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Northern New Mexico

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Special Points of Interest

MANA del Norte to host-- 2007
MANA National Meeting
May 24-26, 2007

12 Scholarships awarded to northern
New Mexico Hispanic Women



Scholarship recipients :

Mabel Arellanes,
Yvonne M. Garcia,
Loreta Martinez-Cargo,
Nancy L. Martinez, Erica
Padilla, Roberta Rael-
Solis, Dolores Angela
Salazar, Erica Rita
Velarde*, Dawn
Alexander**, Andrea
Lujan**, Marta Elena
Romero, **, Nichole A.
Martinez (Not
shown)***

*MANA del
Norte/AAUW Recipient
** MANA Coors
Scholarship Program
Recipient
*** MANA del Norte
\$500 Level Recipient



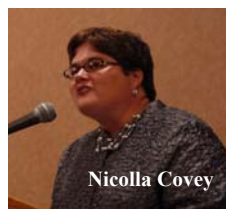
Congressman Tom Udall
and President Terry Ortega



*Supporting our Scholarship Program – Sipping and Bidding, Our Silent
Auction is an enjoyable way to meet others and find that one of a kind gift.
This event raises a significant amount of our scholarship dollars.*



Ana Pacheco



Nicolla Covey



Valerie Espinoza and
Josie Lujan

MANA del Norte's 17th Annual Hispanic Heritage Month Scholarship Banquet, held on September 23, 2006, was host to a number of community, legislative, and Hispanic leaders. Twelve amazing women from northern New Mexico were honored at the banquet. It was an honor to have Valerie Espinoza, Santa Fe County Clerk, as our Mistress of Ceremonies, and our keynote speaker, Ana Pacheco, Editor and Publisher of La Herencia Magazine, inspired us with her presentation on "Nuestro Futuro, Nuestra Cultura." Ms. Espinoza read a Proclamation from Secretary of State Rebecca Vigil Jiron, declaring September 23, 2006, MANA del Norte Day. A highlight of the evening was a visit by Congressman Tom Udall, who took the time to speak to each recipient individually and then addressed the entire audience regarding the importance of higher education and the impact that MANA del Norte is making in northern New Mexico. MANA del Norte has awarded over \$80,000 in scholarships to northern New Mexico Hispanic women since 1989. Also honored at the Scholarship Banquet was Suzanne Johnston, who was awarded the LANL Foundation's Vecinos Award, by Nicolla Covey, for her outstanding fundraising work with MANA del Norte. In addition, MANA del Norte received \$1,000 from the LANL Foundation as part of this award. It is our goal in 2007 to award ten \$1000 scholarships. As a jump start toward this goal, our fourth annual "Sipping and Bidding" Silent Auction, held right before the scholarship banquet, was once again an outstanding success, netting over \$3,600 for scholarships.

For information on giving contact: Terry Ortega – 505-473-4733

Dolores E. Roybal Named Executive Director of Con Alma Health Foundation

Dolores E. Roybal, a native of



Espanola NM, has been selected as Con Alma Health Foundation's new Executive Director, effective January 12, 2007. She replaces Robert Desiderio who led the Foundation for the past four years.

Roybal most recently served as Con Alma's Program Director. Prior experience includes positions as Program Director, Santa Fe Community Foundation; Executive Director, Women's

Health Services; founding Executive Director, NGO New Mexico, the New Mexico Nonprofit Association; Director of Graduate and External Programs, College of Santa Fe; and Graduate Coordinator and faculty, Social Work Department, New Mexico Highlands University.

Roybal has been active in the nonprofit sector and in philanthropy for many years at the local, national, and international levels with Con Alma Health Foundation, the Santa Fe Community Foundation, Hispanics in Philanthropy, Funders for Lesbian and Gay Issues, the Council of Foundations, the Alliance for Nonprofit Management, and the Council for International Relations. Roybal was a featured facilitator at a Moscow conference, "NGOs in a Changing Environment." Roybal has also served as a Board member and Board officer for numerous nonprofits, including MANA del Norte, and Health Centers of Northern New Mexico.

In 2005, she received a Business Woman of the Year Award from the Capital City Business and Professional Women.

Roybal has completed coursework toward a Ph.D. in Organizational Behavior and Development with a specialization in Nonprofit Management and the Nonprofit Sector, and holds a Master of Social Work degree, with a concentration in Community Services and Social Planning, from the University of Denver.

She is married to Paul Roybal, a retired Espanola High School History teacher. They are the parents of five children and eight grandchildren.

The mission of Con Alma Health Foundation is to be aware of and respond to the health rights and needs of the culturally and demographically diverse peoples and communities of New Mexico. Con Alma seeks to improve the health status and access to healthcare services and advocates for a health policy that addresses the health needs of all New Mexicans. For more information, visit www.conalma.org.

Holiday Social – Fun and Community Service

MANA del Norte's membership was once again asked to collect travel toiletries (i.e., shampoo, bath soap, toothpaste, etc.) during the year, and at our holiday social held at the College of Santa Fe on December 9, 2006, we prepared over 50 gift bags which were then distributed to Santa Fe Youth & Family Shelters and to the Crisis Center of Northern New Mexico in Española. We shared fellowship, delicious holiday goodies, and had great fun preparing the gift bags. Thank you to all who participated in this event.

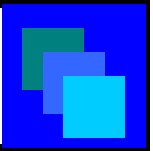


Literacy Space Project

Dr. Sandra Rodriguez has worked

diligently in her capacity as the College of Santa Fe's Department of Education Department Chair and a MANA National board member, to establish a space in the LaFarge Library for children. This ground-breaking national model is an imaginative play space based on Southwestern stories and folktales. The literacy Space will promote reading, cultural acceptance and imaginative play.

The Literacy Space will include Native American Folktales, Hispanic Folktales and Southwestern Folktales. The grand opening event of the Literacy Space will coincide with Día de los Niños, which takes place in April to promote and celebrate the teaching of reading to young children. The opening day celebration On April 29, 2007 is supported by the College of Santa Fe, Oliver LaFarge Branch Library, Home Depot, MANA del Norte, the White House Initiative on Education Excellence for Hispanic Americans, MANA a National Latina Organization and First Books Publishing Company.



2007 Membership Luncheon – Election of New Board Member

MANA del Norte held its Annual Membership Luncheon at Angelina's Restaurant, February 24, 2007. The event included our annual book exchange, and door prizes given away throughout the event. We were privileged to have Enselma and Enemias Vasquez bless the event with a prayer song.

The election of a new board for MANA del Norte was also part of this event. The Honorable Supreme Court Justice Petra Jimenez Maes swore in the new board and as always made this a memorable passing of the torch. The new board members include:

President – Terry M. Ortega
 Vice-President – Dolores E. Roybal
 Vice-President for Membership – Michaela "Shelley" Valencia
 Secretary – Nichole L. Medina
 Treasurer – Victoria Duran
 PR Coordinator – Jennifer J. Herrera

Members New & Old



MANA del Norte board members (left to right) Dolores Roybal, Jennifer Herrera, Nichole Medina, Shelley Valencia, Terry Ortega, Victoria Duran



MANA National Meeting – Welcome to New Mexico – The Land of Enchantment

The 2007 Annual Educational and Training Conference will be held May 24-26, 2007 at The Lodge at Santa Fe.

MANA del Norte is excited to host our annual meeting in Santa Fe and look forward to all our hermanas from throughout the United States to join us and enjoy the flavor of Nuevo Mexico.

An opening reception will begin at 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the Lodge at Santa Fe. Workshops and training seminars will then follow on Friday and Saturday

The College of Santa Fe will host the Friday workshops on May 25, 2007 from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.

Friday events will conclude with a fashion show at The Lodge at Santa Fe in the evening.

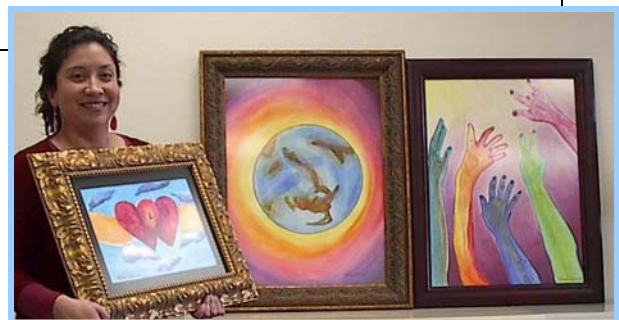
Saturday will be filled with MANA trainings starting at 9:00 am at The Lodge at Santa Fe. The annual meeting will conclude the 3-day event.

For reservations, please contact: The Lodge at Santa Fe, 505-992-5851, 750 N. St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87501.

Room Rate: \$89 Single/Double occupancy

Cut-Off date for reservations at group rate is April 20th

Featured Artist: This year's poster for the MANA National Educational and Training conference is being designed by MANA del Norte's own Tamara Lopez. Born and raised in northern New Mexico, Ms. Lopez and husband Cruz have a long standing relationship with the arts in northern New Mexico. Artist's Statement: My intention is to share color and emotion with the world. Watercolor painting interests me because water is fluid creating spontaneous results. Recently I have focused on the heart and flowers. These images radiate my love for my family and beauty. In the future my paintings will continue to focus on different dimensions of life and emotion.



Note from the Editor: It has been a pleasure recording our wonderful accomplishments. As I leave the office of PR Coordinator, I would like to thank the board for their undying support and wish MANA del Norte great success in the future. *Cecelia Garcia*

Message from the President



Dear MANA del Norte Members, Friends, and Hermanitas:

It is amazing that another year has gone by so quickly. It has been my honor to serve as your president for the past two years, and I am truly honored to have been elected your President for the next two years. My sincere thanks to our out-going Board members and Hermanas, Dr. Sandra Rodriguez, Theresa Sandlin and Cecelia Garcia for their commitment to MANA del Norte, and most especially for their support and friendship. As stated elsewhere in this newsletter, election of officers was held at our annual membership luncheon on February 24, 2007, and I am looking forward to working with you and our new Board of Directors.

One of the most important events coming up in 2007 is the annual MANA Education and Training Conference which is being hosted this year by MANA del Norte at The Lodge at Santa Fe and the College of Santa Fe, on May 24-26, 2007. This promises to be a very exciting event that will bring national recognition to our chapter. Your assistance and attendance is crucial to the success of this national event. Please contact Sandra Rodriguez at srodriguez@csf.edu, if you are interested in helping with this important event. Furthermore, please keep in mind that when it comes time to register for the National Conference, that you register through our chapter, rather than through MANA National, because we will be able to keep all registration monies in our own coffer.

Thank you all for your continued support of MANA del Norte. If you did not attend the membership luncheon, please be sure to renew your membership dues by mail at MANA del Norte, P. O. Box 9236, Santa Fe, NM 87504. Adelante!



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