

## WELCOME! ¡Bienvenidos!

As Executive Director of the GPHCC, I am committed to the attainment of the goals of its founders and members, which include the expansion of our membership, the provision of services and benefits to assist our members in the path to success as a thriving and growing business. This newsletter is meant to be a forum where the HChamber and its members discuss successes and concerns alike, as well as a venue for showcasing our accomplishments as a business community. Please help us achieve these goals of bringing you the tools you need to succeed. Join the Chamber, participate in our events & take advantage of this resource.



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BENJAMIN RAMOS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, GPHCC

## Member of the Month:

### De lo Mejor...

This section is intended as a venue to present member businesses to the community. The HChamber will highlight one outstanding business per month, as a measure of our commitment to helping our members succeed. The HChamber hopes to greatly benefit participating members by creating many venues like this one for their exclusive service. We are soliciting recommendations. If you want to be considered for a feature of your business in this newsletter, please forward your information ASAP, by going to our website. We are putting together the features calendar now.

## Business Opportunity:

PepsiCo Foods has various million dollar contract opportunities for minority owned and operated businesses: forklift dealers, replacement parts suppliers (GM & International light and medium trucks), mineral & chemicals suppliers (lime & caustic). Please contact Randy Ramat ASAP if you are interested in more info about these opportunities. Call 202-842-3221.

## NEW ERA FOR THE GPHCC:

The Greater Philadelphia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (GPHCC) is an invaluable resource to a segment of our community which is growing in both population and economic influence. Greater Philadelphia's strength lies in the diversity of its economy. As a leading advocate in legislative matters, the GPHCC stands out as a tireless proponent of the Hispanic business community, and serves as conduit for business creation and expansion. The Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce is proud to serve alongside the GPHCC to promote the overall improvement of our regional economy.

MARK S. SCHWEIKER, PRESIDENT & CEO  
 GREATER PHILADELPHIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## ¿QUE PASA?

### Upcoming Calendar:

- May 11th** – Seminar – Win at the Contracting Game - Nueva Esperanza
  - May 12<sup>th</sup>** - Biz Expo – Convention Center  
www.bizexpo2004.org
  - May 13<sup>th</sup>** – Hispanic Yellow Pages Awards  
Zellerbach Theater - 215.457.2101
  - May 19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>**: Rittenhouse Square  
Flower Market
  - June 1<sup>st</sup>** - Tent Picnic & Phillies game after  
Citizen Bank Ball Park
- Please go to the HChamber website for event info: [philahispanicchamber.org](http://philahispanicchamber.org)

## The GPHCC Staff & Board

### La Cámara de Hoy

#### Staff:

- Mr. Benjamín Ramos – Exec. Director
- Ms. Carolina Quintana - Coordinator

#### Board of Directors:

- Mr. Luis Cruz, President
- Ms. Carmen Adames, Vice-President
- Mr. Mario Zacharjasz, Former President
- Mr. Mike Muñoz, Gov. Affairs & Dvlpmnt
- Mr. Uriel Rendón
- Ms. Mía Mendoza
- Mr. Candelario Lamboy
- Dr. Rafael Collazo
- Mr. Edwin Román
- Mr. Víctor Negron

## EVENTS HIGHLIGHTS

### ¡La Ultima!

We had an excellent turnout at our Members Orientation of April 29<sup>th</sup>, with attendees representing diverse sectors of the business community. Presenters included: Mr. Michael William, new Executive Director of the Minority Business Enterprise Council, Yvette Miller of Independent BC, and Marci Friedman of Office Depot.



David Cruz

## Membership Info:

### ¡Únete!

The GPHCC exists as an advocacy group for Hispanic businesses & functions as a bridge to the greater business community at large. As a member you will have access to important people, events and tools to help you grow your business. There are various levels of membership. Benefits include discount programs, health insurance programs, networking events, our monthly newsletter, among others. Please visit our website or contact our offices for complete info on membership and to obtain a brochure and application package.

## NEW MEMBERS: Los Nuevos...

- Al Día Newspaper Inc.
- Synterra, Ltd.
- languagetank Inc.
- MIS Realty
- The Preschool Project
- El Faro Latino Newspaper, Inc.
- PanAmerican Mental Health Inc.
- The Mony Group
- The Gabriel Institute
- Benefits Plus consulting Group Inc.
- Liberty Immigration & Computer Services

## Language Corner:

### Bertrand Russell:

La falta de algo que deseas es parte indispensable de la felicidad.