

Our Mission: The Hispanic 100 serves as a catalyst for increased participation of Hispanic Women in employment, procurement and social issues.



LATINAS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." Helen Keller



The Girl's Inc. "Cafecito" event featured Gloria Campos shared lessons learned from her career and how we can inspire and motivate young girls to pursue their professional careers. Board member Veronica Torres Hazley, and her husband, Ade, serve as co-chair of the 2016 Champions for Girls campaign. H100 members Mary Ann Kellam and Cris Zertuche Wong came out to show their support.



President's Message

Cris Zertuche Wong

Representing H100 in the community is quite an honor and privilege. Not surprisingly, our organization is viewed with high regard, respect and with the inherent expectation that we have, and can, make a difference.

In the past several weeks, I've been asked about the mission of Hispanic 100. The first time I recited our mission and how we serve as a catalyst to increase the participation of Latinas in employment, procurement and social issues. The second time, I shifted my response to focus more on our endowment, and how we support local organizations whose mission is to empower, educate and support Latinas and our community. And the third time, I spoke about the women in our organization, highlighting examples of the trailblazing Latina leaders whose contributions have shaped, influenced and transformed how Latinas are viewed in business, in education, in the arts, in health, in politics, as entrepreneurs and as community leaders.

This response resonated the most and was demonstrated last month when H100 hosted its first quarterly program, "Our Voices, Our Votes," created to heighten awareness and advocacy to engage our community in the voting process. There is not a more critical time in our country's history to exercise our role as influencers to encourage our community to exercise their voice.

H100 participated in the Community Partners dinner hosted by the Hispanic Scholarship Fund (HSF) on March 1. H100 joined other local-based Hispanic organizations, including Hispanic Women of North Texas, Dallas Hispanic Bar Association, Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers and PROSPANICA, (formerly National Society of Hispanic MBAs). The mission of HSF is to empower Latino families with the knowledge and resources to successfully complete a higher education, while providing scholarships and support services to as many exceptional young scholars as possible. H100 members, Michelle Bobadilla and Chachy Heppe serve on the Dallas HSF Advisory Council.

What I am learning is that it's not easy to define H100 in one sound byte because we are a highly diverse network of Latinas with a 20-year history. As individuals, there's no doubt that each and every one of us is successful in our own right. But as a collective group, our "value proposition" is the strength of our experiences, our reach and our capacity to influence change.

We should bear this in mind as we find opportunities to help and shape our community.

With Gratitude,
Cris Zertuche Wong

Membership Event

"Our Votes, Our Voices"

Hispanic 100 hosted its first program for 2016 on Feb. 18 titled, "Our Votes, Our Voices." Since the Texas Primaries and Super Tuesday were around the corner, elections, candidates and positions on issues were timely topics. H100 collaborated with the League of Women Voters of Dallas and the Hispanic Women's Network of Texas.

The evening program, attended by approximately 40 women, was introduced by H100 President, **Cris Zertuche Wong**. She stated, "I'm extremely excited to see so many of our H100 members and guests attend our first program. As Latina leaders, we play a critical advocacy role in our community."

The featured speaker for the evening was **Cecilia McKay**, a member of all three organizations. Cecilia focused on the history of voting and the role women played, regional voting vs. state, suffragette vs. suffragist, the reasons why people *do not* vote, and more importantly, why people *should* vote. She concluded by stating, "I ask that we all become ambassadors and urge our community to get better informed and exercise our right to make our voices heard at the polls."



Breakfast with Dallas' Mayor

The H100 Board had the opportunity to reconnect with Mayor Mike Rawlings in February. Facilitated by H100 member, Mayor Pro Tem **Monica Alonzo**, the gathering served as an opportunity to



engage in a conversation that touched on a range of topics, including voting, education, and the cultural arts.

The Mayor expressed interest in placing more qualified Latinas on appointed boards and special committees, such as Grow South and Fair Park Privatization. H100 will continue the dialogue with Mayor Rawlings. If you are interested and would like to learn more about serving on an appointed board or special committee, please reach out to **Veronica Torres Hazley**.

Lecciones - Advice & Wisdom

Becky Munoz Diaz, 2009 H100 President

1) **What's the biggest lesson you've learned?**

No one is promised tomorrow, so do your best and be your best everyday!

2) **What's the biggest challenge you've faced and how did you overcome it?**

Beating brain cancer in 2012 has been my biggest challenge. I was able to overcome it through the grace of God, faith, prayers, staying positive, family, friends, great doctors and caring nurses.

3) **What accomplishments are you the most proud of?**

I am the most proud of being the first in my family to graduate from college, which led to a successful 33 year career in broadcast and media. I'm also proud of being happily married for 28 years and of being blessed with wonderful friends and family.

4) **What is the best advice you've ever received?**

Knowledge is power! Always take the high road and uphold your integrity.

5) **What advice would you give to young Latinas who want to become leaders?**

Life is like a rollercoaster. You will have ups and downs, so don't let anxiety or stress take away the joy of your ride. Believe in yourself and God.



The Dallas Festival of Ideas

The Dallas Festival of Ideas, presented



by *The Dallas Morning News* and Dallas Institute of Humanities and Culture, was held at The Women's *Museum* and The Music Hall in Fair Park Feb. 19-20, with Mayor Pro Tem **Monica Alonzo** welcoming hundreds of attendees from across the country. Among the H100 thought leaders whose expertise was highlighted were **Nina Vaca** and **Catherine Cuellar** (The Entrepreneurial City), **Gigi Antoni** (The Educated City), and **Regina Montoya** (The Healthy City). **Ana Rodriguez** also introduced Cuellar's panel.

Making a Difference

Congratulations to our Fall 2015 Grant Recipients

Trinity River Mission

www.trinityrivermission.org

Aberg Center for Literacy

www.abergcenter.org

Next Grant Cycle begins in April

If you know a qualified non-profit, please encourage them to apply or contact

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Member Recognition

Regina Montoya
Susan B. Anthony Award
The League of Women Voters of Dallas
February 11, 2016



Nina Vaca

Lifetime Achievement Award
Dallas Business Journal
February 11, 2016

WBE of the Year (over \$5M)
Women's Business Council Southwest
February 6, 2016



Suzanne Cruz-Sewell
Corporate Advocate of the Year
Women's Business Council Southwest
February 6, 2016



Mark Your Calendars

2016 Upcoming Membership Meetings

April 5 - 6 p.m.

DFW Airport Administration Office

2400 Aviation Dr., DFW Airport, TX 75261

August 9 - 6 p.m.

American Leather

4501 Mountain Creek Pkwy, Dallas, TX 75236

October 20: H100 20th Anniversary Celebration

November 16 - 6 p.m.

UT Arlington

701 S Nedderman Dr, Arlington, TX 76019

December 13 - 6 p.m.

H100 Posada & 2017 H100 Board Induction Ceremony

2016 H100 Board

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Veronica Torres Hazley & Jessica Narvaez , 20th Anniversary Celebration

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Please send it to Veronica Thomison at vthomison@mprsource.com or
Catherine Cuellar at cc@catherinecuellar.com.*

*Have you paid your membership dues?
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