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Un mensaje de la presidente

Queridas amigas,

It's an exciting time for HWC! In May, we held our traditional and intergenerational Mother-Daughter Brunch that was attended by many of our mothers, grandmothers, aunts, nieces, daughters and granddaughters. This special event connects us to the strength, wisdom and beauty of those women and young girls who continue to enrich our lives in many incredible ways. This brunch has been one of my favorite events since I joined HWC, and I will always remember and miss my mom, Viola Aragon Montoya, who passed away in 1998. I enjoy the many stories and laughter shared with HWC members and especially with Anna Ayala, whom I learned several years ago is my grandmother Refugio Anaya Aragon's goddaughter. I also treasure this time with my daughter, Marisa Trujillo, and my *madrina*, Ann Poole. This event is a reminder of how precious these occasions are for all of us.

On August 12, HWC will partner with the National Hispana Leadership Institute (NHLI) for the Latina Empowerment Conference and Luncheon. This is a unique and an exceptional opportunity for both HWC members and all women in our community and state. During the morning session, the prestigious Gallup organization will present a workshop titled "The Seven Demands of Leadership" and a distinguished panel of outstanding New Mexico women, many of whom are HWC members, will share their stories about how they managed the challenges and opportunities of career and family life. And, don't miss the luncheon featuring keynote speaker Patricia Barela Rivera. Thanks to State Farm Companies for their generous support, which allows us to offer the conference and luncheon for \$50 per person. This is truly an incredible workshop. More information is included as an insert in this newsletter.

Our second book, titled "*Mujeras Valerosas*," is proceeding nicely, and soon we will offer a beautiful silver HWC lapel pin designed by Michael that we can all proudly wear.

Plus, let's not forget the July 30 *Comadres* Hour in Santa Fe. Not only will we gather to browse Spanish Market, but one of our newest board members, Sandra Sanchez Purrington, will host *Comadres* Hour at her home. Please plan to join us for refreshments and camaraderie.

All of these activities support, nurture and encourage us as women and strengthen HWC as an organization. I invite you to participate in all of these activities and to make the most of your HWC membership.

Con todo respecto,
Rosalee Montoya-Read



Calendar of Events: July 30: Spanish Market in Santa Fe and HWC *Comadres* Hour 4:30 p.m., Sandra Sanchez Purrington's home; **August 12:** Latina Empowerment Conference, in partnership with the National Hispana Leadership Institute, Embassy Suites, Albuquerque, more information inside this newsletter; **September 3-5:** HWC Booth, NM Wine Festival; **September 8-25:** HWC Booth, NM State Fair; **September 8:** HWC Booth at Celebration of Excellent Women.

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Mother-Daughter Brunch a Resounding Success

More than 140 HWC members and guests gathered on Sunday, May 1 at the annual Mother-Daughter Brunch to honor women who enrich our lives. Thanks to Susan Lopez, who coordinated the event for the third year and also made the individual fiesta flower cookies at each place setting. HWC also wishes to acknowledge Bernadette Rodriguez and Steps Dance Academy for the beautiful and inspiring dance performances; Maryanne Garcia and Valley Garden Florist for the flower arrangements that graced each table; Theresa Cardenas, who coordinated the silent auction; and Carol Vigil and Leila Flores-Duenas, who generously sponsored the mariachi music by "El Trio." A special thanks to everyone who contributed items for the silent auction and door prizes.

Many members shared their thoughts about how a mother, granddaughters or sisters, etc., enriched their lives. A few are shared with you.



Top left: Maria Elena Alvarez and Simone Debbas; top right: Linda Castaneda and daughter Andrea; bottom left: Shannon Dawn and mother Melita Ortega; bottom right: Cathy Torres-Cathey with her sister Dianna Torres-Velazquez and Raquel Velasquez.



"What I remember most about my first granddaughter, Monique, is that I was diagnosed with breast cancer in September, had one surgery in October, and the other in November. Chemotherapy started in December. Monique was born in January. It was my treat to myself to go see her everyday. She was so beautiful, I knew I had to be well to see her grow up. She is now eight!"—
Marcela Sandoval



More Brunch Photos...



"I have three remarkable sisters: Elise, Maria and Terrie. They have been my teachers, my protectors, my role models. I draw strength from them and revel in the warmth of their unconditional love. My own happiness and success are a direct result of their presence in my life. I take this opportunity to thank them and tell them how much I admire their beauty, grace and smarts."—Vangie Samora



Top left: Juanita Garcia, Guillermina Englebrect and Maclovia Zamora; middle left: Issica Candelaria-Kerkmans, HWC President Rosalee Montoya-Read and her daughter Marisa Trujillo; bottom left: Vangie Samora and her sisters, Maria Sedillo and Elsie Sanchez; top right: Margaret Perea Martinez and granddaughter Olivia Garcia; 2nd right: Rosina Anaya and her mother Lupe Anaya from Taos; 3rd right: Shannon Jacques Raimondie with her mother, Barbara Jacques and grandmother Ophelia Chavez; 4th right: Shannon Porch brought her daughter Madison and her mother, Margarete Tanuz; bottom right: Omri de Aragon, granddaughter of Rosa Marie Calles, and one of the dancers who entertained at the brunch.

"My granddaughter Olivia allows me to see the beauty of the world through her eyes...she does that and more."
Margaret Perea Martinez



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State Farm Sponsors HWC Luncheon at NHLI Conference

State Farm Insurance Companies have donated \$5,000 to the New Mexico Hispanic Women's Council to sponsor a luncheon immediately following the National Hispana Leadership Institute's (NHLI) Latina Empowerment Conference. Scheduled for Friday, Aug. 12 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Albuquerque, the luncheon will feature Patricia Barela-Rivera, district director for the Small Business Administration in Colorado. The NHLI conference will be from 8 a.m.-12:15 p.m. with the HWC luncheon immediately following from 12:15-2:30 p.m. Cost of the workshop luncheon with keynote speaker is \$50 (\$25 paid directly to NHLI and \$25 paid directly to HWC). For more information, please see the insert included in this newsletter.

Currently, 12 New Mexico women are graduates of the National Hispana Leadership Institute (NHLI), including two HWC board members, President Rosalee Montoya-Read and Patricia Chavez. The 12 New Mexico NHLI alumnae are Susan Pauline Anaya, Margaret Aragon de Chavez, Shirley Baca, Patricia Chavez, Frances Gandara, Loyda Martinez, Rosa Montano, Rosalee Montoya-Read, Pauline Nunez, Deborah Marie Romero, S.J. Sanchez and Frances Varela.

Established in 1987, the goal of NHLI is to "develop Hispanas as world leaders through training, professional development, relationship building, community and world activism and to ensure that Hispanic women develop their personal and professional potential to serve as leaders in their communities, move into greater leadership roles and advocate for positive changes in the community."

The NHLI's four-week program spans nine months and is implemented in four different sites. It provides training in management, leadership styles, decision-making, goal setting, national issues and public policy. Scholarship opportunities are available; visit the NHLI web site at <http://www.nhli.org> for more information.

Title Chosen for Second HWC Book

The HWC's second book will be titled "*Mujeras Valerosas*." The word "*valerosas*" emerged when the Book Project Committee asked several members to submit names that captured the essence of the book. In the Spanish language dictionary, "*valerosas*" is described as "*eficaz, que puede mucho*." In the Spanish-English dictionary, the word means "valiant, courageous, brave, powerful, strong, active, heroic, and gallant," which perfectly describes the women in the book.

To identify the new book with HWC, the full title will be "*Mujeras Valerosas...meet extraordinary women of the New Mexico Hispanic Women's Council*."

Thanks to Mela Leger, Rosalee Montoya-Read, Leila Flores-Duenas, Melita Ortega, Edna Lopez, Rowena Rivera, Elsie Sanchez and Guillermina Englebrecht for their ideas and input.

Festival Highlights Rag Rug Artisans

Events that highlight the talent of the state's fiber artists are scheduled for July 12-14 in Santa Fe. "Handmade: A Rag Rug Showcase Production" will be at the Center for Museum Resources, 1122 Old Santa Fe Trail. The event begins with a preview reception and sale from 4-7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 12. Cost is \$50 per person. For reservations, call (505) 983-6155.

From 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 13-14, there will be demonstrations and dialogue with some of New Mexico's finest artisans. Sponsored by the New Mexico Women's Foundation and ART Santa Fe, admission and parking are free on Saturday and Sunday.

Join Your *Comadres* in the City Different

Please mark your calendar and plan to join HWC members at Spanish Market in Santa Fe on July 30. At 4:30 p.m., HWC member Sandra Sanchez Purrington will host a "*Comadres Hour*" at her beautiful and historic Santa Fe home at 10 Sudeste Place. To attend *Comadres Hour*, please RSVP to Jean Salas Reed at (505) 899-4161. Invitations to follow in July.

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►Congratulations to **Maria Arrietta Prindle**, who was one of 50 professionals to graduate recently from the Leadership Albuquerque Class of 2005.

►New Mexico Secretary of State **Rebecca Vigil-Giron** was recognized by Presentation Style, Inc., and Guys and Gals Utilizing Their Strengths (GUTS) for her work with voter education, voter registration and election reform. She also was recognized as the first Latina to serve as president of the National Association of Secretaries of States.

►**Edna Lopez**, president of COMPA Industries, was named National Woman of the Year in Small Business by the Small Business Administration. Edna was one of only five women nationally to receive this prestigious award at the National SBA Conference in Washington, D.C.

►**Elsie Sanchez**, director of the Small Business Development Center in Gallup, was featured in the April 2005 issue of the *Four Corners Business Journal*. Elsie has been a member of HWC for more than 12 years.

►**Judith Espinosa** formally announced her candidacy for mayor of Albuquerque on June 4. Judy is HWC's second president and a "Las Primeras."

►**Patricia L. Chavez**, president of PLC Enterprises, was appointed by NM Secretary of State **Rebecca Vigil-Giron** as director of special projects for the Office of the Secretary of State. Patricia will be responsible for coordinating the 2006 National Association of Secretaries of State Convention in Santa Fe.

►*Hispanic* magazine selected Attorney General **Patricia Madrid** as a recipient of the 2005 Latina Excellence in Government award. She also was named as one of *Hispanic Business* magazine's 2005 Elite Women, one of 20 women selected as the best, brightest and most influential in the country.

►Congratulations of **Carmen Samora**, who is a Ph.D. candidate in American studies.

►Kudos and *mil gracias* to **Marisa de Aragon** for her efforts and hard work on the redesign of the HWC web site. Check it out at <http://www.nmhwc.com>.

►**Salome Martinez-Lutz** directed the play "Shadow of a Man," presented two weekends in June at the Lobo Theater in Albuquerque. Salome is co-artistic director and president of the board of directors of *Teatro Nuevo Mexico*, which presented the play.

►Thanks to all HWC members for their sponsorships and contributions for the "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" walk on Sunday, April 24. HWC members participated for the fourth year in this important event. *Mil gracias* to **Patricia L. Chavez** for coordinating the HWC walk.

►**Michelle (Micaela) Patron Leger**, a junior mechanical engineering major at UNM, recently received an internship at NASA, where she will test portable ground transmitters. Micaela is the granddaughter of **Teresa Leger de Fernandez** and the niece of **Mela Leger**.

►Congratulations to HWC member **Issica Candelaria-Kerkmans** who became a newly licensed realtor and has joined High Sierra Realty.

►**In Memoriam**. Condolences to **Maclovia Zamora** on the loss of her brother and sister, Juven G. Sanchez and Fannie G. Sanchez.

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Board Welcomes New Member

The HWC Board of Directors welcomes Sandra Sanchez Purrington, who will join the board in July. An HWC member for two years, Sandra has been a principal at two schools in Santa Fe, has owned a business in Santa Fe and a bed and breakfast in Corona. She has been a board member for the Santa Fe Opera, the National Dance Institute and many other groups. Sandra will serve a two-year term on the HWC board.

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A portion of this newsletter was generously sponsored by Antoinette M. Silva, Rose's Pottery House and Gallery. Please forward news about member accomplishments, activities and successes to nmhwcnewsletter@aol.com.



Look inside this newsletter for information on how to register for the Latina Empowerment Conference on August 12!



Become a member and you will :

- ✓ receive our quarterly newsletter with the your name published in the general membership roster column
- ✓ receive discounted or free admission to educational and social events
- ✓ have access to a network of dynamic women in business and in key political, corporate and community positions
- ☺ enjoy the support of “comadres” and have lots and lots of fun!

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for Hispanic women.*

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