

MEMBER OF THE MONTH:

De lo Mejor...

There is a new Hispanic publication in town, “*El Faro Latino*”. The inaugural issue was launched July 23rd. It is published in Spanish, and aimed at the Hispanic population of Philadelphia. They plan to become a weekly publication in September. The focus will be local news, emphasizing events and issues in the Hispanic neighborhoods. The HChamber congratulates Mr. Esteban Cabrera as the president of “*El Faro*”, an the entire team that makes it happen: Leticia Roa Nixon, Editor, Nilba Sanchez, Administrative Manager, Adrian Abonce, Graphic Designer,; Dr. Ocsar Pina Toribio, Dr. Dante Sánchez and Juan Celeste, columnists.

Please contact them at
215/221-5100. Website: elfarolatino.com
Esteban.Cabrera @ comcast.net for further info and
advertising opportunities.

MEMBERSHIP ¡Únete!

...aquí tienes todo el apoyo que necesitas para tener gran éxito en tu negocio o compañía. La GPHCC existe para representar a la comunidad empresarial Latina. Además, es tu agente ante el mundo comercial y profesional de Filadelfia. Contáctanos para mas información y tu paquete de membresía.

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¿QUE PASA?

Upcoming Calendar:

October 12 – 5th Annual Golf

Outing & Business

Awards Dinner at the

Ashbourne Country Club, Oak Lane & Ashbourne Road.

Please go to the HChamber website for event info: philahispanicchamber.org

LOS BODEGUEROS

The **Philadelphia Dominican Grocers Association** (Los Bodegueros) was founded in 1999 as a member of the Eastern Pennsylvania Organizing Project (EPOP) Since then they have worked to show the value of the Dominican Grocers in Philadelphia and have worked with city agencies assuring that this community is better served. Because of the lack of representation that *los bodegueros* had in the city of Philadelphia at the time they began their work, many of them felt that they were under attack.

The association has worked diligently assuring that the *bodegueros* understand the regulations and laws that govern their stores, and that the city understands and respects the community and is able to overcome language barriers to communication.

Today there are approximately 500 bodegas of which close to 350 are members of the Association. As we have grown, we have also become conscious that we need to unite with other institutions such as the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce not only to insure representation of the bodega owners but to strive to achieve a more friendly climate for Latino-owned businesses in the city.

- The HChamber is actively working with the *bodegueros* and plans several initiatives to incorporate their membership to the HChamber, so that they may enjoy all benefits of membership.

You can contact Danilo Burgos, president of the Bodegueros Association at: **Eastern Pennsylvania Organizing Project**
215.634.8922 and at www.epop-leaders.org

Help Protect the Children of Philadelphia & Enter to Win Cash Prize

This spring a group of concerned citizens in collaboration with several organizations in Philadelphia (including **Women Organized Against Rape**, our new member) launched the **HERO Project** – a public awareness campaign aimed at the Spanish speaking population and designed to protect our children.

Vital to the campaign’s future is completion of a survey of community members’ opinions and awareness.

To participate in the survey, please email herosurvey@hotmail.com or call (215) 280-3343 with your name and mailing address. A survey will be sent to you. When you submit your response to the questionnaire, you will be registered in a random drawing to win one of *three cash prizes* – 1st prize is \$200, 2nd is \$100, and 3rd is \$50.

RECENT EVENTS - ¡Las Ultimas!

Art Exhibit – at the Bellevue on 7/22



LETICIA ROA-NIXON

Julia López – poeta deslumbrante, Neuyorkina, presentando su oración, un poema sobre las experiencias de su madre como inmigrante en Nueva York. Atrás de Julia se encuentran algunos de los pintores que exhibieron sus obras.



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Tanya Hall (izq), representante del **Multicultural Affairs Congreso (MAC)**, auspiciante de la exhibición. Gloria Clark (der) fue la principal promotora de la idea de la exhibición.



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Obra de Virginia Sánchez, Portorriqueña



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Obra de Gina Echeverri - Colombiana

For information regarding all art work at the exhibit please contact the HChamber