MONTHLY **MEMBERSHIP** MEETING

September 14, 2017 at 7 PM **Roberts Jewelers** 1904 Veterans Blvd.

Guest Speaker Generosa "Janie Gracia-Ramon Val Verde County Clerk



August Membership Meeting

Thursday, August 10th was the monthly membership meeting of the Del Rio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. The gracious Host business for the evening was the Border Federal Credit Union at its Bedell location. DRHCC president Otila Gonzalez welcomed the membership and thanked them and the host business. Following, President Gonzalez announced that the announced guest speaker for the evening, our State Representative the Honorable Poncho Nevares could not attend at the last minute.

In the absence of a featured speaker, Annual Masquerade Gala chairperson, Ms. Alida Helgerman reported on the progress of preparations for the October 28th event. Table sales are ongoing and tickets are ready for sale at this time. She encouraged everyone to reserve their table and/or purchase tickets early. As in 2016, the Gala will also feature the raffle of a Holiday Basket and will include a Silent Auction with many beautiful items donated by local businesses.

The honorable Robert Garza, Mayor of the City of Del Rio joined City Manager Henry Arredondo in updating those in attendance about the various ongoing infrastructure projects and the important role that airline service plays in the economic development of our community. Mayor Garza announced that a delegation formed of members of the city's Bridge Board, the local chambers of commerce, a contingency of Ports to Plains, and members of the Ciudad Acuna chamber and city administration will travel to Mazatlan, Sinaloa Mexico to promote and advocate for getting some of the movement of Asian market goods to come through our port of entry. The increase in truck traffic through our international bridge will add revenue to the city's coffers for local infrastructure improvements.

The presentations were well received, the meeting was adjourned and the social hour continued..



Generosa "Janie" Gracia Ramon Val Verde County Clerk

First took office in January 2007 after 29 years of service with Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid and prior work as a grant writer, administrative assistant and abstractor. The County Clerk also is an ex officio member of the County Commissioner's Court, serves as the official clerk for the Court and is required to attend all sessions and record all proceedings of the Court. The County Clerk is responsible for administering all county and state elections, including early voting and primaries.



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VVRMC PEDIATRIC CLINIC RIBBON CUTTING- 08/11/17







AMISTAD AMBASSADORS SOCIAL- 08/09/17



group of interested and motivated supporters of business and the DRHCC met at the home of Ms. Carmen and Ruben Gutierrez to welcome any volunteers willing to promote new businesses at their inception. Some in attendance included the Honorable Robert Garza, Mayor of the City of Del Rio, Ms. Carmen Gutierrez, Ruben Gutierrez, Dora Alcala, Socorro Ramirez, Yolanda Garcia, Otila Gonzalez, and Ms. Mary Mota who is chairing the group. The Amistad Ambassadors attend ribbon cuttings for new businesses and help attend functions that promote the economy of Del Rio.

The Del Rio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and Ms. Mota invite you to join the group.

42ND ANNUAL TAMACC CONVENTION HELD IN IRVING, TEXAS. - AUGUST 3-5, 2017



Richard Castro Jr., Mrs. Castro, Dora Alcala, Richard Castro Sr., Otila Gonzalez, at the TAMACC convention in Irving, TX.



Pauline Anton, Executive Director of the state's TAMACC organization receiving and admiring a DRHCC promotional bag.





Dora Alcala promoting Del Rio through DRHCC bags showing our location on the Texas map.



Dora Alcala and Otila Gonzalez representing the Del Rio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Del Rio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce 2017 BUSINESS AWARDS NOMINATIONS

The deadline for submitting your Business Awards nominations is October 2nd 2017.

Awards nominations may be made in any of the following six categories:

(1) Businesswoman of the year, (2) Businessman of the year,
(3) Entrepreneur of the year (4) Small Business of the year (30 employees or less), (5) Large business of the year (over 30 employees),
(6) Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Advocate of the year.

The criteria for submitting nominations are specifically detailed in the nomination form. Please consider submitting a nomination. We have some very active, hardworking business owners within our membership who deserve to be nominated for awards in one of the six categories. It will only take a few minutes of your time, and Dora Alcala', Chair, will be happy to deliver application blanks and provide additional information as required. You may also pick up your nomination forms at the DRHCC office, located at the Texas Community Bank Downtown, 305 South Main Street. Edith Gonzalez, our Administrative Assistant will be happy to assist you in any way possible.

The DRHCC will hold

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS

at the October 12 membership meeting.

Members in good standing are eligible to seek election to one of the directorships.

The DRHCC is an organization of volunteers who are interested in promoting the health and growth of the economy and culture of Del Rio and surrounding areas.

Please consider playing an active part in this mission to better our community.

Additional information is available from the DRHCC office located at 305 S. Main Street in the Texas Community Bank building.



Saturday, October 28, 2017 Del Rio Civic Center-Pecan Ball Room

Tickets on Sale Now! Call or text Alida (830) 313-0373





DRHCC Calender of Events

September 2017



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4 LABOR DAY	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13		E SEPTIEMBRE CELEBRA	
GRANDPARENT'S DAY				Parade @ San Felipe & Garza St. (6:00 p.m.) Opening Ceremony @ Brown Plaza (7:00 p.m.) Little Miss Fiestas Patrias (7:30 p.m.) La Casa De La Cultura Folklorico children & adult musicians - SFDRCISD Spirit group (9-11 p.m.)	EL GRITO DE LA INDEPENDENCIA (9:30 p.m.) DA KRAZY PIMPZ (7:30 - 9:30 p.m.) LA TROMPA (10-12 p.m.)	MINI FARMERS 16 MARKET @ Del Rio Community Garden (9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.) CALLE-4 (6:30 to 8:30 p.m.) SAN ANTONES (9-12 p.m.)
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
			ROSH HASHANAH BEGINS		FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN	
24	25	26	27	BUSINESS SHOWCASE @ Del Rio Civic Center (9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.)	29 YOM KIPPUR BEGINS	30