

TAMPA HISPANIC HERITAGE, INC
1979 30th Anniversary 2009



Installation Luncheon



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Tampa Hispanic Heritage, Inc. History

Tampa Hispanic Heritage, Inc.'s roots can be traced to the influx of immigrants to the Tampa Bay area in the 1970's. In 1975, President Gerald Ford proclaimed the first Hispanic Heritage Month in the United States. That year a committee of Hispanic community leaders appointed by then Tampa Mayor William F. Poe organized the first Hispanic Heritage Celebration in Tampa. The 1975 celebration consisted of a simple ceremony on Columbus day at his statue on Bayshore Blvd. in Tampa.

As years passed, the mayoral committee became part of Tampa's Sister cities, but in 1979, as the enthusiasm for the annual celebration grew, Tampa Hispanic Heritage, Inc. became autonomous. With the increase and variety of the Hispanic population, Tampa Bay area Hispanics felt the need to share their roots with the entire community. The celebration of Tampa's Hispanic Heritage has expanded from the once simple ceremony to a ninety plus event extravaganza spanning the months of September, October and November each year.

Celebrations include numerous events presented by many different Hispanic groups in the Tampa Bay area. The activities are always well attended by both Hispanic and non-Hispanics. Each year Tampa Hispanic Heritage, Inc. presents a diversified calendar of events that is educational, entertaining, and exciting. From the Mayor's official proclamation of Hispanic Heritage month at the Inaugural Gala, to the Kickoff Celebration, Hispanic Leadership Class, the Annual Poster and Essay Contests, yearly festivities generate tremendous community involvement and excitement.

Goals and Mission

Our mission is to foster, promote, and preserve the Hispanic heritage and culture of the Tampa Bay area; to contribute to the enrichment of the Hispanic culture and traditions in the Tampa Bay area in addition to preserving its past; to develop a unified voice in promoting a better understanding of the dynamic and progressive Hispanic community; to enrich the Tampa Bay Area community as a whole through the preservation and enrichment of the Hispanic Heritage and culture.

Our goals are to be the coordinating force of the festivities of Tampa's Annual Hispanic Celebration; to publish the bilingual Official Calendar of Events of the Tampa Hispanic Heritage Celebration; to hold the Kickoff Celebration; to organize and promote the Inaugural Gala to recognize the Hispanic Man and Woman of the Year; to coordinate the Tampa Hispanic Heritage, Inc. Poster and Essay contests; and to organize and promote the Hispanic Leadership Class Celebration Awards.

Tampa Hispanic Heritage, Inc. Annual Events

Hispanic Man and Woman of the Year Gala

The Annual Inaugural Gala is an elegant dinner that takes place during Tampa's Hispanic Heritage Celebration season. The City of Tampa presents the Official Proclamation of the Hispanic Heritage season at this event. During the Inaugural Gala The Hispanic Man and The Hispanic Woman of the year are honored. The Gala has become Tampa's Hispanic community most celebrated and anticipated event.

Essay Contest

The Annual Essay Contest is open to school children from grades 6-12 in the Tampa Bay area. The contest is divided into four categories. Grades 6-8 written in English, Grades 6-8 written in Spanish, Grades 9-12 written in English, and Grades 9-12 written in Spanish. The theme each year spotlights Hispanic influence in some area. Cash awards of \$250.00, \$150.00 and \$100.00 respectively are awarded to the first, second and third place winners in each of the categories.

Poster Contest

The Annual Poster Contest is open to artists in the Tampa Bay Area. The winning poster will depict the artist's interpretation or rendition of Hispanic Heritage in the Tampa Bay area. The contest concludes with an awards reception at which the annual official Tampa Hispanic Heritage, Inc. souvenir color poster is unveiled. A \$3,000.00 cash prize is awarded to the winning artist. In addition, cash prizes are awarded to second and third prize winners of \$1,500.00 and \$500.00 respectively.

Kickoff Celebration

The Kick-off Celebration marks the commencement of the festival atmosphere associated with Tampa's Hispanic Heritage Celebration. Ethnic dancing, entertainment and an hour long remote by Spanish-language radio and television stations create a lively atmosphere at this outdoor event. Also, during the Kick-off Celebration, the official Tampa Hispanic Heritage, Inc. poster is autographed by the winning artist and distributed free to the public.

Hispanic Leadership Class Celebration

The Hispanic Leadership Class Celebration recognizes emerging leaders in the categories of Arts, Business, Community Involvement, Education, Government, and Media. During the program, public recognition is given to Hispanic men and women that have excelled in these categories. In addition, the "Orgullo" award is presented to a non-Hispanic person or organization that has devoted their time and energies towards the improvement of our Hispanic community.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

2009 Tampa Hispanic Heritage Inc.'s Events:

HISPANIC HERITAGE ESSAY CONTEST
Saturday, May 16th

**HISPANIC HERITAGE POSTER UNVEILING AND
RECEPTION** Thursday, September 16th

HISPANIC HERITAGE KICK-OFF CELEBRATION
Saturday, September 12TH

HISPANIC MAN AND WOMAN OF THE YEAR GALA
Saturday, September 27th

HISPANIC HERITAGE LEADERSHIP CLASS 2009
Friday, October 16th

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PROGRAM

WELCOME

Damaris Soto-Frassica
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Dr. Luz P. Lono

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LUNCH

POWER POINT PRESENTATION PROVIDED BY:

Maria Teresa Owens
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IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Maria Pasetti

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AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Honorable E.J. Salcines.

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NEW PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Maria Teresa Owens

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