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**HISPANIC
HERITAGE
COUNCIL**
of Western New York, Inc.

WELCOME / BIENVENIDOS

The Hispanic Heritage Council of Western New York, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that exists to foster and inspire awareness, understanding, and appreciation of past, present, and future contributions of the Hispanic Community in Western New York.

BOARD MEMBERS

Meet our new board Directors, these community volunteers are part of all the HHC programming throughout the year. Our diverse team will be a great addition to our community leaders of Western New York.



Jose Luis Perez



I am Venezuelan, and I have more than 20 years of living in the United States, specifically in Buffalo, NY. I have been working at Buffalo State College as a Spanish teacher. I decided to become a member of HHC because this organization has been working with the Hispanic community, and I have the firm intention of helping to grow and educate our people.



Karol Melendez



My heritage is from the small town of Arroyo, PR, I am an Administrative Coordinator for Highmark BlueCross BlueShield of WNY. HHC has inspired me to become more involved in the community's cultural diversity, to understand, and be aware of the needs of our community.



Kelly Hernandez



I was born in Colombia, and I'm a proud immigrant. My mom migrated to the US when I was 12 years old, and she worked hard to provide a better future for my brothers and I here in Buffalo. I am a firm believer "Que si se puede". I am a Community Relations Specialist for Fidelis Care. HHC offers hope for a better future in our WNY Latino community. I joined HHC because I want to help by making a difference, and work on creating growth opportunities for our young people.

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

To register for the Virtual Breakfast:
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For the auction (not live yet):
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the newsletter:
[click here](#)

The Annual Hispanic Heritage Community Breakfast is an opportunity to announce the plans for the coming year, and to reflect on the previous year's accomplishments. The event will feature a Hispanic leader as a guest speaker. Our annual community breakfast is scheduled to take place virtually on Saturday, June 26 at 10:00am. If you'd like to be a part of the event contact HHC at info@HispanicHeritageWNY.org

Your contribution will support HHC's projects and yearly events:

- Día de los Reyes Magos (Three Kings Day)
- Día del Niño (Day of the Child)
- Cinco de Mayo
- Hispanic Heritage History Project
- The Guitar Initiative



The poster features a top border with various national flags. The main text reads: "8th Annual Hispanic Heritage Community (Virtual) Breakfast and Auction". To the right is a graphic of a coffee cup with steam, containing the text: "JOIN US LIVE! SATURDAY JUNE 26 @ 9AM VIA ZOOM". Below this is the quote: "Esperanza: A Celebration of Hispanic Heritage and Hope". The bottom section shows a woman playing a guitar, the Hispanic Heritage Council logo, and a building. At the bottom, it says: "For tickets, sponsorship, advertising opportunities, and auction, please visit our website www.HispanicHeritageWNY.org, contact us by email at info@HispanicHeritageWNY.org or call 716-402-IHHC (1442)". Logos for nationalgrid, JOHN R. OISHEL FOUNDATION, and GEICO are also present.

HISTORY PROJECT / PROYECTO DE HISTORIA

This project seeks to engage the community in the collection of historical data, pictures, news clips, oral interviews and artifacts, current events, and plans for the future. The project is sponsored by the Hispanic Heritage Council of Western New York, Inc., If you like to participate and be interviewed or submit a photos to be included in the historical archive collection, please contact us by calling 716-402-1442 or email: info@hispanicheritagewny.org

Este proyecto busca involucrar la comunidad en la recopilación de datos históricos, fotos, recortes de noticias, entrevistas y artefactos, eventos actuales y planes para el futuro. El proyecto es patrocinado por el Concilio de Herencia Hispana del Oeste de Nueva York, Inc., Si desea participar y ser entrevistado o enviar fotografías para que se incluyan en la colección del archive histórico, comuníquese con nosotros llamando al 716-402-1442 o envíe un correo electrónico a: info@hispanicheritagewny.org

HISPANIC HERITAGE CULTURAL INSTITUTE



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

Pucho Social Club will be hosting Summer Live Outside Music \$7 per or \$25 all events: 6/25 Los Infieles\DJ Hekla, 7/9 Sol Y Sombra\DJ Mic-O, 7/30 Calle Uno, 8/13 Ranson\DJ Avee, 8/27 La Crema & Son Borikua\DJ Merge
Children free under 12yrs. doors open 5:30 DJ 'til 8pm, Band 'til closing, Drink Specials & Kitchen Open

HHC PROUD MOMENTS

The Hispanic Heritage Council Board of Directors would like to congratulate HHC Secretary Elda Pichardo, a Masters / Public Administration Graduate of SUNY Buffalo State College Class of 2021. Elda is also an inductee of the PI Alpha Alpha (PAA), National Honor Society, and Public Affairs & Administration, receiving the Frederick Howe Outstanding Student Volunteer Award and other numerous awards. Elda is the proud daughter of Altagracia Pichardo, and sister to Dayanna and Rodolfo Pichardo. Congratulations Elda on your accomplishments and your colleagues at HHC wish well in all your life endeavors



Elda Pichardo



The Hispanic Heritage Cultural Institute, envisioned for the city's West Side, is poised to be an important resource not just for Buffalo's Hispanic community but for the entire WNY community. This institute will be the only one of its kind outside of New York City and will serve as a place for gathering, celebration and learning rooted in a rich cultural history. Western New York is home to over 75,000 Hispanics, and at a time when equity, inclusion and diversity are being prioritized more than ever, it would be particularly meaningful for Government, Business, Corporations, Private and Public institutions to put its financial support behind this important resource that will allow this community to celebrate and share its heritage through cultural & historic workshops, art exhibitions, creative performance & presentations, musical expression & storytelling, experiential learning labs, and civic engagement.

For the past fifteen months we have experienced a very challenging time, with project delays as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic our project schedule has been modified to extend its time line well into 2024. We have made huge progress on many fronts. Working with our consultants we have been able to complete the project business and sustainability plan, acquire land and site control, Phase I & Phase II environmental study, in the coming months our efforts will focus on the Capital Campaign raising the much needed funds to build our \$10 million dollar green energy state of the art facility. Casimiro Rodriguez
HHCI Project Chairman



GUITAR INITIATIVE

We're thrilled to announce our new HHC Guitar Initiative classes for the Fall 2021! This Fall we'll be offering two exciting programs: our very own **Guitar Classes**, and our new project, the **Recycled Instrument Building Workshop**.

a. Our Guitar Class pays special emphasis in community. Students in the class receive the best formal music education, taught by experienced professional musicians and educators. Classes will meet twice a week for a 90mins applied guitar class, and a 60 min music appreciation class where they'll learn about music theory, history, and will listen to local musicians perform for them. This class is for children ages 10-13, no prior music experience needed.

b. Our Recycled Instrument Workshop teaches all stages of building musical instruments using recycled materials while learning also how to play them. Throughout the semester, our students build instruments representative of each one of the musical families (Strings, Wind, Brass and Percussion). This is a unique experience that converges music education with STEM education. This class is for children ages 10-12, and it'll meet once a week for a 2hrs class. Enrollment for both classes will open on July 15 and classes will begin on September 13. All classes will be held at the Isaías González-Soto Public Library. All classes are entirely free, we'll provide all necessary materials, including guitars, books, and building materials. Classes will be in person, following CDC's safety recommendations and Erie County Public Library's policies to ensure a safe environment for our students and instructors. For more information about these programs please contact Dr. Ricardo Saeb at hhc.guitar@gmail.com

RECIPES - RECETA

Some people called them Empanadas and other call them Pastelillos, what we know for sure they are good.

Ingredients

1lb ground beef, chicken, seafood (your choice)
 2 potatoes finely chopped
 2 tbs sofrito or (1 small onion, 3 cloves garlic, 1 green pepper, 4 strands of cilantro)
 1/3 cup tomato sauce
 1tbs olives
 pinch of salt, pepper and cumin
 1 envelope of sazón
 cheese slices for each pastry disc (optional)
 pastry disc 12

saute protein with potatoes along with the ingredients for 15 min medium heat or till browned cooked. let it cool.

Fill each pastry disc with slice of cheese, 1 or 2 tbs of protein, pinch the end of pastry to keep them from breaking. Fry them in hot oil, serve alone as an appetizer or with rice

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Ingredientes

1 libra de carne molida, pollo, mariscos (su elección)
 2 patatas finamente picadas
 2 cucharadas de sofrito o (1 cebolla pequeña, 3 dientes de ajo, 1 pimiento verde, 4 hebras de cilantro)
 1/3 taza de salsa de tomate
 1 cucharada de aceitunas
 pizca de sal, pimienta y comino
 1 sobre de sazón
 rebanadas de queso por cada disco de masa (opcional)
 disco de pastelería 12

saltee las proteínas con las papas junto con los ingredientes durante 15 minutos a fuego medio o hasta que estén doradas. deja enfriar.

Rellena cada disco de masa con una rodaja de queso, 1 o 2 cucharadas de proteína, pellizca el extremo de la masa para evitar que se rompa.

Fríelos en aceite caliente, sírvelos solos como aperitivo o con arroz.





HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

We are honored to be a part of the Western New York Diverse Community. Every year HHCWNY proudly participate with the many arts, cultural, business, nonprofit, government and educational organization and groups of WNY. The Hispanic population is largely integrated through the city of Buffalo and all the surrounding suburbs. Covid has been a learning experience and we have had to reimagine how we do things, with the restrictions being lifted we hope to have some events virtual and in person participation.

As you very well know the Council works locally to ensure the contributions of Hispanics of WNY is rich with collaboration of cultural, social, and economic landscape of our area are recognized and preserved. We are now working on our annual Hispanic Heritage Month celebration from September 15 to October 15, 2021.

I would like to introduce you to our Secretary and Program Committee Coordinator Elda Pichardo, who will be working with me for this year's annual calendar of events. Elda and I will be contacting you to coordinate this year's annual Hispanic Heritage Month secretary@hispanicheritagewny.org
Maritza@hispanicheritagewny.org

RALPH R. HERNÁNDEZ BILINGUAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

One \$500 scholarship will be awarded

We are looking for applicants, they must meet the following general criteria:

- Be a direct descendent of Hispanic/Latino parent/grandparent.
- Be enrolled in a teacher preparation program leading to certification to teach in any grade or subject (preference will be given to candidates enrolled in a Bilingual Education Program).
- If enrolled in college, applicants must have at least a 2.75 grade average; High School Seniors or recent HS graduates must have a grade of 85 or above.
- Be a resident of one of the six counties of Western New York, Erie, Niagara, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Wyoming or Allegany county and attend an educational institution in one of these regions.
- Show commitment to the Hispanic/Latino community.
- Participate of an interview.
- Appear to receive the award at our Hispanic Heritage month kick off.
- Serve for one year as a student representative of the HHC.
- Write an essay indicating your personal history, goals, commitment to the Hispanic community, and any special circumstances.

Submit your completed application and essay by August 1, 2021

Application available online, visit <http://hispanicheritagewny.org/pdf/HHC-Scholarship-2021.pdf>

or you may request one at scholarship@HispanicHeritageWNY.org
HHC Scholarship Committee Chair, Maritza Vega

JUNETEENTH



The Hispanic Heritage council of Western New York is proud to recognize and celebrate, the federal Juneteenth holiday. This holiday falls right in line with the afro-latino culture we have in our heritage. Our president Joe Biden, has finally broken the core promise of freedom by signing it into law June 19.

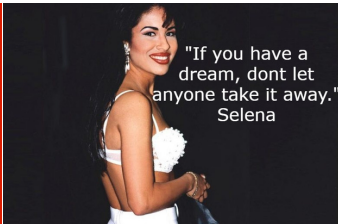
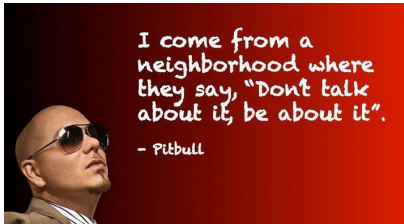


If you are interested in becoming a community advocate, to make a difference and participate in growing community awareness diversity, understanding and inclusion become an Ambassador or Organization Ambassador. Together-Juntos we can change the world as we embrace the future. mv

CONTACT: MARITZA@HISPANICHERITAGEWNY.ORG

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