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The next membership meeting is scheduled for Sunday, 24 November 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

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Membership Renewal: Membership chairman Tim Garcia reminds the membership that the 2014 dues renewal is now being accepted. Remember there is strength in numbers and our Council is strong due to its membership. So please renew as soon as possible. Please send your renewal check in the amount of \$20.00 to:

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If you have any questions please contact Tim at (563) 210-1369

GAP Saturday Academy: On Saturday, November 16, Council 10 participated in the GAP Saturday Academy. GAP is short for Greater Achievement Plan and is championed by the Davenport Community School District. The program is designed to help 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders who tested below their grade level in reading.

Lisa Lopez, Jazmin Newton, Maria Bribriesco and Tim Garcia were afforded the opportunity to help out with this very noble cause. President Reyes was also on the scene. We assisted the Family Involvement Liaisons in working with students on their reading skills. It was a very rewarding experience.

The next GAP Saturday Academy is scheduled for January 18. If you are interested in participating by all means do so! The feeling you get from that kind of experience is priceless. For details call Tim Garcia at 563-210-1369 or e-mail to timothy.garcia5@aol.com.



Jazmin, Dr. Tate, Maria, Tim & Lisa

Father Mottet Celebration: The Davenport Civil Rights Commission, League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Saint Ambrose University hosted the celebration at the LULAC Center. The event was in honor of father Mottet for decades he has fought for social justice and equality for all people in our community.



Pete Macias, Salvador (Chavo) Lopez, Aurora Vasquez, Henry Vargas, Nick Reyes & Father Mottet

Philippine Typhoon Relief Effort: On behalf of Father Mottet's Two Feet of Social Justice; Council 10 donated \$750.00 to the Catholic Relief Service to help provide 100,000 families with shelter, essential living supplies and clean water and sanitation. In addition Council 10 will hold a special fundraising Bingo later this winter with all proceeds going to support of the relief effort.

On November 8th Typhoon Haiyan, known in the Philippines as Yolanda, which killed at least 3,976 people and left nearly 1,600 missing, according to the government.

More than 4 million people have been displaced and need food, shelter and water. The typhoon also wrecked livelihoods on a massive scale, destroying crops, livestock, coconut plantations and fishing boats.



LULAC Council 10 Attendees Presenting Check to Loxi Hopkins on Behalf of Father Mottet

LULAC Leadership Awards Banquet & State Conference

On Friday, November 1st LULAC of Iowa hosted the first Annual LULAC Leadership Awards Banquet. It was a remarkable event with upwards of 300 people in attendance. Awards for leadership in several categories were presented by LULAC National President Margaret Moran.

Among the award recipients was our very own Council 10 president Michael Reyes. He received the LULAC Builder Award for his hard work in helping lay the groundwork for getting numerous councils established across Iowa.

The banquet was preceded by a press conference that included such distinguished guests as Senator Tom Harkin, Des Moines Mayor Frank Cownie, and a number of state legislators. Also in attendance were LULAC National President Margaret Moran, Executive Director Brent Wilkes, and Midwest Vice President Darryl Morin.

Overall, Joe Henry, LULAC Iowa State Director and his support group successfully portrayed LULAC Iowa and Latinos across the state a vital political and cultural entity to be reckoned with.



Brent Wilkes, LULAC National Executive Director, Mike Ryes, Madam President Margaret Moran, LULAC National President, & Joe Henry State Director - Iowa



LULAC Council 10 Attendees with Madam President, & Friends

Holiday Mixer: On behave of the Executive Committee we would like to invite all members to the upcoming holiday mixer scheduled for Saturday, 29 Dec at the LULAC Center from 6:00 8:00 pm. Hordourves, spirits, & entertainment will be provided complements of Council 10. Please put on your calendar and joins us for this social event.

Legislative Note: Controversial rules governing voter fraud investigations will remain suspended until the conclusion of a lawsuit challenging their legality.

A Polk County judge on Wednesday issued a temporary injunction against implementation of the rules. The move is a positive development for the American Civil Liberties Union of Iowa and the League of United Latin American Citizens of Iowa, which brought the suit against Iowa Secretary of State Matt Schultz.

At issue are rules written by Schultz's office guiding the process by which the state may verify a voter's eligibility and strip the voting rights of those found to be ineligible.

The ACLU and LULAC argue Schultz exceeded his authority in issuing the rules, and say the rules themselves could violate eligible voters' right to vote. They're asking that the rules be struck down entirely.

Schultz's office, by contrast, argues the rules are appropriate and has asked the court to dismiss the case.

In his ruling on Wednesday, District Court Judge Scott Rosenberg denied the ACLU request to strike the rules immediately, but agreed they should be suspended until the case is resolved.

"lowa voters should take heart, because the court order today will prevent the Secretary of State from using a flawed and unreliable system to purge voters or otherwise intimidate them while the case moves forward," ACLU of Iowa Executive Director Ben Stone said.

In a statement, Schultz said his office was "disappointed" by the order, but would abide by it.

"This is just a temporary order and we look forward to having a final resolution after the hearing scheduled in March," Schultz said in the prepared statement. "We believe that the rule provides safeguards to protect the voting process and I will continue fighting to ensure the integrity of lowa's election system in common-sense ways."

Schultz is in Zurich, Switzerland, this week attending the <u>Young Leader Conference of the American</u> <u>Swiss Foundation</u>. At the conference, he'll take part in discussions on U.S. foreign and security policy, Swiss politics and finance and other topics. He'll also take a "day-long excursion to Mount Rigi and the Rigi Kaltbad Mineral Baths & Spa."



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Also LULAC Friday Night Bingo Doors Open at 5:00 PM Games Start at 6:30 PM