



El Boricua

House of Puerto Rico San Diego Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, ANTHONY L. FLORES



¡Saludos! I hope all is well with you, your loved ones, and friends. We have a lot of very exciting news to share with you!

In March, the San Diego Latino Film Festival is back. We are selling tickets and a percentage of the proceeds will be donated to us. You will find more information within.

We are looking for volunteers to help us with our first major event of the year in Balboa Park, the Ethnic Food Fair on May 7th. We need your help to make it a success! Please email at hprsd@houseofpuertorico.com to let us know you'll help.

In May, we are collaborating with the San Diego Padres! Thank you, Brittany McKnight for getting this started. May 19th is the Padres inaugural Puerto Rican Heritage Celebration themed game at Petco Park, we are so excited! We have 400 tickets available for purchase for this event and we would love your support! Included with the ticket purchase will be a Puerto Rican Heritage themed baseball hat. Please purchase these from us, as a portion of the ticket sales will go to the House of Puerto Rico San Diego. Thank you so much to those who have already purchased tickets! You are amazing!

We are extremely pleased to announce that Melissa Cyr is our new Youth Program Coordinator! We are excited to offer a Youth Program once again. We are looking for anyone interested to join her efforts.

If you love Puerto Rican culture and heritage, we encourage you to come to our next Miembros y Amigos monthly meeting on the first Saturday of every month (except for July and December). If you like what you see in this newsletter, please become a member, and support our organization. We would love to have you and remember that you *do not* have to be Puerto Rican to be a member!

Thank you so much for your support and for being a part of our community!

Presidente,

Anthony L. Flores

Community relations director Luis Cruz and community relations manager Paola Hernández-Jiao interview the people and organizations working to make our community a better place.



**Thursday, Feb. 2
at 12 p.m.**

Anthony Flores
President
House of Puerto Rico San Diego

**House of Puerto
Rico celebrates 17th
anniversary**

Tony was interviewed and was able to give the community details about all we have going on!



Visit our website, just place your camera over the block below.



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MEMBERSHIPS

RENEWING MEMBERS

Brad and Wanda Wease
Isabel Schechter

Coloque la cámara de su teléfono sobre este código QR para acceder a la página web de Membresía para unirse o renovar ahora!

We count on your membership fees to help develop programs that promote our culture. Our fees have been the same for many years and are *per household*. We will email you 1-2 months before your membership expires to remind you of renewing.

A Lifetime membership fee is **\$500** A 10-year membership fee is **\$250**
Annual membership fee is **\$35**

Please renew or begin your membership by going to our website! Even better, why don't you come visit us at our next membership meeting, we would be very happy to receive your membership in person!! As of the end of February, we have 92 Member Households with 146 voting members.



Remember to use GOOGLE TRANSLATE if needed!

RECUERDE USAR GOOGLE TRANSLATE SI ES NECESARIO!

SAVE THE DATES

MIEMBROS Y AMIGOS MEETINGS

ALWAYS THE FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH (EXCEPT NO MEETING IN JULY AND DECEMBER)
AT LA CASITA AT 3:45 PM FOR A 4:00 PM SHARP START

Abril 1, Mayo 6, Junio 3, **NO JULIO**, Agosto 5, Septiembre 2, Octubre 7,
Noviembre 4, **NO DICIEMBRE**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

SATURDAY, MARCH 11TH - SAN DIEGO LATINO FILM FESTIVAL

Los Mecánicos; 4:45 pm AMC Mission Valley



ZOOM BOOK CLUB

Join Host Isabel Schechter, connect with the HPRSD community while enjoying books written by Puerto Rican authors or about Puerto Rico or Puerto Ricans at our book club at 7pm monthly on Zoom.

All books are chosen by group members, and we welcome suggestions for future books. Our upcoming book selections are:

March 21 – [The Storyteller's Death by Ana Davila Cardinal](#) (Fiction)

April 18 – [Puerto Rico Strong by Hazel Newlevant](#) (Graphic Novel)

Please email hprsd@HouseofPuertoRico.com to let us know you will be attending, or you have any book suggestions. You do *not* have to be a member of HPRSD to attend the book club.



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SUNDAY, MARCH 12TH - WORLD BASEBALL CLASSIC

Join us to watch Puerto Rico win it all!

The House of Puerto Rico San Diego and the San Diego Padres present...

World Baseball Classic Game

Puerto Rico vs
Venezuela

WATCH
PARTAYYYYY!

Sunday, March 12th,
3:00 pm at Jibaritos



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MAY 7TH - ETHNIC FOOD FAIR

This is the first of our three major food events for the year, and we always need help. Have a food handler's card, great! If not, we got you. Good at cash handling, great we need you! Can be a food runner, oh yes we need you. You know the drill, email us at hprsd@houseofpuertorico.com



MAY 19TH

>> SD <<<

PUERTO RICAN HERITAGE CELEBRATION

FRIDAY, MAY 19 | RED SOX vs PADRES | 6:40PM

Come together with the House of Puerto Rico, the San Diego Puerto Rican community and the Padres for Puerto Rican Heritage Celebration at Petco Park. Your Puerto Rican Heritage Celebration Theme Game Package includes a limited-edition themed Padres hat, donation to the House of Puerto Rico, and a ticket to the Red Sox vs. Padres game.

Be sure to arrive early for BeerFest presented by Southwest Airlines features \$5 beer specials from local and national breweries and live music in Gallagher Square from 4:30 - 6:30pm.

To purchase tickets please visit:
houseofpuertorico.com
or scan the QR Code

MAY 28TH - THE HOUSE OF MUSIC FUNDRAISER

We are collaborating with The House of Music. They are a non-profit organization that teaches and mentors underprivileged youth throughout San Diego, CA in an effort to develop their artistry and cultivate life skills.

<https://www.thehouseofmusic.org>



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SEPTEMBER IS HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

On Saturday September 23rd, a collaborative Lawn Program will take place with the other Hispanic Houses.

Upcoming Celebrations:

- March 11th, *Latino Film Festival*
- May 7th, *Ethic Food Fair*
- June 17th, *Día de San Juan Lawn Program*
- September 23rd, *Hispanic Heritage Month Collaborative Lawn Program*
- October, *Club Anniversary*
- December 1st & 2nd, *December Nights*
- December 16th, *Annual Christmas Gala*
- December, *Annual Parrandas*

YOUTH PROGRAM



We are thrilled to announce that Melissa Cyr has been appointed the Youth Program Coordinator, with assistance from Jaime Chavez. We are excited to support her in any way possible.

Our first meeting was a great success! Join us for our next meeting on **Friday, March 10th, 6-7:30**

FELIZ



Princesa Avery



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FELIZ



Princesa Isa

CONGRATULATIONS REINA BELLA JAIKARAN



Bella has decided to commit to the University of Oregon with a full ride! She wanted to say thank you to President Tony Flores for writing her a beautiful letter of recommendation!



JANUARY CULTURE CORNER:

TRES REYES CELEBRATION

We gave out gifts to all the kids in attendance and were still able to donate some to Father Joe's Villages.



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FEBRUARY CULTURE CORNER: CASITA ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



COMMUNITIES OF BELONGING - ALL IN PROGRAM

Our Vice President, Louis Williams works for GitHub, a Microsoft Company. They offer an internship program for current college students to attend an online program for, specifically for tech students from underrepresented backgrounds. It provides open-source education, training, and internship opportunities.

We are ecstatic that Member Dominic Jaikaran and Volunteer Sheyla Williams-Avila have been accepted!

Source: <https://allinopensource.org/access/>

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QUEENS COURT 2023 CALENDAR

The Queens Court has many activities planned for 2023. Here are a few to look out for, with more to come!

APRIL:

2nd - Perform @ HPR Queens Lawn Program

The Queen and Queen's Court will perform a Bomba choreography at the HPR Queen's Lawn program.

DIAPER DRIVE FOR FATHER JOE'S VILLAGES

The House of Puerto Rico Queen and Queen's Court have partnered with HPR Queens (73 young ladies representing 19 nations) to collect diapers to benefit the transitional childcare unit for homeless children. Please consider donating diapers or funds to purchase diapers. In 2022 we collected 6000 diapers. We will be collecting all month at La Casita.

MAY:

19th - Puerto Rican Heritage Night, San Diego Padres Game

JUNE:

17th - Perform at the Día De San Juan Celebration

All month - End of Queen's Program

QUEEN'S COURT PARTICIPATION

JANUARY:

15th - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade



Queens With Mayor Todd Gloria



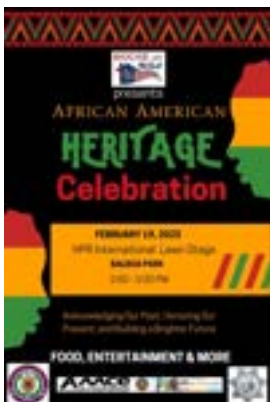
Reina Bella con Sheriff Kelly Martinez

FEBRUARY:

11th & 12th - Host La Casita



February 19th - African American Heritage Lawn Program



We were asked by the House of USA to participate in the first ever African American Heritage celebration. Queen Bella and Jr. Princess Maraj portrayed Venus and Serena Williams.

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¿SABÍAS? (DID YOU KNOW?)

LA PATRIA -PUERTO RICO- ¿QUÉ ES LA PATRIA?

La patria es la tierra a la cual se siente ligada una persona por motivos jurídicos, culturales, históricos o afectivos, bien por haber nacido en ella, bien por haberla adoptado como patria por elección personal.

BORICUA SLANG

¡Wepa!

Another of my favorite Puerto Rican expressions, this is definitely a slang term that has no literal anchor. Loose translations would be "Yay!" "Great job!" or "Congrats!" The two syllables can be drawn out, so the tiny word seems bigger. It's just a fun, all-around happy phrase. Feel free to use it a lot. Everyone else does!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need volunteers. As a 100% volunteer organization, we can only keep doing what we are doing with your help! We are in search of people to become involved. You can join any committee, all are welcomed. Tell us your strengths and we will find you a role!

Email us at: hprsd@HouseofPuertoRico.com

Our greatest need is for volunteers to Host the Casita on the weekends.

Nuestra mayor necesidad es de voluntarios para albergar la Casita los fines de semana.

COOKING CLASSES



We have started the path to reignite the Cooking Classes. We are planning one class per month with a different cooking host monthly. We have three of our favorite Chefs committed and we need someone to be the Chair of this committee.

In the past we would limit the guests depending on what is being made. Members pay a small fee and non-members a larger one. Other details to be discussed. Please contact us at hprsd@HouseofPuertoRico.com.

OUTREACH, QUEREMOS ESCUCHAR DE TI (WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU)

Estamos interesados en sus ideas sobre cómo hacernos mejores. Necesitamos sus comentarios y pensamientos. ¡Recuerda la **House of Puerto Rico San Diego** es SU organización! por favor envíenos un correo electrónico a hprsd@HouseofPuertoRico.com.

We are looking for someone who would like to lead a committee for Outreach. We have great ideas started and just need someone to run with it. Is this someone you?

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CASITA HOSTING

We average 500 visitors per weekend! As you can imagine we need hosts for La Casita every **Saturday and Sunday from 11 am to 4 pm**. Hosting allows you the opportunity to share our culture with our many visitors. We hear so many wonderful stories about people's Puerto Rico experiences and adventures. High School students, this is an *exceptional* way to get your volunteer hours in! **Please contact Louis Williams at (619) 995-1287 or williams.louis@gmail.com to select your hosting day.**

¡Tenemos un promedio de 500 visitantes por fin de semana! Como te puedes imaginar necesitamos anfitriones para La Casita todos los sábados y domingos de 11 am a 4 pm. El hospedaje le brinda la oportunidad de compartir nuestra cultura con nuestros muchos visitantes. Escuchamos tantas historias maravillosas sobre las experiencias y aventuras de la gente en Puerto Rico. ¡Estudiantes de secundaria, esta es una manera excepcional de obtener sus horas de voluntariado! **Comuníquese con Louis Williams al (619) 995-1287 o williams.louis@gmail.com para seleccionar su día de hospedaje.**

GRACIAS HOSTS DE ENERO Y FEBRERO

- Carmen Acevedo-Belasco
- Zahydie Nieves Anandono
- Joe G. Carballo
- Steven Caruso
- Elise Caruso
- Constance Caruso
- Stevie Caruso
- Martin Crespo
- Dali Collins

- Ron Kohl
- Kaia Hackley-Williams
- Steve Hector
- Wanda Hector
- Monica Jaikaran
- Alondra Perkins
- Ellie Ramos
- Louis Williams
- Oswaldo Pardo

- Madeline Polonia
- June Yowell

Corte de Reinas

- Reina Bella, y Mamá Monica
- Princesa Sarahi
- Princesa Tatiana
- Princesa Avery, Padre Brad y Mamá Wanda



SPECIAL GUESTS



We are in serious need for Hosting Volunteers!!

¡Tenemos una gran necesidad de voluntarios de alojamiento!

It's only a commitment on a Saturday or Sunday!

¡Es solo un compromiso en un Sábado o Domingo!



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