



# The Hispanic Roundtable

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Carlos Aguilera – CIELO Project, Radio Ranch  
Lala Caudillo – State Farm Insurance  
Jose Diaz – Centralia College, HRT President  
Jose Garcia-Pabón – WSU Extension, Tri-Cities  
Rechele Heath – State Farm Insurance, Dupont  
Andrea Hively – USDA, Rural Development  
Renee Koenig – ROOF Rochester  
Debbie Kovacs - HTPS  
Shawn Lewis – North Thurston School District, HRT Treasurer  
Cliff Moore – WSU Extension Thurston County  
Carmen Murphy – Univera Life Sciences, HRT Membership Services  
Felix L. Negrón – Governor’s Commission on Hispanic Affairs  
Sara Peté – Olympia Timberland Library, HRT Secretary  
Alejandro Rugarcia - SafePlace

### ***United Way update***

- The next step for the HRT is to do some capacity building fundraising so that we can expand our services and reach out to parents as well as to students.
- The HRT may be able to partner with other organizations in the area and apply for a capacity building grant through the United Way.
- Cliff is willing to help out with the capacity building grant efforts.

### ***Treasurer’s Report***

- Shawn Lewis passed around the current balance sheet.
- We’ll have about \$10,000 after all the bills are paid.
- Our current “Total Liabilities and Fund Balance” is \$14,876.94.

### ***Administrative Services***

- Cliff Moore offered a motion to extend Olivia’s current contract with the HRT.
- The motion was seconded and passed, nobody voted against this motion.
- We will need to talk to Ivan about our options for the hosting of the Latino Youth Summit databases.

## **Membership Coordinator - Report**

- Annual membership renewal dues should be due in January.
- \$25 for personal, \$100 corporate, \$500 lifetime.

## **Youth Education Committee – Cliff Moore**

- First a big thank you to everyone who came to and helped make this event happen.
- We had about 60 volunteers this year.
- We got more students than expected, about 450.
- We also had more community and academic tables than ever this year.
- Planning started for this event back in March of 2007.
- The committee still has a bunch of thank you's to send out, letters with certificates and signed posters.
- Signed posters will be framed and presented to sponsors.
- The keynote speaker set the tone and really captured the imagination of the audience this year.
- He continually wove the theme of the conference into his presentation.
- For next year the committee is looking into getting Consuelo.
- Lilia and Cliff do handwritten thank-you's for all volunteers.
- Kathy, Jose and Olivia are working together on the other thank you's.
- Between 450 to 500 students attended this year.
- Next year the event will be on October 29th at South Puget Sound Community College.
- Government agencies, private businesses, school districts, insurance agencies, and community groups support this summit.
- Colleges involved have access to student registration lists.
- There is a debriefing meeting on December 4th from 1 to 3 at WSU Extension in Thurston County and all interested parties may attend.
- The summit is not only for Latino students, but it is also an educational opportunity for the community at large.

## **Website**

If you have additions for the calendar on our website, please email Sara Peté at [spete@trlib.org](mailto:spete@trlib.org). Cliff will work on an education committee report for the website.

## **Guest Speaker – Jose Garcia-Pabón**

- Jose is new (4 months) at the WSU Extension Office in Tri-Cities, WA
- He is the Latino Community Development Specialist and this is a new position for WSU.
- He is currently in the process of learning the issues and challenges for the Latino community in Washington state and simultaneously designing his new job.
- Jose has come to Washington from Missouri.
- His position is statewide and he will be forming partnerships all over the state.
- There are a large number of Latinos/Hispanics in the tri-cities.
- Franklin County has the highest percentage of Latinos in the state.
- The Latino Youth Summit could be a great model to bring back to the tri-cities.
- Jose would like to create leadership trainings for Latino youth.
- He would like to establish a Labor, Immigration and Sustainability Center.

- This would be a place where researchers, students, and practitioners come together, it would be a clearinghouse for the state.
- He would also like to work on cultural competency trainings for WSU extension and beyond.
- Alejandro spoke about not only recruitment but retention and reasons for apathy in the Latino community.
- He talked about the importance of getting information into the hands of Latinos.
- Alejandro gave the example of being able to pay off tickets with community service. This is a useful information that is not getting out to many members of the Latino community who could this. You get “paid” \$10 an hour towards your ticket for community service at places like SafePlace and the Timberland Regional Library.

Jose talked about developing a model for the Latino Youth Summit for our organization that we can share with other communities.

### ***New Business***

- Jose would like us to start thinking about what a parent conference would look like.
  - How will we do it? Will it move around the counties, will it be done in each county, etc.?
  - The United Way is currently very focused on the Thrive By Five campaign.
  - This Parent conference would be a good way to bring a new program that is also very connected to what the United Way already does.
  - There is a network we can tap into, we can partner with schools and community organizations.
  - Items to consider: childcare, transportation, etc.?
- Jose is going to look into getting an official HRT computer for Olivia to work with.

### ***Champion for Kids***

- Carmen is on the board of TOGETHER
  - There is a yearly fundraiser in February.
  - You purchase your table for \$350, seats 8.
  - Shawn moved we get a table and has offered to buy the table.
  - His suggestion was seconded and there was a unanimous vote for getting a table.
  - Thank you to Shawn for such a generous offer!
  - Carmen Murphy nominated Jose Diaz as our champion.
  - Everyone agreed to this nomination.
  - It is held on the last Monday in February.
  - February 25th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Martin’s Worthington Center.
- Shawn is going to try and get our meetings into The Olympian.

### ***Coalition for Capacity Building Grant***

There is a potluck this Monday, 9-3, organizational meeting. It is about forming a coalition for a capacity building grant. Networking, sharing information and what they do. Kennydale Lodge. Contact Cliff with questions.  
Moorecl@co.thurston.wa.us

## ***The Ethnic Celebration***

- Takes place in February.
- Perhaps we should share a table with CIELO or the Hispanic Women's Network.
- Stephanie Johnson is in charge of this event, Sara will find out if we can still register.

### Announcements:

- There is a CHA meeting in Vancouver on Friday, November 30, 2007..
  - Next year one of the six yearly meetings will be in Lewis County.
  - There is a Fiesta Gala put on by the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in the Tri-Cities on December 7th.
  - State Farm will be a corporate sponsor.
  - CIELO
    - is looking for more board members, please talk to Carlos Aguilera.
    - just opened up a computer lab, 22 students attend a computer class one day a week.
    - The class is in Spanish with the American keyboard: Word, Excel.
    - Looking for another teacher on Wednesday.
    - CIELO is also working on a pilot program to bring ESL classes to Mexican grocery stores. The first attempt will be at SOL.
  - The WSU – Extension in Lacey is hiring a new receptionist/fiscal tech at the Lacey office.
  - The Olympian needs editorial writers for its diversity board.
  - It's a 2 year position, contact Mike Oakland.
- Timberland Regional Library announcements.
- We continue to offer registration for ESL classes through Bookends Literacy Network.
  - Talk to Sara if you want to know about bilingual storytimes and computer classes.
  - If you have suggestions for materials you believe the library should have on hand for a group and/or individuals you know of, please forward this information to Sara Peté. [spete@trlib.org](mailto:spete@trlib.org)
  - State Farm Insurance will have opportunities for guest speakers for HERO (Hispanic Employee Resource Organization).