



## Catholic Charities

If you are 55 years of age or over and are looking for volunteer opportunities, contact Ofelia Gonzalez of Catholic Charities. Ofelia is the Rural Service Coordinator for both Del Rio and Uvalde, and is a point of contact for RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program). With more than 14 combined sites, Catholic Charities can connect you to like-minded individuals and organizations whose mission is to serve others. If you have questions or would like more information on how to join Catholic Charities, contact Ofelia Gonzalez at 830-734-3231. Ofelia is also available through email at [ogonzales@ccaosa.org](mailto:ogonzales@ccaosa.org).



### Introducing Our Board Members

Director of Membership,  
**Leslie Herrera**



This year I've taken on a new venture as Director of Membership and I couldn't be more excited to be part of the Del Rio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. I bring with me a Bachelor's Degree of Communication from Texas A&M University in College Station (Whoop!), and three years banking experience in Del Rio. Prior to banking I worked positions in both sales and marketing. I have a passion for writing and public relations and plan to use

any and all of my past experience to further grow this organization. To all current and prospective members, I look forward to meeting you and serving the needs of your small or large business.

Don't let 2016 go by without taking advantage of the many services available to you through our organization.

- Be featured in our weekly blast that reaches 130 plus members!
- Let me write an article about you in our "Business Spotlight".
- Need help with learning about social media or writing for advertisements? I can help with that too!

WE want to help YOU generate business by promoting the services and products you have to offer in our community. For more information, feel free to contact me via email at [leslie\\_8@outlook.com](mailto:leslie_8@outlook.com).

## Now Enrolling



Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College is an upper-level center offering courses leading to bachelor's and master's degrees in Del Rio, Eagle Pass and Uvalde on the campus of Southwest Texas Junior College in each city. In January 2015, Rio Grande College expanded to the Hondo/Castroville area and offers classes in the Higher Learning Center on the Medina Valley High School campus.

Rio Grande College offers bachelor's degrees in a variety of fields including nursing, education, business, biology, criminal justice, English, Spanish, history, mathematics, psychology, social science as well as child development and organizational leadership. Students may also earn teacher certification at the elementary or secondary level.



## The Place For Higher EDUCATION

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# Niños Navideños



"The collection of toys to assist

## Niños Navideños

was a great success thanks to the generosity of our members and friends who donated toys for this worthy project.



We appreciate your participation.  
You helped make Christmas special for many children."





## New Incoming Members



### Toyota of Del Rio

"New cars, preowned cars, parts, service, and sales"

3617 Hwy 90 West

Del Rio, TX 78840

Sales: 888-484-1564

Service: 888-715-3258

Parts: 888-849-5455



### Amaro Eye Clinic

"Proud providers for Eyetopia, Tricare, BCBS, Medicare & UnitedHealthCare Medical"

2107 Veterans Blvd Suite 10

Del Rio, TX 78840

Office: 830-774-6167

amaroeyeclinik@gmail.com



### Farmers Insurance Angelina Tara

"Home, life, and auto insurance quotes"

519 Pecan St

Del Rio, TX 78840

Office: 830-774-4641

## News Update: Second International Bridge



By:  
Al Cervantez

For several years the City of Del Rio and Ciudad Acuña have been talking

about the need for a second international bridge between the two cities to facilitate the crossing of commercial traffic from the maquilas in Ciudad Acuña to Del Rio and to the northern, eastern, and western parts of the United States.

In order to accomplish this task, in 2012 the City of Del Rio and Val Verde County agreed to sponsor a feasibility study. A consultant firm, S&B Infrastructure Ltd, was hired to perform an initial study (Phase 1) to determine the most feasible location for a bridge across the Rio Grande. In 2014, the first phase of the



proposal project study was completed and presented to the City Council and to Val Verde County. A site upstream of the existing bridge was determined to be the preferred location and was eventually approved by the City of Del Rio, Val Verde County and by the City Council of Ciudad Acuña.

Just recently both the Del Rio City Council and the International Bridge Board voted in favor of the second phase study which will determine if the traffic flow to the proposed bridge merits the construction of a second bridge. This is part of the overall process and will probably take approximately

five to eight months to complete.

The building of a second international bridge is a drawn out process that requires detailed studies, especially one built for commercial traffic. This is a very important economic factor for our border city. More to come in 2016.

## Word From The President - Otila Gonzalez



On behalf of the DRHCC I would like to wish you a happy and prosperous new year! As we begin the

year 2016, we look forward to monthly calendars filled with activities to promote our member businesses and our community in general. While we were shocked and saddened by the tragic accident that claimed the life of one of our directors and injured three others, we rejoice in the recovery of the survivors and look forward



to their involvement in 2016.

The schedule of meetings for the Hispanic Chamber will remain as in the past. Membership meetings will be held the second Thursday of each month. The Board of Directors will continue to meet on the last Monday of

the month unless it falls on a holiday. We will strive to bring to you interesting and informative presentations from dignitaries and leaders from within our community and from our surrounding areas. With your cooperation and participation we hope to

have a successful event in April and the very important Gutierrez Scholarship Dance event in June that will enable us to give more scholarships to deserving students this year.

We encourage you to continue to use the weekly Blast and the monthly Newsletter to promote your businesses. The Newsletter will feature one of our directors each month so that you may get to know and call upon us. We look forward to serving you during the coming year.

Otila Gonzalez  
President

## DRHCC Calender of Events

### JANUARY 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Informative Notice:</b> *Membership meeting are on the second Thursday of the month * Board meetings are on the last Monday of the month.					1 New Year's Day	2
3	4	5	6 Dia De Los Reyes Three Kings	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Monthly Membership Meeting	15	16
17	18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	19	20	21 Bilateral Meeting	22	23 UFO Festival
24	25 Board Meeting	26	27	28	29	30
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