



# HWNT—Corpus Christi Chapter

"Promotes the advancement of women in public, corporate and civic life."



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Chair, Linda Benavides is a Grandma to Maribel Paige, born Sunday, July 26 at 7:32 a.m.  
Congratulations Grandma!!!

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## 3rd Annual Locks of Love

**3rd Annual "Locks of Love" Cut-A-Thon at La Petite Salon,** 5714 McArdle (across from Burlington) from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Want to exceed last year's goal of 43 participants. Members please print and share the attached flyer with your place of work or schools to get the word out. Let's make a difference in the life of cancer patients.

## "Las Estrella Award" Honorees

**11th Annual Las Estrellas Banquet, Wed. Sept. 23, 2009,** from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Ortiz Center (new location). We are very proud to present the following honorees:

**Arts: Paula Deanda-**Recording Artist

**Business: Anna Morales-**President AM Services General Contractors

**Community: Sandra Alvarez-** AT & T Regional Manager of External Affairs

**Education: Bernadine Cervantes-** Assistant Superintendent, CCISD

**Family: Noyola Family (Danny Sr, Danny Jr, Sonia Noyola-Martinez)-** Educators

**Health: Abel Herrero-**State Representative

**Law-Heidi Frese-**Commander CCISD.

Members please print the attached forms to sell Sponsorship Tables and to collect Silent Auction items (\$25.00 value or more). We ask that each member solicit at least one Silent Auction item. This has proven to be very successful.

## Feria de las Flores Leadership Training

HWNT provided two mini-clinics on Wednesday, July 29. Speakers Monica Uribe *Finances/Investments* by N.Y. Life and *"Stay safe from Diabetes"* by our Diabetes Chair, Debra Arismendez, were part of the "Leadership Training" for the Feria de las Flores contestants. Long time members Anni Castro and Elva Estrada were also recognized with certificates for their loyalty, dedication and commitment to HWNT. Lulac Council #1 presents their 50th Annual Feria de las Flores on Sat. Aug.1 at 7:00pm at Richardson Performance Hall at Del Mar College. Our own, Mrs. Elva Estrada serves as Mistress of Ceremonies. Free event, all invited.

## HWNT Meeting on SAT. August 15th

Ballet Nacional, 4411 Gollihar road #A (9:30 a.m.). Members and guests join us for a brief meeting to recap and bring all up to date on events and areas to volunteer. Also, please bring "back to school" items to fill 25 backpacks for our *Locks of Love* event. All items are appreciated. Come prepared to take advantage of their 10:30 a.m. ZUMBA Gold (beginner's, lower impact, break down and modify steps) for only \$3.00 per person. See you there.

## HWNT State Conference, Oct.23-24 Austin Crowne Plaza Hotel

"Women: Wealth, Wellness and Wisdom". Our chapter's Estrella, Linda Benavides will be recognized with other Estrellas on Saturday. Pre-registration is \$85 thru Sept. 30, so register early at [www.hwnt.org](http://www.hwnt.org) (no refunds, but transferable). Our local chapter is considering sponsoring 3 scholarship recipients to join us.



## Cultural Corner—How do we recount our stories and culture?

Los Corridos

We can find out about the stories in history in several ways: from an official document signed by those who actually fought in a battle or from the testimony of a war survivor or read a book by a famous historian and learn about his version of the facts. We can also learn about history from the witnesses who retold it in musical expressions such as the *corridos*. *Corridos* have a cultural and artistic as well as a historical value, since they provide an eye-witness account of a particular event. In addition to major events, the *corridos* show us major figures from a more human and in some cases, humorous angle; they are full of songs and details. Have you heard? "Rosita Alvires," "La Adelita" or "Gabino Barrera"?

## Diabetes Corner

**Nueces County Medical Society & Alliance HEALTH FAIR**, at American Bank Center on Saturday, August 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Diabetes testing, cholesterol checks, blood pressure, weight assessments, healthy eating, informative sessions and all "Free" and open to the public. Lots of information available in continuing our awareness in defeating diabetes. Many door prizes along with a Wii sponsored by KIII. Don't miss the fun or the opportunity to continue to make yourself aware of the many "little" things we can do to prevent diabetes.

### For your Information



Census 2010 job opening: Regional Director of 2010 Census, MALDEF Reg.office. Visit [www.maldef.org](http://www.maldef.org) for information and job requirements.

**\*\*This is your chance to be a Citizen Diplomat:** Sister City Cmte/World Affairs Council invite you to a Reception & Discussion with sister city Exchange Students from France, Japan and Taiwan on Tues. August 4 at 5:30 p.m. at Munds Hall, Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 700 S. Upper Broadway St. light hors d'oeuvres will be served. Free and open to the public.

**\*\*Spirit of Women "Life's not a Spectator Sport"**, on Tues. August 4 at 6:00 p.m. at Doctor's Regional Conference Center (behind hospital) at 3315 S. Alameda. Wear comfortable clothes for YOGA and Strength Training. Refreshments, Business Rewards, Door Prizes, join for free at [CCMC.spirit@HCAHealthcare.com](mailto:CCMC.spirit@HCAHealthcare.com) or by calling 361-761-1416 for more information.

**\*\*Sweet Adelines "Sing N Sizzle Performance"**. Free event on Tues. Aug. 4 at 7:00 p.m. at Parkway Presbyterian Church, 3707 Santa Fe. Great musical event.

**\*\*Anna Maria Arias Memorial Business Fund (AMAMBF):** Ten Education grants for Latina Business owners (own at least 51%), please see attached for information and application. Deadline is Aug. 14, 2009.

**\*\* "Lead First Back to School 'Health & Education Fair' Diabetes Awareness"** at Roy Miller High School on Sat. Aug. 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. All free, school supplies, backpacks, vision/hearing testing; diabetes/dental screening, info booths, live entertainment and much, much more.

**\*\*Texas Conference for Women Scholarship Application:** \$5,000 scholarships to female college students at [www.txconferenceforwomen.org/scholarships.htm](http://www.txconferenceforwomen.org/scholarships.htm) or call 512-432-1710. The deadline has been extended to August 14.

**\*\*HWNT joins Corpus Christi Hispanic Chamber of Commerce:** Visit their website to realize member benefits and make plans to attend the upcoming **2009 Voices Unidas Women's Business Conference**, on Thurs. Aug. 27 from 8:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the Ortiz Center. The event includes continental breakfast, luncheon, training sessions, expo, fashion show and silent auction. Linda T. Hummel-McAlpin is the keynote speaker. Tickets are \$50.00, or possibly purchase a table of 8 at \$350.00. Contact Linda at 992-6306 or [lindabnv10@yahoo.com](mailto:lindabnv10@yahoo.com) if interested. Contact Mari at 887-7408 or [mvasquez@cchispanicchamber.org](mailto:mvasquez@cchispanicchamber.org).

**\*\*4th Annual Hispana Leadership Summit 2009**, at the Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort & Spa in Austin, Texas on August 27 thru 29. Hispanic Magazine's destination leadership conference for Latinas. Registration has been secured at half the original cost or \$150.00 at [www.hispaniconline.com](http://www.hispaniconline.com). Our own State Rep., Elena Mendez will be attending as an in-kind recipient from HWNT State.

**\*\*Center for Cultural Interchange** seeks families to host a foreign exchange student. Deadline is Aug. 28. Info: 800-634-4771 or [ayp@cc-exchange.com](mailto:ayp@cc-exchange.com).

**\*\*ALAS/Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Scholarship:** \$10,000 award to Latino Educators seeking to become administrators or superintendents. Visit [www.hmco.com/alasscholarship.pdf](http://www.hmco.com/alasscholarship.pdf) for application due by Sept. 1, 2009.

**\*\*Big Brothers/Big Sisters BOWL for Kids Sake:** Sat. Sept. 12. Teams of 5 asked to raise \$50 each in pledges (\$250 per Team). Bowl for 2 hours or two games, whichever comes first. Contact [telizondo@bigmentor.org](mailto:telizondo@bigmentor.org) to register.

**\*\* Las Comadres in London:** Launch date is Sept. 22, 2009. Contact Nora de Hoyos-Comstock at 512-928-8780 or [nora@comconn.com](mailto:nora@comconn.com) for information on joining their departure (at reduced travel rates) on Sun. Sept. 20 for a London Comadrazo on Tues. Sept. 22 and return on Sun. Sept. 27.

**\*\*Texas Assoc. Against Sexual Assault (TAASA):** is soliciting workshop proposals for its annual conference in S.Padre Island from Feb. 28 thru March 4, 2010. These must be received by Mon. Aug. 31, 2009. Contact Cecilia Perkins at 512-474-7190 ext.24 or [cperkins@taasa.org](mailto:cperkins@taasa.org).

**\*\*HWNT-Ft. Worth Celebrates Latina Art 2009:** Asking all chapters to call upon "artist" contact to donate at least one piece of art (from each chapter) to display and auction off from a special gallery wall during their HWNT Celebrates Latina Art 2009. Contact [fwchair@hwnt.org](mailto:fwchair@hwnt.org) if interested.

**\*\*City Secretary's Office** is seeking applications to fill vacancies on 12 advisory committees. Also, the City's Arts & Cultural Commission has vacancies on the dance, visual arts and youth education committees. Applicants must file a resume or complete an application. For more info: 826-3105 or visit [www.ctexas.com](http://www.ctexas.com).

### **Congratulations .... Drum Roll ....**

\*\*\* Veronica Bernal, (daughter of Margie Ortiz) on her new position with the FBI in McAllen, Texas. Best of luck and continued success in your new job.

\*\*\* Dr. Mary Jane Garza on her appointment, by the City Council and Commissioner's Court, to the Health Advisory Council studying Las Brisas Project for the past four months. Both sides provide convincing data with the major issue being a "health" issue. Air quality and water quality at stake.

\*\*\* Cindy Martinez on her new position with the Corpus Christi Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Membership Drive scheduled for October!!!  
Regular Member \$35.00  
Retired Member \$25.00  
Student \$16.00

**Applications available at meetings or join at**  
[www.hwnt.org](http://www.hwnt.org)