

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Chris Ryan - Amistad National Recreation Area Superintendent
Texas Community Bank - 2411 Veterans Blvd.
July 14 at 7:00 pm

3RD ANNUAL GUTIERREZ FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP DANCE



Michelle Guajardo DRHCC Director of Cultural Issues & Events and Delia Ramirez DRHCC Director of Education.

Scholarship recipients accompanied with Otila Gonzalez, Dora Alcalá, Delia Ramirez, Miguel Gutierrez and family

We would like to thank Del Rio and surrounding communities for the support given to our 3rd Annual Gutierrez Scholarship Dance. These annual events are a joint effort between Miguel A. Gutierrez/The Latino Coalition Foundation and the Del Rio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. The fundraiser event is being held every year to raise scholarship funds for our local college students that remain in our community to pursue their education. This year's table sponsors were: GOLD level - Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College, West Central Net, Silver Eagle Distributors and Border Federal Credit Union. The SILVER level sponsors were: Ramada Inn, Alcoa, Dora Alcalá & Alejandro Garcia, Cecil Atkisson Ford Lincoln and Brown Plaza Association. We would also like to thank everyone who purchased individual tickets for this great event.

A special thanks also goes out to our guest speakers: Leo Gomez, President and Chief Executive Officer of Brooks City Base in San

Antonio and our TX State Representative - House District 124, Ina Minjarez. Their personal inspirational stories were shared that evening and directed at our scholarship recipients for this year. Our 3rd Annual Gutierrez Family Scholarship Recipients are:

- ~ Dezirae K. Cardenas, SRSU RGC - Criminal Justice/Psychology
- ~ Karla Carrasco SWTJC - Associates of Arts-General Studies
- ~ Sandra Colombo - SRSU RGC - Bachelor of Applied Science-Organizational Leadership
- ~ Sergio Salinas Davila - SWTJC - Associates of Arts -General Business
- ~ Melissa Sandoval - SRSU RGC - Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies
- ~ Valeria Vazquez - SWTJC - Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- ~ Gabriela Velazco - SRSU RGC - Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies

Each student received a \$1,000 scholarship to assist with their education. This year's scholarship committee comprised of Delia Ramirez, DRHCC Director of Education/ Event

Chair (SRSU RGC), Dora Alcalá, (Former City of Del Rio Mayor), Hatali Breckenridge (Plaza del Sol Mall), Michelle Guajardo, (SFDR CISD), Otila Gonzalez, (President DRHCC), Judith Montalvo, (DRHCC) and Maggie Roman, (Allstate Insurance) did a great job with the scholarship drive and planning the event.

DRHCC members who contributed with special pricing or donations: Happy Balloons, Nanez Sound and Lights Rental, Silver Eagle Distributors, Ramada Inn, Holiday Inn Express, Anabelle Escamilla and Del Rio Buzz. Our Wine and Cheese VIP reception was sponsored by: Texas Community Bank, Walmart, Dora Alcalá, Otila Gonzalez and Wrights at the Lake.

To all of you who attended and enjoyed the great bands - David Marez, Marcos Orozco and Gil Garcia's entertainment we want to give you our sincerest appreciation and we hope to see you again for next year's event.

Business Spotlight

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VIP hour Wine and Cheese provided to Sponsors and Scholarship Recipients.



Consul Jorge Archila and Carmen Gutierrez



Queta Quiñones, Edna Morales, Karla Carrasco and Valeria Vazquez.



Message from Otila Gonzalez, DRHCC President



Welcome of Dignitaries by Carlos Ayala, DRHCC Vice President



Invocation by Dora Alcalá, Founding Member



Introduction by Miguel Gutierrez



Ina Minjarez, Texas State Representative District 124

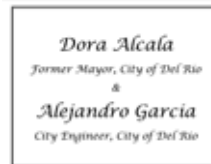


Leo Gomez, President & CEO Brooks City Base

Thank you to all the Scholarship sponsors.



DJ Paul Lomas



Ribbon Cutting



The Del Rio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce joined the Del Rio Chamber Commerce at a special ribbon ceremony to welcome Air Evac Service to Del Rio.

Air Evac

A Gift of Life

By Carmen Gutierrez

Looking at the helicopters parked in front of me at VVRMC's Air Evac pad, I could not help but think how important this service would be to our community.

Just a little over 7 months ago, I was involved in a tragic accident on Eagle Pass hill. This accident claimed the life of a close friend and colleague, DRHCC Finance Director Connie Mendoza of West Central Net.

The "distracted driver" also caused traumatic injuries to me, and serious injuries to my daughter Carmen Christina Gutierrez and DRHCC Director and friend Paulo Pacheco. After the Jaws of Life

extracted me from the vehicle, all of us were transported to Val Verde Regional Medical Center as quickly as the ambulances could take us. I was placed in the ER room to wait for the Air Lift helicopter to arrive and transport me to San Antonio. Although my pain was being managed, those minutes waiting seemed like hours and on this special ribbon cutting day for Air Evac, I felt relieved knowing that no longer would anyone have to wait on being airlifted to San Antonio. Eight surgeries later and wheelchair bound, I am at the ribbon cutting encouraged to hear that

this service would be available and affordable to everyone.

The cost to transport me to San Antonio's University Hospital was close to \$59,000 and this was one-way. Wow! Also, I learned that not all insurances cover this life saving service.

Fortunately, my two group insurances were sufficient to cover this astronomical cost. Wanting to be on the cautious side, I signed up for this new Air Evac service at only \$65.00 per year for an entire household, as a gift for our family. Quoting the famous words of Bill Keane,

"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift of God, which is why we call it the present."

Field Of Dreams

Supporters of the project called "Field of Dreams" gathered at the Veterans Boulevard branch of the Texas Community Bank Wednesday, June 15, 2016 to review the status of the project.

Ms. Sylvia Owens of TCB presided over the meeting and Janice Porkrant of the

City of Del Rio reported on the status of the grant application for funding submitted to the Texas Parks and Wildlife. After an animated discussion with input from Val Verde County Commissioner Lewis Owens and City of Del Rio Councilman Rowland Garza, the group agreed to resubmit the

application for funding after those present at the meeting committed to continue their financial support of the proposed project.

The Del Rio Chamber of Commerce was represented by Blanca Larson and the Del Rio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce were represented by Otila Gonzalez.

Ribbon Cutting - The Solution



The Solution Ribbon Cutting



Plaque presentation: Maggie Roman, Silvia Garza, JJ Garza, Otila Gonzalez and Juan Gallegos.



Marisol Falcon



Lizeth, Silvia Garza, JJ Garza, Marisol Falcon and Bryan Garza.

DRHCC Calender of Events

July 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Whitehead Memorial Museum Summer Guided Tours June-August, Tuesday-August 10:00AM 830-774-7568					1 Rotary Rodeo	2 Rotary Rodeo
3 4th of July Celebration	4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Monthly Membership Meeting	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/31	25 Board Meeting	26	27	28	29 Movie @ The Museum Minions	30

Del Rio Hispanic Chamber Of Commerce

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