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# La Voz de MANA del Norte Newsletter

A Grassroots, Nonprofit, Volunteer Hispanic  
Women's Organization In Northern  
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## DEAR MANA DEL NORTE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

As the year 2001 came to an end, our thoughts are filled with the many dreams we were fortunate enough to realize. Our thoughts are also filled with the many dreams we have yet to achieve and on those whose dreams were cut short. As the year came to an end, the holidays provided us with a time for reflection and a time to offer thanks to all who have touched our lives. In this new 2002, let us celebrate our lives by remembering our dreams and the dreams of those around us.

My sincere appreciation goes to all our members, friends, and our sponsors. It has been a pleasure working with all of you. As we reflect on this past year, each of us must remember that every day of every year MANA del Norte members reaches out to the community, promoting education and developing leaders. The true measure of our performance is reflected in the lives that we touch, day in and day out. Through your help and support we will continue to make an impact. We will continue to feed the technological pipeline, and we will raise the education level of America.

On behalf of the Board of MANA del Norte, I want thank all of you, our MANA del Norte familia, for your continued commitment and consistent support in helping us help women in Northern New Mexico realize their dreams of a better tomorrow. I look forward to an exciting and successful 2002. **Muchas Gracias.**  
**Dr. Sandra Rodriguez, President, MANA del Norte.**

## MANA DEL NORTE ANNUAL LUNCHEON – SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2002

MANA del Norte will host their anniversary luncheon Saturday, February 16, 2002, at Flavio's Café, 230 Onate Street, N.W., Espanola, New Mexico. The lunch will consist of your choice of a Chicken Salad or a been burrito. The cost of the luncheon is \$10.00 (tax and gratuity included).

Our featured speaker, Dr. Isabelle Sandoval, will talk with us about Mujeres de Oro del Norte. She will end her presentation with a poem that was published in La Herencia on Rosa de Castilla – dedicated to the women of northern New Mexico. Dr. Sandoval wrote this poem in Spanish and dedicated it to our forgotten abuelitas and tias. Isabelle will include some of her untold female family history on the Medina Women, really constituting a family linkage to the Martin, Montoya and Tellez Xiron families. Her research on this subject was published in the quarterly journal of the Hispanic Genealogical Research Center of New Mexico.

Dr. Isabelle Sandoval received her BA from UNM with a major in Spanish and English. Her MA was from the University of Missouri with a major in Reading and her Ph.D. was from the University of Wyoming with a major in Educational Administration. Her dissertation was on indicators that contributed to school administrator positions of Hispanas in the states of Colorado and New Mexico. She is currently the Associate Chair of the Education Department at the College of Santa Fe. Her most recent award was being named in Who's Who of the International 21<sup>st</sup> Century and Who's Who of American Women in 2002-2003.

Please plan to attend the MANA del Norte Anniversary Luncheon at Flavio's Café in Espanola. **Please RSVP no later than Wednesday evening, February 13, 2002.** Since there is limited seating, please contact Carmen at 662-7044 or 665-6770, or Becky Trujillo at 753-7089 to reserve your seat for the luncheon. It will be exciting and fun – something you won't want to miss.

### **MANA DEL NORTE 2001 HOLIDAY DRIVE SUCCESSFUL**

MANA del Norte would like to thank all the members and friends who supported the MANA del Norte Holiday drive 2001. Through your effort and generosity, the family (a single woman with 5 young girls ranging from ages 4 to 14) received lots of presents that included baked goods, canned food, books, toys, two bikes, candy, clothing, gift certificates for gas, Furs Cafeteria, Sams Club, and payment of her telephone bill. The family was in awe and very thankful to all of us for making their holiday a happy one. Very Special Thanks go to: Larkin and Alice Garcia, Tina Salazar-Langley, Virginia Smith, Suzanne Johnston, Loretta Fresquez, Josie Silva (from Oklahoma), Mona Wecksung, Shelley Valencia, Terry Ortega, Beverly Ramsey, Monica Talachy, Joe Fresquez, Chuck Harrington, and Carmen M. Rodriguez.

### **MANA DEL NORTE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION FROM TERRY ORTEGA**

According to our Vice President for Membership, Terry Ortega, MANA del Norte will celebrate our 13<sup>th</sup> year in February 2002. MANA del Norte has accomplished some incredible things in northern New Mexico--awarded over \$45,000 in scholarships to Hispanic women, mentored young women through our Hermanitas Project, brought pay equity issues to the forefront, sponsored workshops on women and finance, chaired the "SchoolGirls Revisited" program in Santa Fe, adopted a needy family during the holidays, awarded 14 scholarships of \$500.00 each to Latinas in October 2001, and assisted in the all important task of Census 2000--all with the support and hard work of our members and friends. In 2002, the Board hopes to continue in this tradition.

MANA del Norte have some exciting projects in the making, i.e., Hermanitas Project, Scholarship Awards and National Hispanic Heritage Month Scholarship Banquet, Cinco de Mayo Scholarship Fundraiser, etc. We are asking for your continued input and assistance. Please contact me or any of the other Board members if you would be interested in participating in any of these projects.

Our anniversary luncheon is scheduled for February 16<sup>th</sup>, in Espanola, and we look forward to seeing you there. Please bring a friend, introduce her/him to MANA del Norte, and encourage her/him to join.

**DON'T FORGET--February is also membership renewal month (Full Members \$25.00, Friends \$15.00, and Hermanitas \$5.00).** Please plan to attend the luncheon on February 16<sup>th</sup> (PLEASE RSVP FOR THE LUNCHEON) and pay your dues then or mail them to the MANA del Norte post office box 9236, Santa Fe, NM 87504-9236. On behalf of the MANA del Norte Board, thank you for your continued support and assistance.

### **12TH ANNUAL NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET**

The 12th Annual National Hispanic Heritage Month Scholarship Banquet on Saturday Evening, October 13, 2001, was a complete SUCCESS. Our Keynote Speakers, Loretta Armenta, President and CEO of the Albuquerque Hispano Chamber of Commerce, and Monica Armenta, Co-Anchor for Eyewitness News, KOB-TV Channel 4 were excellent speakers and received standing ovations from the 154 people in attendance. Thank you again Loretta and Monica.

#### **Thanks to the following sponsors for making this event a success:**

Los Alamos National Bank, Adelante Environmental Consultants, Inc., IMAGE de Los Alamos Paper Tiger Printing Company in Santa Fe, NM. the Santa Fe New Mexican Newspaper, LANL Foundation, LANL Facilities and Waste Operations Division, LANL Women's Diversity Group, MANA del Norte members and friends who participated in the White Elephant Scholarship Auction, Regalos de Abiquiu, Johnson Controls Northern New Mexico, McKee Foundation, Ray and Joan Rogers, Karen Heldmeyer, John and Marti Browne, Patricia Madrid, Jewel Cabeza de Baca, Maria Christina Romero, the Hinkle Law Firm, Dennis Duran, Los Alamos Medical Center, and many others. Thank you so much.

## **LETTER AND NOTE FROM MANA del NORTE SCHOLARSHIP RECEIPIENTS 2001**

“Dear Terry (MANA del Norte Scholarship Chairperson): I would like to take a few minutes to thank you and the scholarship committee and sponsors. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for making it possible for me to receive a MANA del Norte scholarship. I thank the Lord for people like you who make it possible for me to accomplish what I have set my heart to do. The scholarship I got from MANA del Norte will allow me to take more classes, pay for books and also pay for gas so I can get to school. I will be taking classes for bilingual special education at both the Santa Fe Community College and the College of Santa Fe. I was raised in northern New Mexico and my first language is Spanish. I would like to teach bilingual education because I love the language. I also like special education, because I had a daughter that was a special needs child who passed away four and a half years ago. I am glad there were special needs teachers to teach her. I want to make it possible for other special needs children to get the help they need. The third reason is because I love to work with children. My plans are to be a Bilingual Special Educations Teacher. A few years ago I couldn't even imagine myself being able to go to college. The Lord is great and he has provided every cent that I have needed. I would like to thank you once again for the scholarship. Thankfully yours, **Margie Acuna.**”

“Dear MANA del Norte Scholarship Committee Members: It is great to see an organization assisting students to further their education. It was an honor to meet the scholarship committee members at the awards banquet in October. My family and I had a wonderful time. It was great meeting you and other MANA del Norte members. Thank you for the scholarship. It is a pleasure to remember special people who touch my life. Best wishes, **Gina Ortiz.**”

### **MANA DEL NORTE MEMBERS IN THE NEWS**

Please welcome our new members: Camille Bustamante, Judy Pino, Feliz Quintana, Beverly Ramsey and Diane Vigil. Please welcome our renewing members: Pauline Anaya, Julie Cordero, Caroline Jaramillo-Crone, Annabelle Gutierrez Sisneros Mora, Jeanette Salazar, Bernadette Sanchez-Wiegel, Barbara Vigil, Gloria Tristani, Petra and Pilar Salazar. Thank you for renewing your membership dues.

Petra Salazar surprised her family and returned home from her basic and advanced military training on Thanksgiving, after being gone for six months. She hopes to enroll at UNM this next semester and stay in the National Guard. Her base is in Espanola. Pilar Salazar, sister to Petra, is in her second year at UNM. She holds down two jobs (YMCA and Johnson Gym) and goes to school full time (Criminology major). Keep up the great work, hermanas.

The MANA del Norte editor apologies for misplacing her notes while talking with members and friends during the holiday season. She intended to share the news with the membership, but cannot find her notes in time of printing this newsletter. Sorry.

### **MANA DEL NORTE JANUARY 2002 GENERAL MEETING**

The general meeting of MANA del Norte for 2002 was held on January 12, 2002, in Santa Fe, New Mexico. We had a very nice turnout with old and new members and guests (20 people in attendance). We watched a video titled the American Family. It is a drama series that aired on PBS on January 3, 2002. The first-ever Latino drama series on broadcast television includes such stars as Edward James Olmos, Sonia Braga, Esai Morales and Raquel Welch. This drama was put together by Gregory Nava (El Norte & Selena) and looks at the layers of one Latino family from East Los Angeles and how each generation differs from the next yet remains forever bonded. 22 shows have been taped and will be seen with no commercials! Quote from Nava, "This family could be any family. It's not the skin color or the history that's important, it's the universal recognition of the heart, soul, beauty and warts that will define it."

MANA del Norte is responsible for producing a family album. If anyone is interested in being part of this project, please contact our President, Sandra Rodriguez at 473-6130 for more information. The more members that can participate the better. Please volunteer your services for this worthwhile project.

#### **MANA DEL NORTE MEMBERSHIP EMAIL ADDRESSES**

If you have an email address, please let Terry Ortega, MANA del Norte Vice President for Membership know. MANA del Norte would like to see how many members are available through email so we can distribute "breaking news" to you immediately. Please call or email Terry Ortega at 473-7697 (home) with your email address. [tortega@mailexcel.com](mailto:tortega@mailexcel.com)

#### **OFFICE SPACE NEEDED**

MANA del Norte is **STILL** seeking a centrally located office space in Española, Santa Fe, or Los Alamos at little or no cost. Space is needed for two desks, some chairs, a telephone, file cabinets, a table and desk-sized fax and a copy machine. Contributions of space are tax-deductible. For information, call Carmen M. Rodriguez at 662-7044.

#### **MANA DEL NORTE CINCO DE MAYO SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER – MAY 2002**

Please call Carmen M. Rodriguez or Tina Salazar Langley if you would like to be on the 2002 Cinco de Mayo Scholarship Fundraiser Committee. We need your help and ideas. We need your support. Please join this fun-filled committee and let's get to work. We look forward to hearing from YOU!!

#### **"I HAVE A DREAM" BY MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR,**

Five score years ago, a great American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This momentous decree came as a great beacon light of hope to millions of Negro slaves who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice. It came as a joyous daybreak to end the long night of captivity. But one hundred years later, we must face the tragic fact that the Negro is still not free.

One hundred years later, the life of the Negro is still sadly crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination. One hundred years later, the Negro lives on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity. One hundred years later, the Negro is still languishing in the corners of American society and finds himself (herself) an exile in his (her) own land.

So we have come here today to dramatize an appalling condition. In a sense we have come to our Nation's capital to cash a check. When the architects of our republic wrote the magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir.

This note was a promise that all men (women) would be guaranteed the inalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. It is obvious today that America has defaulted on this promissory note insofar as her citizens of color are concerned. Instead of honoring this sacred obligation, America has given the Negro people a bad check which has come back marked "insufficient funds." But we refuse to believe that the bank of justice is bankrupt. We refuse to believe that there are insufficient funds in the great vaults of opportunity of this nation.

So we have come to cash this check -- a check that will give us upon demand the riches of

freedom and the security of justice. We have also come to this hallowed spot to remind America of the fierce urgency of now. This is no time to engage in the luxury of cooling off or to take the tranquilizing drug of gradualism. Now is the time to rise from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice. Now is the time to open the doors of opportunity to all of God's children. Now is the time to lift our nation from the quick sands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood (sisterhood).

It would be fatal for the nation to overlook the urgency of the moment and to underestimate the determination of the Negro. This sweltering summer of the Negro's legitimate discontent will not pass until there is an invigorating autumn of freedom and equality. Nineteen sixty-three is not an end, but a beginning. Those who hope that the Negro needed to blow off steam and will now be content will have a rude awakening if the nation returns to business as usual. There will be neither rest nor tranquility in America until the Negro is granted his (her) citizenship rights.

The whirlwinds of revolt will continue to shake the foundations of our nation until the bright day of justice emerges. But there is something that I must say to my people who stand on the warm threshold which leads into the palace of justice. In the process of gaining our rightful place we must not be guilty of wrongful deeds. Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred.

We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline. We must not allow our creative protest to degenerate into physical violence. Again and again we must rise to the majestic heights of meeting physical force with soul force.

The marvelous new militancy which has engulfed the Negro community must not lead us to distrust of all white people, for many of our white brothers (and sisters), as evidenced by their presence here today, have come to realize that their destiny is tied up with our destiny and their freedom is inextricably bound to our freedom.

We cannot walk alone. And as we walk, we must make the pledge that we shall march ahead. We cannot turn back. There are those who are asking the devotees of civil rights, "When will you be satisfied?". We can never be satisfied as long as our bodies, heavy with the fatigue of travel, cannot gain lodging in the motels of the highways and the hotels of the cities. We cannot be satisfied as long as the Negro's basic mobility is from a smaller ghetto to a larger one. We can never be satisfied as long as a Negro in Mississippi cannot vote and a Negro in New York believes he (she) has nothing for which to vote. No, no, we are not satisfied, and we will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.

I am not unmindful that some of you have come here out of great trials and tribulations. Some of you have come fresh from narrow cells. Some of you have come from areas where your quest for freedom left you battered by the storms of persecution and staggered by the winds of police brutality. You have been the veterans of creative suffering. Continue to work with the faith that unearned suffering is redemptive.

Go back to Mississippi, go back to Alabama, go back to Georgia, go back to Louisiana, go back

to the slums and ghettos of our northern cities, knowing that somehow this situation can and will be changed. Let us not wallow in the valley of despair. I say to you today, my friends, that in spite of the difficulties and frustrations of the moment, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men (and women) are created equal." I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons (and daughters) of former slaves and the sons (and daughters) of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at a table of brotherhood (sisterhood). I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a desert state, sweltering with the heat of injustice and oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice. I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day the state of Alabama, whose governor's lips are presently dripping with the words of interposition and nullification, will be transformed into a situation where little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls and walk together as sisters and brothers. I have a dream today. I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. This is our hope. This is the faith with which I return to the South. With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood (sisterhood). With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.

This will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with a new meaning, "My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring." And if America is to be a great Nation, this must become true. So let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York. Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania! Let freedom ring from the snowcapped Rockies of Colorado! Let freedom ring from the curvaceous peaks of California! But not only that; let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia! Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee! Let freedom ring from every hill and every molehill of Mississippi. From every mountainside, let freedom ring.

When we let freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men/women and white men/women, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, "Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!"



We hope you have enjoyed this edition of La Voz de MANA del Norte. We want to hear from you. We invite and encourage you to share your comments, ideas, articles for publication, and questions. Consider this newsletter a forum for an exchange of information. We want you to participate. Please feel free to contact Carmen M. Rodriguez, Editor of La Voz de MANA del Norte, (505-662-7044) when you want to include articles or share some news with the membership. Remember that this is a joint effort.

MANA del Norte, a Hispanic women's organization in Northern New Mexico was established on February 4, 1989, dedicated to strengthening the role of Hispanic women in our society. We serve as a voice and resource for Hispanic women in Northern New Mexico. We seek to express the concerns and interests of this valuable group by participating in the decision-making process. Through its effective involvement in a variety of issues and its national grassroots network, the MANA del Norte organization achieves its objectives. All interested persons are invited to become members of MANA del Norte. Our organization is open to the public and encourages all people to attend meetings and functions sponsored by MANA del Norte.

MANA del Norte supports programs and legislative initiatives fostering equality, including fair policies on economic equity, health, welfare, education, and civil rights. MANA del Norte is involved with Networking Leadership Training, Referrals, Scholarships, and other issues. We strongly encourage you and your friends to join MANA del Norte. As a member, you will be entitled to attend meetings, voice your concerns on issues discussed, receive a monthly newsletter filled with information, vote on all the issues we are involved in, and receive a variety of free books to share with family and friends. As a Friend of MANA del Norte, you will be entitled to receive this monthly newsletter, receive books, and attend the meetings.

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If you want to talk with someone about membership or other related issues regarding MANA del Norte, please call Terry Ortega, VP for Membership, or any other board member whose names are listed below.

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