



LDHH Insider

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From the President's Desk

Greeting LDHH members,

It's unbelievable that its already spring now!

1. On 1/26, Rogelio Fernandez sharer with us information about SERVRS. If you want to know more specific details, you can contact me through email or VP. Our organization created a logo for our video relay service, SERVRS. SERVRS is officially affiliated with ClearBlue whose philosophy is to support in building our organization's budget. When our members sign up for a personal 800 number and use SERVRS, we receive funds. If more LDHH members sign up, SERVRS will earn more. If you wish to get a personal 800 number, contact me at franklin.torres@ldhhamdc.org. Check out at www.servrs.org.

2. In February, Vice-President Elvia and I were sent to the National Council of Hispano Deaf and Hard of Hearing Board meeting in Santa Fe, NM. We elected new officers for NCH, and they voted and selected me as a treasurer for 2008-2010. I am excited

to work with the new officers. The new officers of the NCH are: President Melissa Draganac-Hawk, Vice-President Rogelio Fernandez, Secretary Angelina Ortiz, and Treasurer Franklin C. Torres.

3. Our large at member, Sibila, attended the ClearBlue training in Florida. At the March general meeting, she discussed her training experience and shared information about organizations affiliated with ClearBlue (such as SER VRS).

4. At the March general meeting, LDHH members voted to send people (LDHH members aged 18-30) to Deaf Youth USA (DYUSA) Camp in New Orleans from July 3 to 7. It is prior to the National Association of the Deaf (NAD) Conference in the same city. We will financially sponsor four potential LDHH leaders for DYUSA. We plan two fundraising events to cover expenses for these candidates. If you know any LDHH members who are qualified, please contact sibila.munoz@ldhhamdc.org. No proven leadership experience necessary. More about DYUSA, go to <http://www.deafyouthusa.org>.

So, you can see LDHH has been pretty busy during the winter. Hopefully, we will have more news for you in the near future. Please always check our website for events and updates. LDHH will celebrate its third anniversary in August, and we will keep you posted on this special event. If you have any suggestions or ideas, please feel free to contact me at president@ldhhamdc.org

Muchas gracias,
President Franklin C. Torres



Events:

LDHH's fundraiser at the UnityFest @ Gallaudet 4/25/08 11am-5pm

LDHH's Cinco De Mayo Celebration
Location: TBA
5/10/08 4:00pm

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TWO upcoming Fundraising Events!! Come and Support LDHH!

To financially sponsor four members (18-30) to attend the DYUSA camp in New Orleans, LDHH will host two fundraising events. The first one is during the "UnityFest". The UnityFest is a full-day festival celebrating many cultures with food and dances. It is on April 25, 2008 11am-5pm at Gallaudet University. LDHH will have a booth for Latino desserts among other activities. Please come and support us!



The second fundraising event will be on May 10 at 4-7pm. LDHH will have an opportunity to socialize and meet with the new officers and board members from the NCHDHH. We will sell Latino food and provide fun activities including a piñata. Please spread the word to your friends and children to join us. Location will be announced soon at www.ldhhamdc.org and through email.

Evite Workshop by Elvia Guillermo y Danilo Torres



“The workshop was a good benefit for those who are not familiar with how to use the Evite!”
-LDHH member

On March 22, 2008, Elvia Guillermo and Danilo Torres presented a workshop during the general meeting. The workshop focused on how to utilize the Evite application.



LDHH tends to send Evite invitations for its meetings and events so members should have an account with the Evite to view the invitation.

Once you receive an email from

LDHH via Evite, you click on the Evite invitation link, and you will be automatically guided to the Evite invitation. Once you are in, you have the option of accepting or declining the invitation. You may also mark it as tentative and inform

the number of guests or leave a comment for the host in the comment box. It’s easy! See Elvia, Danilo or any one of us for more information.

“I did not understand how to use and reply on the Evite. But now I do! Gracias!”
-LDHH member

César Chávez Day is a state holiday in California observed on March 31 (or Monday or Friday nearest that date).

Chavez Day is currently a holiday in eight states: Arizona, California, Colorado, Michigan, New Mexico, Texas, Utah, and Wisconsin.

César Chávez: March 31, 1927 – April 23, 1993

“Cesar Estrada Chavez, Senator Robert F. Kennedy noted, was "one of the heroic figures of our time..."

“A true American hero, Cesar was a civil rights, Latino, farm worker, and labor leader; a religious and spiritual figure; a community servant and social entrepreneur; a crusader for nonviolent social change; and an environmentalist and consumer advocate.”

“A second-generation American, Cesar was born on March 31, 1927, near his family's farm in Yuma, Arizona. At age 10, his family became migrant farm workers after losing their farm in the Great Depression. Throughout his youth and into his adulthood, Cesar migrated across the southwest laboring in the fields and vineyards, where he was exposed to the hardships and injustices of farm worker life.”

“After achieving only an eighth-grade education, Cesar left school to work in the fields full-time to support his family. He attended more than 30 elemen-



tary and middle schools. Although his formal education ended then, he possessed an insatiable intellectual curiosity, and was self-taught in many fields and well read throughout his life.”

“Cesar's life as a community organizer began in 1952 when he joined the Community Service Organization (CSO), a prominent Latino civil rights group. While with the CSO, Cesar coordinated voter registration drives and conducted campaigns against racial and economic discrimination primarily in urban areas. In the late 1950s and”

“early 1960s, Cesar served as CSO's national director. Then later on, he founded the National Farm Workers Association (NFWA), the first successful farm workers' union in U.S. history.” He was compared to Martin Luther King Jr., and their non-violent philosophy and protest tactics were similar.

“In 1993, his family and friends established the Cesar E. Chavez Foundation to educate people about the life and work of this great American civil rights leader, and to engage all, particularly youth, to carry on his values and timeless vision for a better world.”

Citations:

- 1) cesarechavezfoundation.org
- 2) http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cesar_Chavez
- 3) http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/C%C3%A9sar_Ch%C3%A1vez_Day

Holiday 2007 Party by Rita Torres



On December 8, 2007, at a recreation center in Wheaton, MD, there was a Christmas party extravaganza complete with drinks, food, activities, decorations, and it was filled with the holiday joy. At the "LDHH's Christmas Party," I was surrendered by friends when we celebrated early Christmas together. I bought three friends of mine to the LDHH holiday party and thought the Christmas party was great. A friend of mine Yunhan Tsai stated *"I enjoyed meeting new deaf people. They are very friendly. Also, the food was very delicious and I ate six plates! The game was so much fun."* Everyone enjoyed their moment with each other who never met before. I bought Mexican Lasagnas to the party, and surprisingly, they were

gone very quickly! I thought to myself that I did an awful job with the Mexican Lasagna. However, I was glad that everyone liked the lasagnas! A few children and I played the "Twister" game together, and it was so much fun to play with children. I learned something new from children and adults. The variety

of food that people bought was so good. To host a party can be stressful, and LDHH members did an awesome job!



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WHO WE ARE

We, a group of Latino Deaf and Hard of Hearing persons, want to see our people have equal rights and access to succeed in the Metropolitan Washington (District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia) area. This organization is affiliated with National Council of Hispano Deaf and Hard of Hearing. (NCHDHH).

OUR VISION

The Latino Deaf and Hard of Hearing Association of the Metropolitan Washington DC Chapter envisions communities where people of all backgrounds, beliefs, and experiences work together, and share responsibility for improving our own lives and the lives of those around us.



NCHDHH Notes

by Elvia Guillermo

NCHDHH members nominated me as a member of the board during the "SER" conference in Washington, D.C.; I feel honored to be a part of this organization. I attended the first NCHDHH board meeting in New Mexico in February 2008. The meeting went very well and smooth, and we discussed different issues such as nominating new officers, delegating different committees for different kind of projects, setting up priorities to expand NCHDHH, and identifying resources that we can share with chapters, affiliated Hispano organizations and Hispano Deaf communities.

Board members also want to recruit more members and provide trainings for Hispano Deaf people. The Hispano population in the US is increasing rapidly, and we should be prepared to empower future deaf Hispano children and leaders. NCHDHH aim to strengthen Deaf Hispano people's leadership experience and provide support.

We will have another board meeting on May 10 at Gallaudet University, and I encourage all of you to come and meet the new NCHDHH officers and members.

ELECTION '08

LDHH wants YOU!

The term of the inaugural Executive Board of LDHH is drawing to an end this year. Up for elections in Summer 2008 are:

- President**
- Vice President**
- Secretary**
- Treasurer**
- Auditor**
- At-Large-Member**

The requirements for an Executive position are:

- 1) Member in good standing for a year,
- 2) Regularly attend the general meetings (6 times or more),
- 3) Have a strong commitment to LDHH, and
- 4) Understand LDHH's bylaws

Under 18 and a college student do not qualify. If you are interested but do not know if you meet the requirements, please see Sibila, the At-Large-Member, or any one of the Executive Board members.

Good luck! Buena Suerte!



Mystery Person of the Quarter

1. I have 2 lovely children.
2. I used to be a globetrotting chef.
3. I enjoy photography.

It is Gabriel Arellano!

#1 is not true as he is the proud papa of one lucky child (Tonatiuh)!



Thank you, **Socorro**, for emailing and making a guess!

Now guess who is the next mystery person of the quarter!

There are 2 true things and 1 false thing about me:

1. I am an artist.
2. I tried out for Deaflympics.
3. I am a soccer assistant coach.

Who am I? Email norma.moran@ldhhamdc.org.