

### MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Kochy Hurtado, CEO  
Val Verde Regional Medical Center  
November 12, 2015  
801 Bedell Avenue 7:00 p.m.

"Bridging the gap between the hispanic community and the business world"

### FROM THE NEW PRESIDENT:

#### Otila Gonzalez

Thank you for braving the stormy weather Thursday, October 8th to attend the Annual Membership Meeting and for your participation in the election process.

Your participation and your contribution to

your Chamber are needed, encouraged and vital to our mission and, in turn, to our community.

To all the retiring members of the Board of Directors, because of term limits of personal choice, I offer my sincere gratitude for your commitment to growing this Chamber of Commerce and for diligently dedicating your time, talent and your all to give life to the mission of the organization. Your tireless efforts are an expression of how much you care to see our community prosper!

Retiring president Carmen Gutierrez, Vice President Dora Alcala, Secretary Paulo Pacheco, director of Economic Development Sergio Diaz, Director of Membership Reyna Diaz, and Director of Health Issues Javier Martinez, I know you will continue to be actively involved because you are caring individuals. The amazing accomplishments under your leadership speak to your dedication. Thank you!

To the new and returning members to the Board of Directors, WELCOME and thank you for your willingness to share your wealth of experience, your many and diverse talents and especially, thank you for your valuable time. I look forward to working with you to make a difference for our membership and for our community.

**Connie Mendoza** Director of Finance  
(returning member)

**Michelle Guajardo** Director of Cultural Affairs  
(returning member)

**Leslie Herrera** of Texas Community Bank,  
new Director of Membership

**Hatali Breckenridge** of VVRMC,  
new Director of Health Issues



## Monthly Membership Meeting

### State Representative Poncho Nevarez hosted by Border Federal Credit Union at DRHCC Meeting

The 84th Texas Legislative session was a successful one in that very important legislation did pass that will have a positive impact on most Texans. Representative Nevarez, introduced by long time friend BFCU CEO Maria J. Martinez, noted one very controversial bill that passed (and had caused death threats to him personally) was the Open Carry Bill. Legislation passed to allow Open Carry of handguns with a concealed licensed permit and proof of proficiency, but also allows private business to prohibit licensed individuals from carrying guns on their premises. Also passed is allowing college students in Texas to carry guns on campus for protection, provided they meet the Open Carry law requirements. Also passed was \$840 billion for Border Security adding 250 DPS

troopers. Funding of \$1.5 Billion for public education and funding increases for Child Protective Services passed. Business owners will also be glad to know that \$2.6 billion in business franchise tax reductions and \$1.2 billion in property tax relief legislation also passed. Representative Nevarez was recognized by President Gutierrez for keeping everyone current during the legislative session with ads in the local newspaper and media. Vice President Dora Alcala presented Representative Poncho Nevarez with a Certificate of Appreciation for his presentation. Director of Membership Reyna Diaz also introduced new member IGNC with Mary Mota, Joe & Tina Martinez, and Dora Alcala accepting the new membership plaque. Consulado

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de Guatemala representative Laura Rojas also invited everyone to the September 15 of Guatemala's Independence Day

celebration. Membership announcements also had Andrew Scarbo introducing Doc Holliday's spirited beverage Bee Breeze with a sampling for all as they enjoyed

wonderful refreshments coordinated by Alida Helgerman of BFCU. DRHCC also thanks Dave Galindo of Del Rio Buzz for the wonderful photos of the event.

## October 8 Official DRHCC Election Results



Despite the rainy weather and storm sirens in the background, a wonderful turnout was present to vote on by-law revisions and elect new Board of Directors for DRHCC. While the votes were being tallied, everyone was treated to a special performance by the Varsity Cheerleaders under the direction Andres Vasquez, Head Cheerleader.

HEB brought a wonderful array of edible delights which included sandwich trays, vegetable trays and other goodies. Silver Eagle Distributors provided spirited drinks to the thirsty crowd. Dave Galindo of Del

Rio Buzz delighted the crowd by taking dozens of beautiful photos. It was a busy agenda with Las Vegas Raffle Winners being drawn: \$1000 Value 1st Prize to Gaby Ramirez, Holiday Inn Express Stay 2nd Prize in Eagle Pass to Juan Mendoza and \$100 Visa Gift Card 3rd Prize to Isaul Garcia.

DRHCC thanks all who purchased tickets in support of our projects and events (operations). Carmen Gutierrez in her last official acts as President passed the torch (chancla) to the incoming President Otila Gonzalez and presided over the swearing

in ceremony. Carmen also gave a State of the DRHCC Annual Report outlining the various projects completing and pending completion, highlighting the purchase of three billboards to promote tourism. Finance Director Connie Mendoza and Cultural Events Director Michelle Guajardo presented the outgoing officers with beautiful engraved CROSS pens from Robert's Jewelers.

All members received a DRHCC designed key ring supporting Rams and Queens Athletics. DRHCC thanks all for participating!

Official ballot results available [www.delriohispanicchamber.org](http://www.delriohispanicchamber.org) under Membership.



## Under the Big Top Business Expo



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# Annual Holiday Gala And Business Awards Banquet

Saturday November 21, 2015  
Del Rio Civic Center - Red Oak Ballroom - 7 p.m. - Midnight



Spotlight: Juan Nañez, The Saxman  
Ramiro Cavazos  
President & CEO  
San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Featured Entertainment:  
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## DRHCC Calender of Events

### NOVEMBER 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 <b>DIA DE LOS MUERTOS EVENT</b> Whitehead Museum <b>WALK WITH WIC</b> 1200 Bridge St. 10AM	3	4	5	6 <b>FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK</b> Downtown Art Galleries	7
8	9 <b>WALK WITH WIC</b> 1200 Bridge St. 10AM	10	11 <b>VETERANS DAY PARADE AND CEREMONIES</b> Del Rio Civic Center	12 <b>HIRING RED, WHITE &amp; YOU JOB FAIR</b> Veterans 10AM Public 11AM-2PM <b>MONTHLY MEETING VVRMC 7PM</b>	13	14 <b>LITTLE MARKET ON MAIN</b> Main Street <b>RUNNING WITH THE BULLS</b> Brown Plaza 7AM HEB FEAST OF SHARING 11AM
15	16 <b>WALK WITH WIC</b> 1200 Bridge St. 10AM	17	18	19	20	21 <b>DRHCC HOLIDAY GALA &amp; BUSINESS AWARDS BANQUET &amp; 4TH ANNUAL XMAS BAZAAR</b> Doc Hollidays 7AM
22	23 <b>SCHOOL HOLIDAY STARTS</b>	24	25	26 <b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING</b>	27 <b>BLACK FRIDAY</b> Shop Local And Save \$\$\$	28
29	30					

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