

## HBPA MONTHLY MEETING

There are no HBPA Meetings in July or August 2018.

We will have an evening social during one of these months, the information (date, time & location) will be sent out via email and of course we have Unity in the Community on August 18<sup>th</sup>.

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### 2018 HBPA Association & Foundation Officers

Larry Valadez, President

Guillermo Espinosa  
Vice President

Maria Escobedo, Treasurer

Susana Lopez, Secretary

Daniel Fuentes  
Membership Officer

### In June we celebrate and honor

#### LGBT Pride Month

June was selected as Gay and Lesbian Pride month due to the three-day protest in 1969 at the Stonewall Inn in New York City. This event marked the first time that the gay community joined together to fight for their rights, thereby gaining national attention.

#### African American Music Month National Caribbean American Heritage Month

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### Upcoming HBPA Events/Information

#### Unity in the Community Cultural Village - August 18, 2018

HBPA needs volunteers to staff the booth located in the Cultural Village section from 9:45-noon, noon-2:00 pm, and 2:00 pm – 4:15 pm. Contact Larry at [hbpspokane@gmail.com](mailto:hbpspokane@gmail.com) if you are able to volunteer. In addition, please save your egg shells (1/2+ of the egg shell) so that they can be made into cascarones (decorated eggs that are filled with confetti).

#### Join us for our 4th Annual Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead)

Friday evening, **November 2, 2018**, 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
Hennessey Funeral Home, 1315 N Pines Rd, Spokane Valley  
Looking for volunteers to assist with the event, interested, email [www.hbpspokane@gmail.com](mailto:hbpspokane@gmail.com). All members are invited to participate in the planning of this event. All members and their families are invited to attend. This event is free and open to the public.

**Viva Vino & Brew** is looking for volunteers to assist with this event, interested, email [www.hbpspokane@gmail.com](mailto:hbpspokane@gmail.com).

Saturday evening, **February 23, 2019**, Shriners Event Center

\*\*\*\*\*A year has gone by since we started this newsletter. We are asking for your feedback/input regarding this newsletter. Rather than send out a check box survey, please just respond to the questions below and any other information/comments you have. We realize that this does not give you "anonymous status" so feel free to indicate that you prefer a checkbox survey like Monkey Survey. Questions: What information should be deleted and what should be added? Is twice a month (1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>) good or how often would you like to see the newsletter come out? Would you like to see a section that highlights a member once a month? Please send you responses to [hbpspokane@gmail.com](mailto:hbpspokane@gmail.com) with your comments as to how to improve the newsletter (or the no need for a newsletter) and indicate in the subject line "Newsletter". Please respond by June, 30, 2018. Thank you!\*\*\*\*\*

Outstanding women of our community will be recognized at the YWCA luncheon on October 4, 2018 with the prestigious **Women of Achievement Awards**. For over 35 years, the YWCA has honored women who, through their accomplishments and leadership, have demonstrated the mission of the YWCA, and have made Spokane a better place for all of us to live. This year's categories are Arts and Culture; Business & Industry; Carl Maxey Racial & Social Justice Award; Community Enhancement; Education; Science, Technology & Environment and Young Woman. To download the nomination form due June 22, 2018, visit the YWCA website at <https://ywcaspokane.org/woa-2018-call-for-nominations/> HBPA has had several members who have been recipients of the Achievement Awards.

Currently, we will be sending out the HBPA newsletter around the 1st and 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. If you have information you wish to include in the newsletter, please send to [hbpaspokane@gmail.com](mailto:hbpaspokane@gmail.com)

### **New and Renewing HBPA Members**

**Julie Lopez  
Henry Meneses**

HBPA dues for 2018 can be paid by going to our website at [www.hbpaspokane.net](http://www.hbpaspokane.net). Dues are only \$30.00 per calendar year for individual membership.

**Once a month we will highlight a current HBPA member. For June that honor goes to Victor Vera, our keynote speaker for our May Recognition Ceremony.**

Victor is originally from Peru. He came to the U.S. to attend college and received an Electrical and Electronics Engineer degree from Texas A & M University, Kingsville, TX. He has been in the Spokane area for well over 30+ years. He and his wife Grace have been married for 47-years and have two daughters and one son.

Victor retired from Wagstaff, Inc. in 2015. He was the Sales Area Manager for Latin America, Western USA and Southern Africa since 1990. Since June 2015, Victor serves as a private industry consultant for different companies in the USA and Latin America.

Currently, Victor is a community volunteer as a mentor with SCORE, Vice President of St. Vincent de Paul Council of Spokane, a member of the Police Advisory Committee, and controller for Knights of Columbus Assembly 2414. In addition, this past year, Victor was a volunteer on the HBPA Viva Vino & Brew Committee and is a long-time member of the Hispanic Business Professional Association (HBPA).

Victor speaks Spanish, English, and Portuguese, with some knowledge of Italian and French.

### **Free Community Events**

#### ***Spokane Women Together Exhibit***

Photographic portraits and stories of diverse women of Spokane; included are portraits of high school students, university professors, Holocaust survivors, Bosnian refugees, doctors, janitors and musicians, by Rick Singer and Hilary Hart. Hours are, Mondays-Saturdays, and,

**Date: April 26, 2018 – Jun 30, 2018**

Time: Mondays-Saturdays, 10:00 am-6:00 pm, open until 8:00 pm on Wednesdays

Location: Spokane Public Library, 906 W Main Ave, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

Cost: Free

For more information visit <http://www.spokanelibrary.org> or visit [rick@ricksingerphotography.com](mailto:rick@ricksingerphotography.com).

#### **World Refugee Day – Celebrating the Refugee Child**

A celebration of those who have come to Spokane as refugees. Live performances, cultural marketplace, international food tasting, and Naturalization Ceremony.

**Date: Saturday, June 16, 2017**

Time: 11:00 am-3:00 pm

Location: Nevada Park, 800 E Joseph Ave

Cost: Free

For more information, visit their website at <http://worldreliefspokane.org/>.

#### **Hoopfest 2018**

Largest 3-on-3 basketball tournament on the streets of downtown Spokane

**Dates: Saturday & Sunday, June 30-July 1, 2018**

Location: Downtown Spokane streets

Cost: Free to observe, registration closed.

For more information visit their website at

<http://www.spokanehoopfest.net/>.

**Please check out the attached flyer for “Mexican American Research Participants Needed” for information on how you may be able to participate and help out an HBPA member!**

**JOB OPENINGS** - Does your organization have job openings? Please send the information to [hbpaspokane@gmail.com](mailto:hbpaspokane@gmail.com) to be included in future newsletters.

**AmeriStar Meats** – currently has several non-driver positions available in Spokane – <http://ameristarmeats.com/careers>

**City of Spokane:** <https://my.spokanecity.org/jobs/classified/>

**City of Spokane Valley:** <http://www.spokanevalley.org/Employment>

**Community Colleges of Spokane -**

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/ccspokane>

**Frito Lay/PepsiCo:** <https://fritolayemployment.com/>

**Gonzaga University:** [www.gonzaga.edu/jobs](http://www.gonzaga.edu/jobs)

**Spokane Police Department:** <https://my.spokanecity.org/police/officer/jobs/>

**Spokane Regional Health District:**

<https://srhd.org/programs-and-services/human-resources-1>

**Washington WorkSource:** <https://www.worksourcewa.com/>