present, the viewing of this video solidified the importance of this book. This “magical” evening concluded with dessert and a brindis (toast) given by HWC president, Leila Flores-Dueñas. Other “brindis” were given by Veronica Sanchez and Teresa Leger de Fernandez. The original painting of the book cover was on display and the artist, Simone Debbas, was present to discuss the painting. This first event was a lead-up to the book premiere, a public event to be hosted by HWC later in the year.

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**Mujeres Valerosas Donation Form**

Join a growing number of donors who are supporting the production and distribution of the book. Based on the giving level, a set number of books will be donated to public libraries across the state “in your name.” Donations received by April 30, 2006 will be recognized in the book. All donors will be recognized at a public book premiere event.

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Influence Recognition Breakfast on March 24. Sponsors including HWC.

National Hispanic Cultural Foundation; Clara Apodaca, NHCC “4th Life Series — Center. Hosting of programs during the “Women and Creativity” week at the National Hispanic Cultural Center, Griffith Park, Museum of the American West, Los Angeles, CA on April 28, 2006. Songs of the Southwest with Don Edwards, renowned cowboy musician, at the Autry National Center, 7:00 pm. More info. Call 899-2732 or email Rosa Maria Calles at rosa@matrakainc.com.

Comadre Power Hour will host a public event to premier HWC’s second book Nuestras Raíces: Las Comerciantes, headed by Maria Elena Alvarez Luk and Shelle Luaces who participated in the planning/hosting of programs during the “Women and Creativity” week at the National Hispanic Cultural Center. Carol Vigil and Leila Flores-Dueñas have been invited to perform corridos and songs of the southwest with Don Edwards, renowned cowboy musician, at the Autry National Center, Griffith Park, Museum of the American West, Los Angeles, CA on April 28, 2006.

Congratulations! Patricia L. Chavez & PLC Enterprises—recognized as the Regional 2006 New Mexico Home-Based Business Champion of the Year by the Small Business Administration (SBA). Kudos to Edna Lopez for hosting the 6th Annual Celebration of Excellent Women Reception at Compa, Inc. on March 9 which recognized organizational sponsors including HWC. Petra Maes was honored by Business Weekly at the Women of Influence Recognition Breakfast on March 24.

Committees en Acción ... Mark your calendars!

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Writing Nuestras Historias: June 10 (10 a.m.-2 p.m.) UNM Science & Technology Park, Rotunda, 801 University Blvd. SE, RSVP: Jean Salas Reed 899-4161 Cost: $20 HWC members $25 non-members.

Las Comerciantes, headed by Maria Elena Alvarez Luk, will lead the way by presenting our first national conference with Latina Style Magazine who solicited HWC’s partnership, Friday, May 12 (8 a.m.-3 pm). Hyatt Regency Hotel Albuquerque, Cost: $30. For more information, see insert in this newsletter.

Nuestras Raíces: History & Literary Arts Strand, headed by Vangie Samora, will host a public event to premier HWC’s second book Mujeres Valerosas in June.

HWC Board Events

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Mother-Daughter Brunch, Sunday, May 7 (11 am-2 pm) Hotel Albuquerque RSVP: Veronica Sanchez 242-9203. Invitations will be mailed in April.

Dr. Marlene Salas Provance, President/CEO and Jean Salas Reed, Exec. Vice President, Bilingual Advantage, Inc. conducted two workshops in Albuquerque & Las Cruces for the NM Dept. of Health to provide training in medical interpreting. Congratulations! Edna Lopez & COMPA Industries, Inc.—recognized March 31 as one of the Top 25 Women-Owned Business in New Mexico. Bravo! Edna Lopez is a participant in Leadership New Mexico 2006, too.

Carmen Samora spoke at the Rocky Mountain American Studies Annual conference on March 25 at UNM. The presentation was about her familia entitled “Three Mexican American Families: Art and Identity.” Maria Elena Alvarez Luk hosted an evening—part of the NHCC “4th Life Series — Clara Apodaca, former First Lady of New Mexico & director of the National Hispanic Cultural Foundation; Loretta Armenta, President of QWEST; Dorothy Baca, UNM professor with a history in film & television and Margo Gauster, who in retirement decided to become a minister. Matraka Inc. & Rosa Maria Calles are producing a play entitled: The Grey Eminence of Taos: Padre Don Antonio Jose Martinez on April 28 & 29 at UNM. The presentation was about her. Congratulations!

Carmen Samora, Director Samora Legacy Project

Vangie Samora, Consultant HWC Past President

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