

LATINO inc. Spring 2017 Preview

PASTORAL TESTIMONY
by Rafael Francisco Salas
On display until February 24
Latino Arts Gallery



FOURTH ANNUAL GUITAR FESTIVAL CONCERT
Saturday, February 11
7:00 p.m.
Latino Arts Auditorium



RENE IZQUIERDO & ISAAC BUSTOS

PROYECTO BEMBE: LATINO CARNIVAL
Friday, March 10
7:30 p.m.
Latino Arts Auditorium



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Latinos Arts – Exciting News and Events

This fall, Latino Arts welcomed a new Managing Artistic Director, Jacobo Lovo. After teaching art at Bruce-Guadalupe Community School for 16 years, Jacobo joined Latino Arts with energy and ideas to continue Latino Arts strong traditions and building upon those for new programs. This fall, Latino Arts held a variety of successful events including performances by Mariachi Flor de Toloache and Gabriel Alegria Afro-Peruvian Sextet and celebrated Day of the Dead with the annual Dia de los Muertos exhibit and ofrenda workshops. In addition, we partnered with The Sam & Helen Stahl Center for Jewish Studies to present Sarah Aroeste, an artist of Ladino music, an ancient Judeo-Spanish language. Sarah presented a matinee, evening show and unique Sing-Talk Luncheon which was enjoyed by new visitors to Latino Arts.

Among some of these seasonal activities, Latino Arts also piloted a new event called, "Pinto con Tinto." This painting class, taught by Managing Artistic Director Jacobo Lovo, was a huge success! Guests enjoyed tapas, wine and dessert while painting their very own masterpieces inspired by Day of the Dead imagery. Stay tuned for more "Pinto con Tinto" events!

This spring we look forward to an exciting list of events including our fourth annual international Guitar Festival presented by the Latino Arts Strings Program. This festival will feature a youth guitar competition and master classes. In addition, Proyecto Bembe, an Afro-Latino percussion-based performing arts group will be hosting performances and workshops.

We will be trying out another new program "Café con Arte." Guests will be joined by our knowledgeable staff in the gallery for insight into the art exhibitions. Interesting, historical, sometimes humorous anecdotes will be accompanied by coffee and churros.

We are excited to continue to engage the community with our unique Latino Arts programming. Check out our website for all of the details: www.latinoartsinc.org



Almost 20 budding artists enjoyed painting their Dia de Los Muertos artwork at the first Pinto con Tinto.



Jacobo welcomes the band Gabriel Alegria Afro-Peruvian Sextet

HAPPY NEW YEAR

The new year is always a time to celebrate the success of the past while looking forward to new opportunities. One such reason to celebrate was the Greater Milwaukee Foundation report "Latino Milwaukee: A Statistical Portrait," which outlined the powerful economic impact that Hispanics have had in Milwaukee and will continue to have in the years to come. This report, which is covered later in this newsletter, represents countless opportunities for Milwaukee industry, employers, and for the general vitality of the city.

The United Community Center celebrates the growth and contributions of Hispanics everyday as we serve hundreds of families, students and elderly to help them achieve their dreams. With your support, we've been doing this since 1970, and will continue to do so in 2017 and beyond!

Thank you for your support and continued interest in our work! We hope to see you in the coming year.

Ricardo Diaz *Ricardo Diaz*



Salud a la Vista

Studies show Latinos have a higher rate of diabetes compared to the rest of the population, which can lead to vision loss, blindness, and other eye diseases. In an effort to prevent these health complications, a partnership between the United Community Center, Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW), Milwaukee Department of Health, Carroll University, and Marquette University is creating a new eye disease screening system using mobile technology to improve the eye health of the Latino community in Southeastern Wisconsin.



Thanks to the Healthier Wisconsin Partnership Program (HWPP) Responsive component grant, MCW and UCC will continue to expand their community partnerships and efforts to utilize telemedicine to detect early diabetic retinopathy among the insured and uninsured minority populations of Milwaukee and Waukesha counties. Using a mobile retinal camera that is easy to transport, project leaders hope to create an ongoing program that is community driven. This project partnership also aims to create a diverse and community friendly workforce composed of health science students, public health nurses, and community center staff that can deliver eye screenings to minority populations. The project named Salud a la Vista: mobile TeleEye Health (mTEH), will commence in the new year.

Set your Child up for Success!

Are you or someone you know looking for a great education for your child? We are now enrolling 3 and 4 year old kindergarten students at Bruce-Guadalupe Community School and 6th and 7th grade students at the new UCC Acosta Middle School!



With the guidance of the United Community Center your child can achieve success like Fernando, a BGCS alum and now a Harvard University graduate.



Help your child reach their potential like Blanca, a BGCS alumna and accounting analyst at Northwestern Mutual.

Learn more about the opportunities at our schools by attending our Enrollment Open House on **Wednesday, February 8 from 5 – 7 p.m.** Give a child in your life the best possible future and enroll today! For more information about enrollment please visit www.bgcsedu.org/EnrollmentInformation.

Latino Milwaukee: A Statistical Portrait

This year the Greater Milwaukee Foundation commissioned a study by UWM's Center for Economic Development for the first ever, in-depth analysis of social and economic conditions in Milwaukee's Latino Community. "Latino Milwaukee: a Statistical Portrait" provides comprehensive data which examines how Latino Milwaukee has changed through the years and how it compares to other demographics and metro areas. Most importantly, it shines a light on the significant role that the Latino community will play in the future of our city and the region. Below are some of highlights, to read the full report please visit: <http://www.greatermilwaukeefoundation.org/newsroom/recent-news/latino-study/>

A FEW HIGHLIGHTS:

- 79.5% of Milwaukee's Latino community are U.S. citizens. 72.8% were born in the U.S.
- Latinos have accounted for over 90% of the net population growth in metro Milwaukee and all of the net population growth in the city of Milwaukee since 2000.
- Without the surge in Latino population since 1990, the city's population would have declined by over 16 % between 1990 and 2014.
- Latinos accounted for 25.3% of the City of Milwaukee student enrollment for the 2015-2016 school year.
- Between 2007 and 2012, Hispanic-owned businesses in Milwaukee grew by 82.3%, the 10th highest increase in the 50 largest metropolitan areas.

ALUMNI: WHERE ARE THEY NOW? Ana Salas

Although Ana started attending Bruce-Guadalupe Community School in 3rd grade, she didn't find her niche at UCC until after she graduated 8th grade and started high school. Her mom, scared she would fall in with the wrong crowd, brought her to UCC's teen center and introduced her to the program director. After attending several activities she overcame her initial hesitations and grew to love spending time at the center. She became an ambassador of the All Stars Program speaking to other students about the importance of positive goals.

Four years later, she graduated high school and decided to go into criminal justice, but soon found she could have a more direct impact by doing social work. Last year, Ana applied to work for UCC's Human Services Department and has been working with us full time while also going to school full time. Ana shares, "I love what I do and am extremely honored to make an impact, no matter how small, on those who are looking for a fresh start."

Ana wants to work for UCC for some time, but eventually sees herself working for Child Protective Services and perhaps, in the distant future, she would like to open a group home for battered women and children. Ana is a long-time member of the UCC family and shares, "regardless of what I do, I will always have ties to UCC."



Is your Resolution to get fit this year? UCC Can help!

UCC and the Cesar Pabon Fitness Center can help you achieve your health goals in 2017 with our full slate of aerobic classes, including Body Boot Camp, Cardio Kickboxing, Moderate Impact Aerobics (M.I.A.) and Zumba. Childcare is available to fitness center members and accepts children ages 6 months to 9 years at a cost of \$2.00 per child per hour. The Fitness Center is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Recently, UCC hosted Brian Kramp and the FOX 6 news team for a special feature on the César Pabón Fitness Center for the FOX 6 Morning Blend program. While practicing his Zumba skills, Brian talked with Raymond Rivera, a UCC staff member, about the importance of people of all ages and physical abilities coming to the fitness center and getting healthy as a community.

"It can be very intimidating to come to the gym in the beginning but once you get here, everyone makes you feel very warm and comfortable—just like family," commented Raymond.

Brian also participated in cycling in the Wellbeats studio, an interactive class simulation that allows patrons to begin classes like kickboxing, Zumba, yoga and Pilates "on demand" with the touch of a button. Some of these classes are even geared towards kids and children, furthering the concept of encouraging participation from all community members.

The interview was a lot of fun and UCC is grateful to Brian and his team! Check out the UCC Cesar Pabon Fitness Center for yourself online or stop in! <http://www.unitedcc.org/ProgramsServices/HealthAthletics/FitnessCenter.htm>

Students get glimpse into nation's history on unforgettable trip!

This October, forty 8th grade students from Bruce-Guadalupe Middle School had the chance to get up close and personal with our nation's history during a trip to Washington, D.C. Their five day adventure was generously funded by U.S. Senator Herb Kohl with a gift from Herb Kohl Philanthropies. Students explored everything from museums and monuments to George Washington's home at Mt. Vernon, filling each day with exciting experiences.



Students spent the first day of the trip visiting several historic sites, including, the Washington Monument, the World War II Memorial, and the Holocaust Museum. Students reflected on our nation's history at the Smithsonian Museum of American History, saw the beauty of the Thomas Jefferson Memorial at night, and learned to navigate the city on the metro.

On day two, they were taken on a guided tour of the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center, followed by a visit to the Library of Congress. Students saw the documents that formed our nation at the National Archives, getting an up close look at the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights. They ended the evening in style with a private dance party at Madame Tussauds Wax Museum, where students danced the night away surrounded by past presidents and celebrities!

The final day of the trip brought our nation's history full circle. Students spent the morning at Mt. Vernon, George Washington's home, learning more about the life of our founding president. From there students headed to the White House, getting a look inside the building that houses our President and is a steadfast reminder of country's past, present, and future.

Students headed home with a new understanding of our nation's history, it's struggles, triumphs, and the people who played an integral role in its creation. The memories that were made along the way will be treasured, as it truly was a week that students will never forget.



Volunteers Give Back This Fall

As we celebrate and look forward to a new year, the United Community Center would like to reflect on the generosity of our the amazing volunteers who donated their time, energy, and efforts to make this past fall and holiday season a success. With your help and support, we accomplished more than 25 projects for our students, seniors, and community.

The United Way Season of Caring kicked off our remarkable and busy season. We hosted ten volunteer projects with more than sixty volunteers from eight corporate partners. A few projects included volunteers reading to our first grade students, creating holiday crafts and even taking our seniors on a memorable field trip to the Milwaukee Public Museum. Thanks to companies like US Bank, Rockwell Automation, Robert W. Baird & Co., Inc., Associated Bank and so many others, we were able provide fun filled projects that made a lot of special memories for our students and seniors.

UCC also received a special visit from Michael Best and Friedrich LLP, who showed our seniors a great time on the dance floor in an exciting

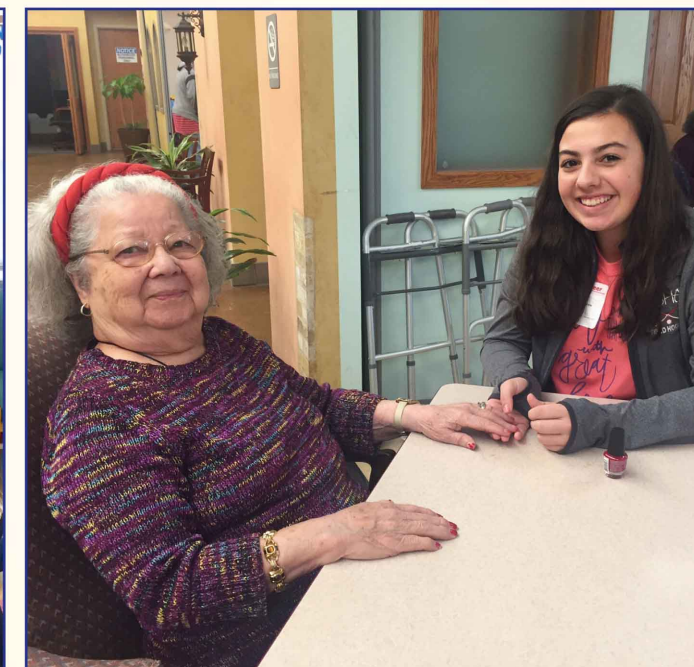
dance competition. Volunteers in the Latino Medical Student Association from the Medical College of Wisconsin spent many hours helping our first through fourth grade students with their homework after school. Local high school volunteers such as Divine Savior Holy Angels High School, St. Thomas More High School, and Carmen High School assisted our preschool classrooms in their daily literacy centers, and pampering our Adult Day Center seniors in a well-deserved spa day.

Muchas Gracias, a huge warm and heartfelt thank you to all of the remarkable volunteers that made a difference in our community by participating in our projects and events this past year. We look forward to seeing you again this spring!

For more information on how to get involved at UCC, please visit our website at <http://www.unitedcc.org/HowYouCanHelp/BecomeaVolunteer.htm> or contact Joanna Rivas at jrivas@unitedcc.org



Local Police Officers stop by our preschool for hugs and reading.



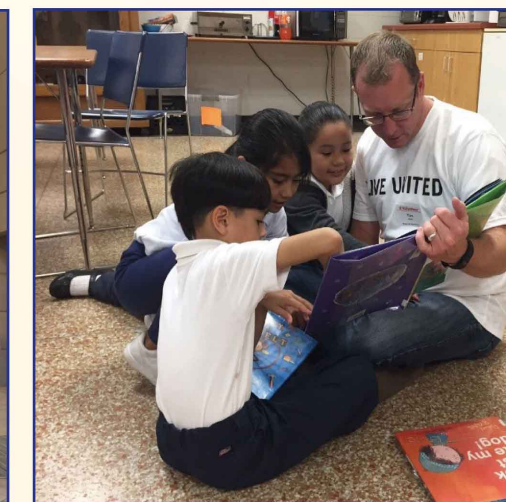
Divine Savior Holy Angels High School volunteers give manicures to ADC seniors.



UCC Seniors are proud of their dance moves and dance partners at Michael Best & Friedrich LLP.



Our seniors explore the Milwaukee Public Museum with friends at US Bank.



Robert W. Baird & Co., Inc. makes reading fun during the United Way Season of Caring.

SAVE THE DATE

All volunteers are invited to attend our annual **Volunteer Celebration** to be held on **February 23rd** from **5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**