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Recognizing our 2016 Honorees

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In memory of our loved ones, may we never forget them.



Message from the Founder/Executive Director Círculo de la Hispanidad Gil Bernardino

If 2014 was one of the most extraordinary years in my life, 2015 will remain a historic one as well. We celebrated the Completion of Círculo Center, on October 24th, after 30 years of dreaming about this day.

This day of celebration will last in my heart and mind throughout my life. The many friends, former and current board members and employees, friends and supporters for life, elected officials, family members, colleagues and community members made the celebration very special and historic. That was a moment and a perfect year for my retirement; the dream was accomplished, however another "child", one born in 2009, still needs care and support. As many of you know, I continue to work voluntarily with the **Evergreen Charter School** and its 300 children to get a Middle School and therefore my retirement will be delayed for about four more years. What a beautiful reason. I also want to use the time to plan for a smooth transition in leadership for Círculo to set the course for our future.

2015 has been a year of celebration and milestones. It has been one of the most extraordinary, unexpected and rewarding years for me professionally that I have experienced.

This past year our organization was awarded a very special grant of \$200,000 by the Bank of America. Our organization will receive these funds over two years. We plan to use this grant to engage in succession planning, and building a strong foundation for our future under new leadership. This is a very difficult process and the right decisions must be made if we want to sustain what we have and move forward at the same time. Círculo's administration is involved in high quality training with all the other nationally selected organizations throughout this year. We are very grateful to the Bank of America for this incredible financial support.

On October 24, 2015 we held a very special celebration to commemorate the **Completion of Construction on our Green Gold Center.** The celebration included the recognition of individuals whose support was so important to the development of the Center that without them we would not have been able to achieve this dream. This is true especially for former **Senator Dean G. Skelos** whose support was vital to our project. Also, **Nassau County Executive Edward P. Mangano** and former **Supervisor Kate Murray** supported the project with special generosity. **Mayor Wayne J. Hall** helped to create recreational space outside. All of them will always have our gratitude for all they have done.

There are also others who helped in many different ways. **Welquis López** opened the door to me with **Senator Skelos** and we are very grateful to him. Senator Skelos provided the seed funds of **\$1,500,000** to purchase the property and begin the architectural plans. **David Boone** gave many hours of support and financial advice to the project and he did not charge Círculo during all this time. **Pat McCormack** from the beginning of our history and throughout the process of the business plan to build the Center continued to support us with generosity and kindness. They will be in our hearts always and Círculo de la Hispanidad is forever grateful.

I could not realize this dream without the support of **former** and current **Board Members**. They believed in me and trusted me. We worked and suffered throughout the process and we also celebrated together this fantastic accomplishment.

Círculo Center, even with all the support mentioned above, could not be possible without the essential work, infinite dedication, intelligence and passion of **Sarah Brewster**. Sarah is a blessing arriving from the skies at Círculo in 1999; the best gift Círculo has received in our history.

As the Founder and Executive Director, I understand the importance of Círculo's staff and their contributions through our history. They supported the organization with their daily work and ensured that programs and activities have been implemented in a financially sound manner. Having good evaluations and audits allowed me to keep the dream alive. Gracias.

A thousand thanks for all participants and sponsors over the years. You have helped us achieve our mission.

I also want to express my gratitude to our **2016 participants and sponsors.** Thank you to all our Honorees for accepting our invitation to be part of our history and supporting the Gala. Gracias. Círculo and of course Círculo Center is the result of all people and businesses who have supported us throughout the years.

I want to thank the **Gala's Planning Committee** for supporting our honorees and our Gala. Their support has been essential in the always stressful work of implementing a successful event.

Thank you Círculo's **Board** members, **staff, colleagues, volunteers and friends** for supporting the journal, the raffle and selling tickets. I also want to give a special thanks to **Evelyn Tavarez**, Gala Coordinator.

As always, I want to thank my family for their encouragement. They have helped me to face the many difficulties that I have encountered this past year and over the years. Gracias **Sarah Brewster**, my partner in work and in life. Gracias por todo, thank you for everything. You continue to inspire me and I enjoy working with you every day.

Gracias to my deceased parents, brother, niece and sister-in-law. I miss them. They have always inspired me in my difficult times. I want to thank my three children, Deborah, Daniel and Gil Miguel for their support. They share not only my happy moments but also my challenging ones and they continue to give me encouragement to persevere. This year I have enjoyed spending time with my grandchildren, my precious Rebecca, Sofía, Giuliana, Isak, Gabriella and Sebastián.

Now Círculo Center will begin to implement new initiatives and projects needed in our community.

This is after all the vision for so many years.

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CÍRCULO DE LA HISPANIDAD 1980 – 2016

36 Years "A Remarkable Journey" 36 Años "Una Historia Admirable"

Thanks to you and to all who have supported us throughout our thirty-six years. Gracias a todos ustedes y a todos los que nos han apoyado a través de estos treinta y seis años.

Our 36th Anniversary Celebration has special significance. We are celebrating 36 years of commitment, dedication and a deep sense of service to the most vulnerable people in Nassau County (Hispanics and Non-Hispanics alike).

Círculo received its articles of incorporation in 1980. However, the history of Círculo began some years earlier. Círculo's founder, Gil Bernardino, came to the United States in 1974 to discover the many needs of the Long Beach Hispanic community. Concerned about the oppression of immigrant populations and underserved groups, Gil formed the vision of Círculo.

Barbara DuBow, through her ideas, advice and support provided the essential tools for Gil to make the dream of Círculo a reality. Another key and trusted advisor, who assisted Gil in developing the organization, was Pat McCormack.

In 1980, New York State awarded Círculo its first grant of \$25,000 to operate independently as a youth oriented organization. It was difficult to open doors in the beginning. Círculo started with three employees and a typewriter which had some missing keys. Now, the organization has a team of over forty full and part-time staff and a sophisticated computer system including a technology center, as well as many other amenities thanks to the commitment and vision of Círculo's dedicated staff, volunteers and Board members.

Many individuals have supported Círculo along this "Remarkable Journey". Former Senator Dean G. Skelos provided the seed funding for Círculo's Center about twenty years ago. His vision and support enabled us to think large and dream of a Center that would serve thousands and thousands of individuals and families for many generations to come. We are especially grateful to Eileen Mullin and Lance Roth of Non Profit Preferred Funding. They were instrumental in securing the loan for this project. Non Profit Preferred Funding purchased the bonds made available through the Town of Hempstead Industrial Development Agency. Welquis R. López, a longtime friend of Círculo, has also been very supportive of our organization for many years and assisted Círculo achieve its dream to build a Center.

We want to recognize County Executive Ed Mangano for his financial support to the Center. Through his support Círculo has been able to enhance the Center. Thank you. In addition, former Supervisor Kate Murray, of the Town of Hempstead, also has helped to support activities and programming at the Center, and provided Círculo with funding in the past. Gracias Supervisor Murray for your support. We also want to extend our thanks to Mayor Wayne Hall, Sr. who supported our Center including our Nature Explorer Classroom Project. We are grateful to all our supporters.

As we continue on our mission to improve the lives of individuals and their families through a comprehensive continuum of social service, recreation, education, cultural, economic development and social justice programs, we are grateful for the special efforts of dedicated employees, supportive volunteers, Board members, corporate partners and friends who have helped us live our mission. Together we can make a difference. Thank you.

Message from the President of the Board



LEO FERNÁNDEZ

As President of the Board of Directors, and on behalf of Círculo de la Hispanidad, I would extend my appreciation to all our 2016 honorees for their support and dedication to Círculo's mission to improve the lives of individuals and families.

Tonight we pay homage to our honorees and thank them for their commitment to strengthening our community and supporting vulnerable populations. We admire them for their professional achievements and for their examples of leadership and service.

At this time I also pay tribute to all those individuals that that have made our Spring Gala 2016 possible.

Thank you to all of you attendees tonight for supporting us with our mission and vision. Thank you sponsors as well for contributing in large and small ways to the success of our journal and Gala.

Thank you Planning Committee Members for your dedication and support. Your hard work has helped us to have a special evening tonight.

The Board would also like to recognize the staff of Círculo and thank them for their efforts and dedication to our organization.

With your help, all of us together are working to make our community a better place every day.

Congratulations to this year's Honorees.

I hope you enjoy our 36th Anniversary Spring Gala Celebration.

Leo Fernández

President of the Board of Trustees





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CRISIS INTERVENTION PROGRAMS

Food Pantry Domestic Violence Hotline Referral Services

VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Salva: Domestic Violence Services Salva hotline: 24 Hour Domestic Violence Hotline FFVPSA: Support services for Victims of Violence

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Y.D.D.P: Hispanic Youth Advocacy Summer Camp- Ages 6-12 Partners After-School Program (Long Beach) Partners After-School Program (Hempstead) Long Beach Soccer Club Tennis Club

SPECIAL EVENTS

Annual Spring Gala Dinner Dance Hispanic Heritage Month Holiday Celebration Three Kings Celebration Mother's Day Awards Night for Youth

FEE-BASED DANCE STUDIO/ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

Salsa, Merengue, Mambo Modern Dance for Youth Flamenco Spanish for Adults





Círculo de la Hispanidad's Annual Spring Gala Serving Two Purposes

- Funds raised not only support agency programs, they support college scholarships for high school graduates from Long Beach and Hempstead who are matriculating in college or vocational training institutions.
- Círculo de la Hispanidad holds its Annual Spring Gala every May. Individuals and companies are recognized for their contributions to the community.

Scholarship funds raised from the event are bestowed to youth at Círculo's Annual Awards Night held in June.





Congratulations

to the

2016 Honorees





Thomas P. DiNapoli New York State Comptroller

Thomas P. DiNapoli is the 54th Comptroller of the State of New York. Appointed to the post in 2007 and re-elected to full four-year terms in 2010 and 2014, DiNapoli is known for his integrity, independence and steadfast leadership. Since taking office, DiNapoli has aggressively fought the misuse of public resources, strengthened one of our nation's top public pension funds, and consistently spoken out against fiscal gimmicks, imprudent actions and government inefficiency.



As State Comptroller, Tom DiNapoli's responsibilities include: auditing the spending practices of State agencies and local governments; managing the third largest pension fund in the United States; overseeing the New York State & Local Retirement System; providing objective analysis of the New York State and New York City budgets; maintaining the State's accounting records; reviewing and approving billions of dollars of proposed State contracts and spending; administering the State's payroll; returning unclaimed funds to their rightful owners; and promoting effectiveness, efficiency and ethics in State and local government.

During his tenure in office, Tom DiNapoli has transformed the way the State pension fund does business, instituting stringent reporting requirements and imposing tough reforms to ensure accountability. As the pension fund has rebounded from the Great Recession to reach new heights, DiNapoli has also expanded opportunities for women and minority firms and increased the fund's commitment to investing in New York businesses. As the State's chief auditor, DiNapoli has identified billions of dollars in misuse, waste and potential savings. He created the Fiscal Stress Monitoring System to help local governments and school districts avoid financial crises and take timely corrective actions, and his *Open Book New York* website provides unprecedented public access to the State's financial activities

Throughout his life in public service, Thomas DiNapoli has been making government more transparent and accountable to the people. He became the first 18-year-old in New York State to hold public office when he was elected to the Mineola Board of Education. After earning degrees from Hofstra University and The New School University's Graduate School of Management, DiNapoli worked in the telecommunications industry. In 1986, he was elected to represent Nassau County's 16th District in the New York State Assembly, where he served with distinction for 20 years.



Daisy Expósito-Ulla

CHAIRMAN/CEO
D Expósito & Partners

Daisy Expósito-Ulla is a pioneer and a recognized authority in Multicultural Marketing and brand communications. She is Chairman/CEO of D Expósito & Partners.

In 2015, the agency was chosen AEF Agency of the Year by the Advertising Educational Foundation which also recognized Daisy "for her contributions to American advertising."

Prior to founding the agency, she was Chairman/CEO of Young & Rubicam/WPP's The Bravo Group, a company she helped launch and subsequently build during her twenty-four-year tenure, becoming the largest U.S. Hispanic agency of all time.

As a visionary creative leader and partner to many respected companies, she has achieved a transformational career in cross-cultural brand-building, working with clients such as AT&T, KRAFT Foods, Bank of America, Pfizer, Sears, Unilever and others.

Among her many honors: The New York Women in Communication's Matrix Award; AAF's Role Model; New York Women's Agenda Star; The Carnegie Foundation; The Carvel Immigrant Award; and New York's International Center recognition which she shares with Nobel laureate Elie Weisel and former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. Presenting Daisy with the award, Ambassador Ed Ney, Chairman emeritus, Y&R, described her as "the most important Madison Avenue success story written by a woman not born in the United States."

Besides having received numerous industry and creative awards (Clio, Effie, Addy, etc.), she has consistently appeared as one of the Most Influential Latinos in the U.S.A.

Her participation on boards includes the Ad Council; the AEF; and the 4A's Foundation. She was a founding member and President of the Association of Hispanic Advertising Agencies (AHAA). She was appointed by former Mayor Bloomberg to serve as City Commissioner on New York's Arts and Entertainment Commission.

Daisy came to this country from Cuba with her parents and sister in 1963. She, her husband, filmmaker Jorge Ulla (also her partner and agency co-founder), and their son Gabriel, a writer with a B.A. from NYU, working on his M.F.A. from Columbia University, live in New York City.

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Dr. Jorge L. Gardyn, M.D., F.A.C.P.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR
Island Occupational Medical Resources, P.C. (IOMR)

Dr. Gardyn is a Board Certified Internist specializing in Occupational and Adult Medicine. His background includes Emergency Medicine and Critical Care, and has been involved with the Fire and EMS service in New York for over 25 years.

BACKGROUND

Dr. Gardyn graduated with honors from Hofstra University and did his Medical School training at the Autonomous University of Guadalajara. He completed his Fifth Pathway Training and Residency Training in Internal Medicine at Nassau County Medical Center in 1988. Post Residency Dr. Gardyn began his career as an Emergency Room Physician where he was exposed to a broad spectrum of medical and surgical cases including overdoses, toxic exposures, trauma, and cardiac arrests to name just a few. The challenging demands of the job - working in a fast-paced environment, requiring clear and concise decision making, provided a great appeal. These situations also put Dr. Gardyn in constant contact with police, EMS and local Fire Departments and essentially paved the way for his medical career path in Occupational Medicine.

In 1990 Dr. Gardyn established his Internal Medicine practice Nassau Suffolk Internal Medicine (NSIM) and began to structure it in such as way as to create a one-stop medical clinic to provide comprehensive care for his patients much as he did while working in the Emergency Room. NSIM expanded to encompass all of the diagnostic testing and on-site specialists that it does today so that, under the careful guidance of Dr. Gardyn, the whole patient may be attended to.

In 1995, Dr. Gardyn opened Island Occupational Medical Resources, P.C. (IOMR) to provide high-quality medical examinations for members of the Long Island Volunteer Fire Departments. What has made IOMR unique from inception is that all of the exam services performed by Dr. Gardyn and his team of nurses, doctors, Medical Assistants and PA's are provided on-site at their fire houses as well as at his office. As IOMR grew, so did the services offered which now include DOT exams, pre-employment physicals, Fitness for Duty Exams, as well as drug and alcohol testing. Today, IOMR covers over 30 Fire Departments and over 400 private companies. In 2011 Dr. Gardyn moved his operation to a state of the art 5,000 square foot facility in Amityville.

In 2003, Dr. Gardyn was appointed the Medical Director for the Nassau County Fire Service Academy and the Nassau County EMS Academy, and in 2008, Dr. Gardyn was recruited by Nassau University Medical Center to serve as the Division Chief of Occupational and Corporate Medicine. His responsibilities included overseeing the OSHA physicals for members of the Nassau County Police Department, Nassau County Fire Marshal's Office, Department of Public Works and other government agencies in Nassau County as well as the Employee Health program for the hospital.

Dr. Gardyn has written multiple articles on Coronary Artery Disease and Prevention for the Fire Service and has spoken nationally on different topics in the Fire Service including Current Guidelines for Establishing Medical Programs as well as Health Challenges in the Fire Service. He is involved with running a Lung Cancer Screening Program for Volunteer Firefighters and is involved in a National Institute of Health project on Wellness and Nutrition in the Fire Service.

Dr. Gardyn has served on the Board of Directors for the Francis X. Pendl Nassau County Firefighters Museum and Education Center since 2005, and has served on the Board of Trustees for Nassau Community College since 2011, and currently serves as the Chairman of the Board.

Dr. Gardyn was born in Havana, Cuba and came to the United States with his parents in 1961. Dr. Gardyn is married to his lovely wife Catherine for 28 years and has three children, JC, Nicholas and Jonathan.



Councilwoman Dorothy L. Goosby, BS, MBA, RD, CDN

Town of Hempstead

Town of Hempstead Senior Councilwoman Dorothy L. Goosby was elected to the Town Board on November 2, 1999 and was one of the first Democrats elected since 1905. She is the first African American woman on the Town Board and as of January 2016 serves as Senior Councilwoman.

In 1988, Dorothy L. Goosby, et. al., filed a class action suit against the Town of Hempstead charging that the Town's at large voting system for the Town Board discriminated against the minority community. In 1997, a federal judge agreed and ruled that the Town of Hempstead's method of *voting-at-large* was discriminatory and violated the Voting Rights Act. In January 2000, the United States Supreme Court denied review of the Town of Hempstead's appeals. U.S. District Court Judge John Gleeson then ordered that a special election be held for all seats in November 2000.

Dorothy L. Goosby is an alumna of Florida A&M University. She received her Masters in Business Administration in Labor Relations/Corporate Finance and Accounting Management from Adelphi University. Councilwoman Goosby is a New York State Certified and Registered Dietitian with more than twenty-five years of exemplary administrative experience in the medical profession. She attended Hofstra University, Hempstead, New York and completed the requirements to obtain certification by the New York State Education Department as a Certified Chemistry teacher.

Councilwoman Goosby is a Past President of the Association Of Towns of the State of New York. She serves on the Executive Committee and the Rules and Resolutions Committee for the organization.

While Councilwoman Goosby's accomplishments are noteworthy, she is most recognized for her on-going community efforts in Nassau County and the Town of Hempstead. She has initiated community meetings and Town Board evening meetings that provide access and opportunity for more residents to participate in government than ever before. She has intervened in areas that have resulted in a better life for many. These include repair and renovation of streets that were long neglected, parks that were in total disrepair, vacant lots that were littered and street lights that did not function properly, just to name a few. It is her belief that her election by the people is a mandate to provide equitable representation to all of the residents and that she has a responsibility to make a difference when it is possible and where it is needed.

Councilwoman Goosby lives in Hempstead. She recently lost her husband of 50 years, Anderson Jay Goosby. She has two daughters, Alcina and Cassandra Goosby. Mrs. Goosby is a long time member of Union Baptist Church in Hempstead.

The First Councilmatic District of the Town of Hempstead includes: Hempstead, Lakeview and Roosevelt as well as portions of Baldwin, Freeport, Lynbrook, Rockville Centre, Uniondale and West Hempstead.



Bob Isaksen

Long Island Market President Long Island Market Executive, Business Banking

As Market President, Bob Isaksen serves as Bank of America's local enterprise leader throughout Long Island. With a goal of delivering one company to clients and customers, Bob works across the region to connect Bank of America's business lines to deliver integrated financial services to individuals, families and businesses.

He also leads Bank of America's corporate social responsibility work in the region, which leverages the unmatched capabilities of the company to help partners, people, communities and a broad client and customer base more effectively address a wide range of issues.

In addition to serving as Market President, Bob is also the Business Banking Market Executive for Long Island. Based in Melville, he leads a team of client relationship managers to deliver strategic financial advice and solutions to help locally-based small to mid-sized companies grow, improve cash flow, manage payments, and invest for the future.

Previously, he served as senior Credit Products manager in Specialized Industries-Northeast and was senior team leader for Fleet's Metro New York Healthcare and Institutions group, focusing on healthcare providers and not-for-profits located in New York City, Long Island and the northern suburbs. He also managed the Fleet Bank Middle Market line of credit process for Metro New York.

Prior to joining Bank of America Merrill Lynch, he held a number of line and credit positions with NatWest Bank, including division senior credit officer for the National and Structured Finance Divisions. The National Division focused on a national corporate lending practice and also included NatWest's for-profit national healthcare specialty.

He earned his BA in Business Economics from the State University of New York at Oneonta and MBA in Finance at Pace University's Lubin Graduate School of Business.

Active in the community, Bob serves on the board of the Long Island Association, United Way of Long Island, Cold Spring Harbor Labs Corporate Advisory Board, Long Island Housing Partnership, and the Stony Brook Children's Hospital Task Force.

A native of Setauket, Long Island, he resides there with his wife, twin sons and daughter.



Doctor César Nuesí

Linkage Coordinator at Circulo de la Hispanidad, Inc.

Doctor César Nuesí was born in La Sabána, Luperón, Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic. He graduated from the Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo with a medical degree. Before arriving to the United States he worked as a doctor in several hospitals in the Dominican Republic.

From the fifth grade until completing high school, Doctor Nuesí walked ten miles daily to go to school. He is known and recognized in his hometown as one of the best students of his generation and throughout Puerto Plata. It is easy to see why his family supported him in earning a higher education in the medical field. Even at a young age, Dr. Nuesí showed his parents and older brothers that he was very responsible and a bright student. This motivated his older brother Benito Nuesí to talk to his parents about giving César economic support to attend college in the Dominican Republic. César became the first professional in the Nuesi Family.

Upon arriving to the United States he first worked as an assistant teacher in the city of Long Beach school district. Soon afterwards, he earned a position at Circulo de la Hispanidad as a Linkage Coordinator for HIV and Sexually Transmitted Diseases. His job entitles many responsibilities such as:

- Workshops in HIV/AIDS with at-risk individuals and Link infected individual to medical care
- Bringing awareness in Nassau County regarding HIV/AIDS and STDs
- Education with HIV positive individuals to facilitate their understanding of their disease
- HIV/STDs treatment education and treatment adherence
- Lecturing high school students in Hempstead, Roosevelt and Westbury school district about the following topics
- HIV education with adults taking ESL classes through lectures and presentations
- Confidential individual and group counseling for any health matters
- Train at-risk adolescents or HIV positive clients to become effective Peer Educators
- Collaborating with other community based organizations, health systems and organizations to improve program services outcomes as well as promote HIV and STDs prevention.
- Reaching out to day laborers and handing out condoms, literature and promoting HIV testing
- Reaching out to HIV infected individuals to bring them into HIV medical care.

César Nuesí is married with Ana Nuesí for 26 years and they have two beautiful daughters. His oldest daughter Desiret Nuesí, recently completed four years in college and is applying for different colleges for her master in Speech Pathology. His second daughter is Melanie Nuesí, high school student at Baldwin, NY. As a Dominican César loves baseball, merengue and bachata.

The hardest challenge that Doctor Nuesí has faced is working with bright students and seeing them not be able to attend college because of their citizenship status.

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"Cuando Un Amigo Se Va..." FELÍZ Y LARGA JUBILACIÓN Congratulations to our own

Welquis R. López

On His Retirement



Welquis addressing the audience. He received a special recognition during Círculo's Completion Celebration on October, 24, 2016.

Welquis has been a friend of Círculo de la Hispanidad for over three decades. Over the years he has supported Círculo's mission and vision by opening doors to help Círculo access funding.

Welquis was instrumental in helping with Círculo's Community Center in Hempstead, and has supported Círculo's initiatives over our history.

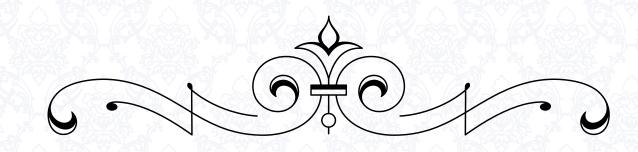
Círculo's family will forever be grateful for all of Welquis's contributions.

Congratulations, felicidades and our best wishes for a happy and long retirement.

Te Echaremos de Menos. We Will Miss You.

Te Queremos. We Love You.





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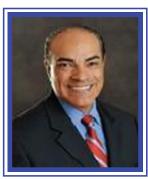
Neighborhood Builder Grant Recipient.

Your support of \$200,000 will help us plan for our future.

jGracias!



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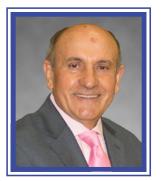
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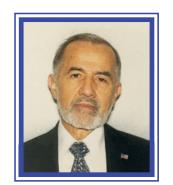
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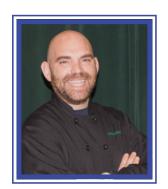
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It is a pleasure to send greetings to everyone gathered for the Annual Spring Gala hosted by Circulo de la Hispanidad, this year celebrating its 36 th anniversary.

The Empire State's strength is its diversity of people, including our many communities that reflect various Hispanic cultures and countries. The greater Hispanic population is a growing and integral component of this state and nation, and they contribute to our society in many ways that have furthered their presence, their visibility, and their influence as a dynamic community.

Across Long Island, the Hispanic population continues to flourish thanks to organizations that provide support and advocacy to people in need. Circulo de la Hispanidad offers a valuable network of services and resources that assist people in achieving greater independence and self-sufficiency. I applaud your continuum of programs and services that enable new citizens to build a brighter future, as such compassion reflects a level of humanitarian spirit that is truly inspiring.

With warmest regards and best wishes for an enjoyable evening.

Sincerely,

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Please accept my congratulations and best wishes for many more years of continued success.

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To Our Friends at Circulo de la Hispanidad:

On behalf of the New York State Senate, I would like to extend my warmest regards to all those in attendance at the 2016 Spring Gala Dinner Dance, and to thank everyone for their compassion and dedication in meeting the diverse needs of immigrants on Long Island.

Circulo has played a vital role for thirty-six years in the lives of Hispanic and non-Hispanic individuals and families by providing support services and educational enrichment activities. Circulo has helped enrich the lives of thousands of Long Islanders by giving them access to vital services including healthcare and childcare, legal advocacy and housing, as well as cultural, recreational and employment opportunities. Circulo has been an invaluable resource in underserved communities in our region and has helped empower generations of families to assimilate into American culture.

I am pleased to extend my sincere best wishes to this evening's honorees: Thomas P. Dinapoli, Daisy Exposito-Ulla, Dr. Jorge L. Gardyn, Dorothy L. Goosby, Robert Isaksen, and Cesar Nuesi. Through their personal and public efforts, each of your honorees has worked diligently to further the mission of Circulo de la Hispanidad, and their outstanding leadership and service are truly worthy of our recognition tonight.

Whether you are a volunteer, a staff member involved with one of the numerous support programs, or someone who provides financial support, each member of the Circulo family is to be applauded for their selfless dedication to furthering Circulo's mission, and for giving hope, support and a chance for a brighter future to those looking to make New York their new home.

Congratulations once again to everyone gathered today at The Garden City hotel. Thank you for all you do on behalf of Long Island families, and may tonight be an evening to remember.

Very truly yours,

John J. Flanagan







NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY

May 20, 2016

Dear Friends:

Please accept my sincere greetings as you gather to celebrate Circulo de la Hispanidad's 2016 Spring Gala.

Founded in 1980 to serve the needs of Hispanic immigrants, your organization has grown to offer over twenty programs and activities in education, career services, health, housing and youth development programs to both the Hispanic and non-Hispanic community. Circulo continues to grow in response to the needs of the underserved community, assisting individuals and families through a continuum of services, education and enrichment.

Under the direction of Gil Bernardino and Dr. Sarah Brewster, and with the support of Circulo and community professionals, the Evergreen Charter School was founded in 2009 in response to the educational challenges many families in the Hempstead community faced. In 2010 you celebrated the inauguration of the "Green Center" – a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) facility and became the first nonprofit organization in New York State to achieve gold certification for this green facility from the U.S. Green Building Council. Everyone associated with Circulo de la Hispanidad can be proud of their accomplishments.

Again, congratulations to Circulo de la Hispanidad and best wishes for your continued success and service to the community.

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May 20, 2016

Mr. Gil Bernardino
Executive Director
Circulo de la Hispanidad, Inc.
26 West Park Avenue
Long Beach, NY 11561

Dear Friends:

I would just like to take a moment to offer you my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes as you celebrate 2016 Spring Gala Dinner Dance this May 20, 2016, at the Garden City Hotel. Since 1980, your fine organization has been serving the community in myriad ways. This year, Circulo is celebrating its 36th Anniversary.

As the largest non-profit Hispanic organization on Long Island, Circulo de la Hispanidad, Inc., has been committed to providing comprehensive community programs and human resources, serving vulnerable individuals and families. I applaud all the members for their outstanding efforts, and I thank you for your continued contributions and commitment to so many Long Islanders. Keep up the great work.

I would also like to offer special congratulations to your honorees: New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli; Daisy Expósito, Chairman/CEO of D Expósito Partners; Dr. Jorge L. Gardyn, CEO of Island Occupational Medical Resources; Town of Hempstead Councilwoman Dorothy L. Goosby; Robert Isaksen, Long Island President, Bank of America; and César Nuesi, Linkage Coordinator HIV, Circulo de la Hispanidad.

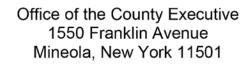
Once again, my congratulations and best wishes to all.

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May 20, 2016

Dear Friends,

Please accept my warmest greetings and congratulations as you gather to celebrate the Circulo de la Hispanidad's 36th Anniversary Spring Gala. I am grateful for the opportunity to recognize the fine work of this organization and the 2016 Award Recipients.

Throughout the years, this fine organization has established a distinguished record of excellence, working diligently on behalf of causes and ideals, which uphold the principals of human decency and brotherhood.

Circulo de la Hispanidad recognizes members of our community and other distinguished individuals for their generous acts of public service and is deserving and worthy of the esteem of Nassau County for its selfless service to the community, which has made a permanent and positive impact on us all.

I wish to extend hearty congratulations to this evening's honored guests, the Honorable Thomas P. DiNapoli, Daisy Expósito-Ulla, Dr. Jorge L. Gardyn, Councilwoman Dorothy L. Goosby, Robert Isaksen and César Nuesi and best wishes to the staff and supporters of Circulo de la Hispanidad who work toward forwarding the goals of this fine organization

Best wishes for continued success in all your endeavors.

Sincerely,

Edward P. Mangano County Executive

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April 22, 2016

Mr. Gil Bernardino Circulo de la Hispanidad, Inc. 26 West Park Avenue Long Beach, New York 11561

Dear Friends:

As Supervisor of America's largest township, I am proud to extend warm greetings and hearty congratulations to you and to all the dynamic members, friends, and supporters of Circulo de la Hispanidad as you celebrate your 36th Spring Gala Anniversary Celebration at the Garden City Hotel.

Tonight's annual dinner continues a meaningful tradition of helping young Hispanics to build productive lives in our communities by helping them with scholarships that help to cover the expense of college or vocational training. In addition, funds raised at this gala help the numerous, diverse community based programs that support and facilitate every aspect of one's life and circumstance.

As our friends at Circulo de la Hispanidad gather to celebrate their Spring Gala Anniversary Celebration, the Town of Hempstead is privileged to share in this evening's festivities. I am certain that tonight's event will bring great joy and fulfillment to the scholarship recipients and to those your centers so ably support.

Again, please accept my sincere best wishes. I remain

ANTHONY J. SANTINO

Supervisor



May 20, 2016



Congratulations to Circulo de la Hispanidad on your 36th Anniversary Spring Gala

MAYOR WAYNE J. HALL, SR.

Dear Family and Friends:

It is with great pleasure that I offer my congratulations to you and the honorees attending the Circulo de la Hispanidad 36th Annual Spring Gala. I commend you for continuing your efforts to focus the attention on our societal needs for economic selfsufficiency within our growing Hispanic community.

Your hard work, excellence and professionalism are a testament of this fine organization. I applaud your dedication to service and to the community our entire community benefits from the essence and strength that Circulo de la Hispanidad, Inc. provides. I am honored and glad to be able to celebrate this joyous time with you all.

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With best regards,

Wayne J. Hall, Sr. Mayor



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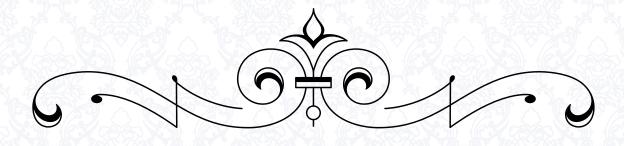
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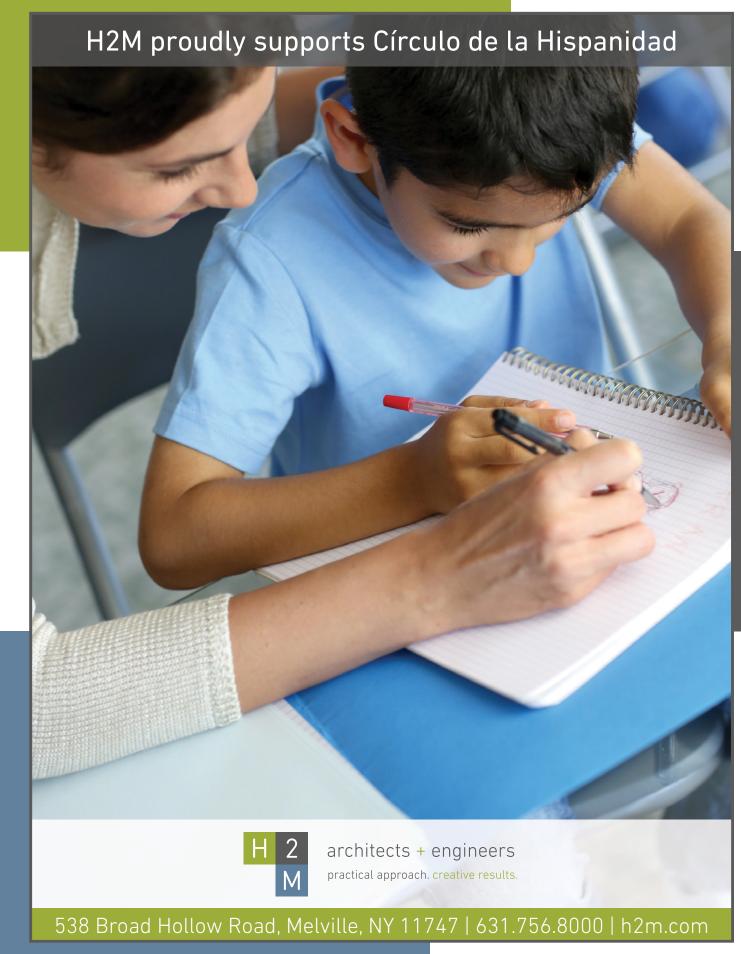
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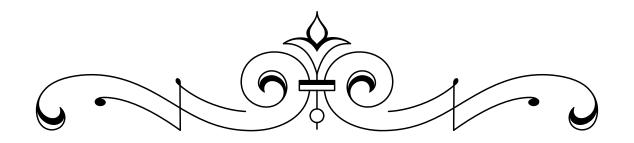
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Hon. Thomas P. DiNapoli New York State Comptroller



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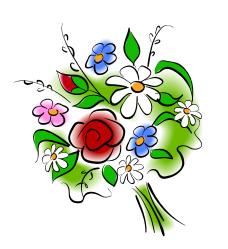
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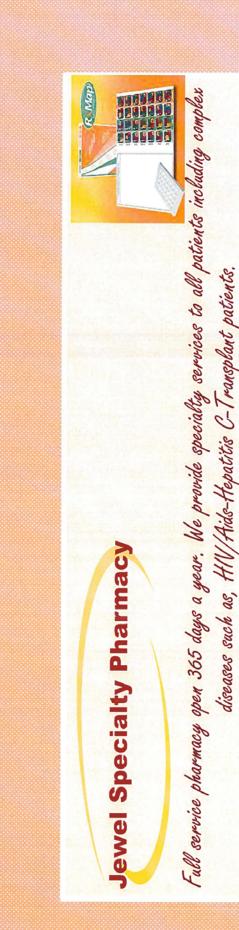
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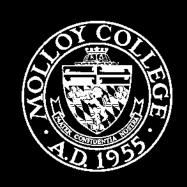




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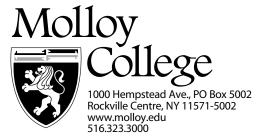
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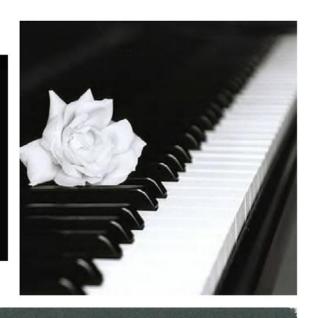
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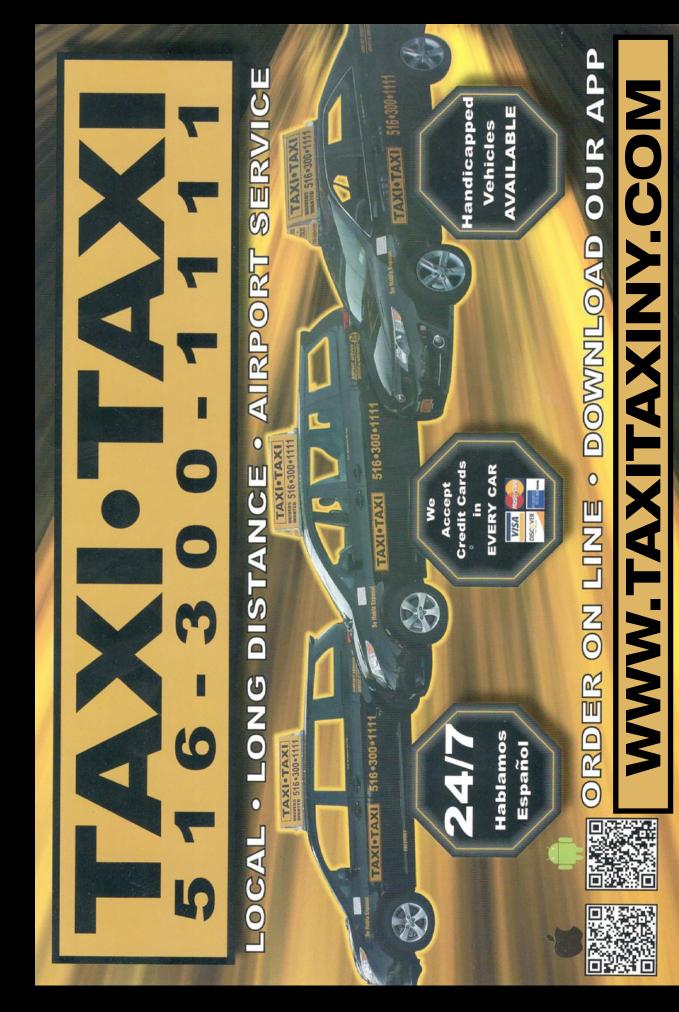


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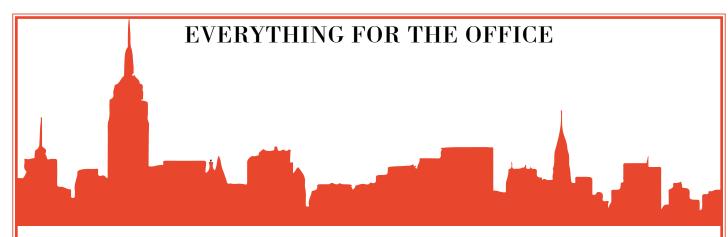




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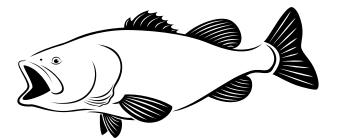
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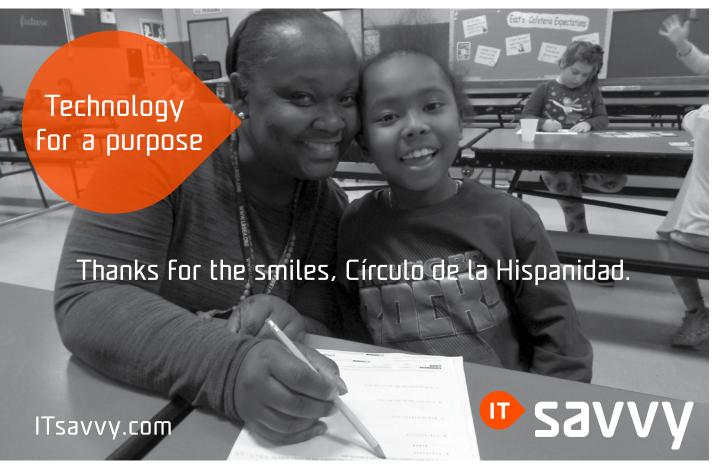
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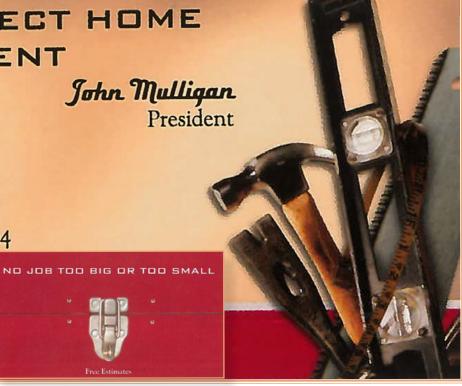
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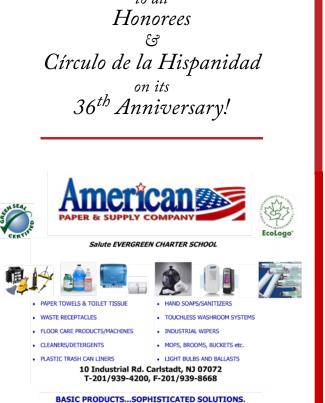


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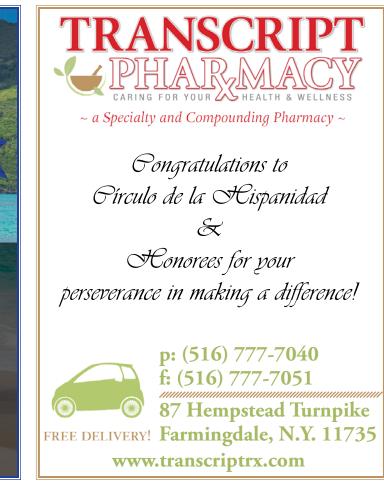
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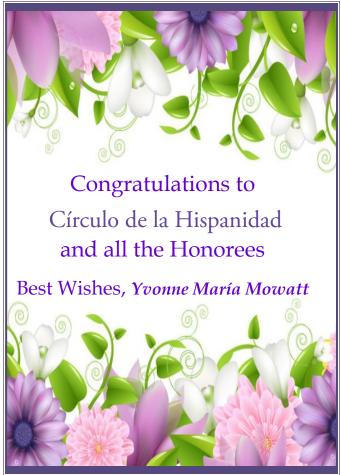














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As you may know, we experienced many obstacles along the way including finding parts of cars underneath the proposed parking lot area. Luckily it was not found hazardous but as a result we had to delay construction and spend hundreds of thousands of dollars doing remediation and designing new plans.

When we first opened our Center, we had classrooms on the first floor and one small room on the second floor. We needed to build out all the other spaces but we needed funds to do so. Little by little, with support from Nassau County, the Town of Hempstead, legislative support in addition to Círculo de la Hispanidad's own funds, the agency was able to build out additional classrooms and offices. Today the Center is thriving, it is completely built out with a commercial kitchen, a multipurpose room for events and activities as well as classrooms for educational purposes.

We are very proud to be New York State's first nonprofit organization to have achieve Gold LEED status by the U.S. Green Building Counsel for our 35,000 square foot facility. We are also additionally proud because the facility is located in Hempstead, a community where we have provided services for over thirty years.





We are pleased that we constructed a green facility and we feel strongly that we have a responsibility to be role models for sustainable building projects. We also have a responsibility to teach our children to care for our resources, the earth and each other.

Our October 24th Celebration began with Spanish Tapas, prepared by Chef Josh. Afterwards guests were treated to music and dance including Bagpipers from Galicia, Dancers from El Teatro Rodante Hispánico, Rancheras, Círculo's Flamenco Dancers and Tango.

A scrumptious lunch followed that included wild arugula salad with shaved parmesan, shitake mushrooms and lemon mustard vinaigrette. The second course included pan seared swordfish with garlic spinach and piquillo pepper sauce. Our third course included grilled filet mignon with scalloped potatoes, organic baby carrots and black truffle sauce. Desert was delicious as well, for those that had room. It included an ice cream bar with toppings, pastries, tres leches cake, and fresh fruit.

Círculo recognized past and current board members and employees thanking them for their contributions.





Círculo also paid special recognition to elected officials who have supported Círculo Center including former Senator Dean G. Skelos, Nassau County Executive Edward P. Mangano, former Supervisor Kate Murray and Mayor Wayne J. Hall.

The event culminated with music and dance. Círculo asked participants to join in singing "Himno a la Alegría", Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" and the "Impossible Dream". Participants then danced to wonderful music by a live band and D.J.



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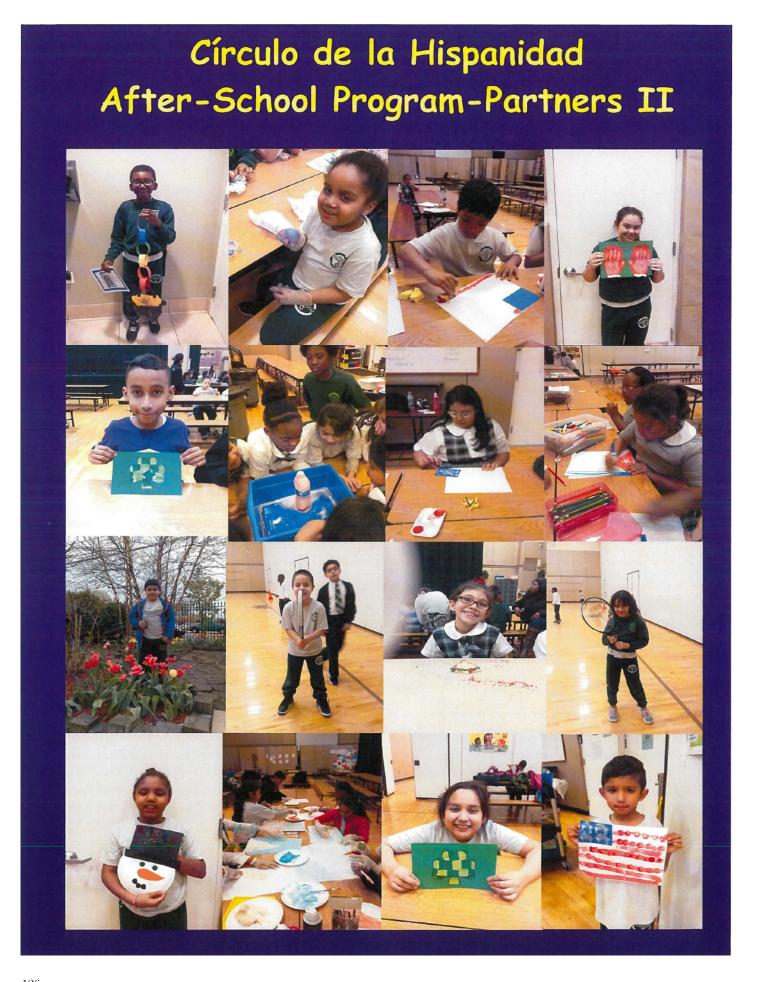
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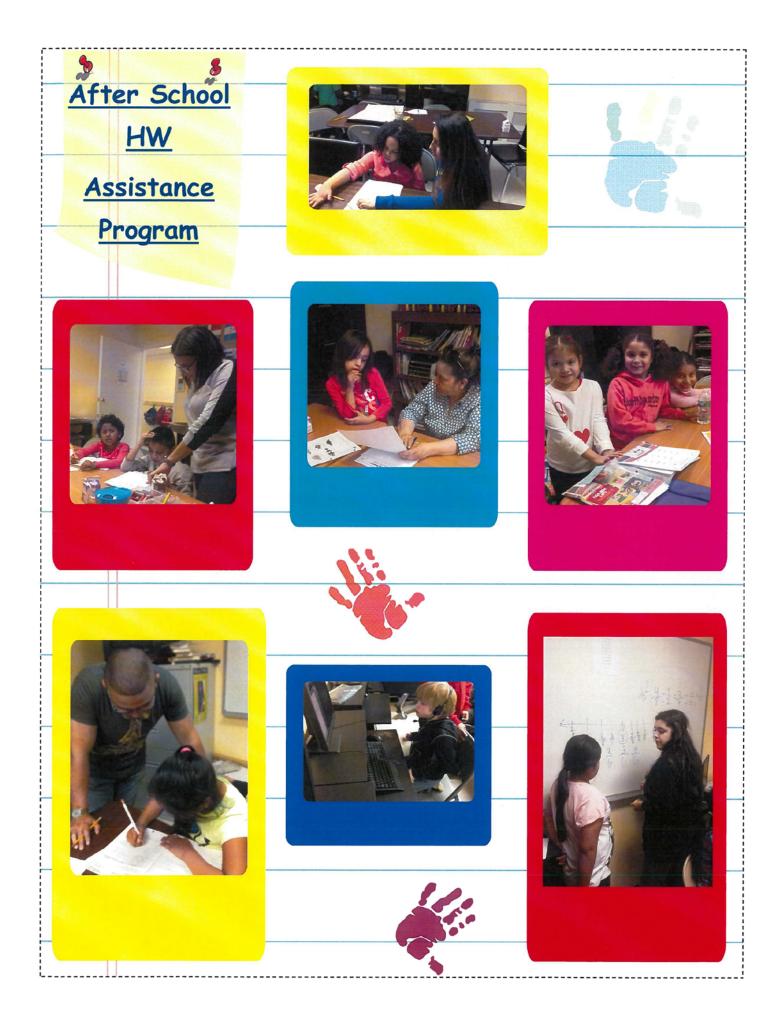




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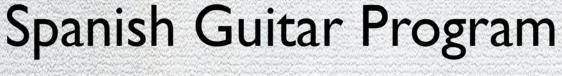
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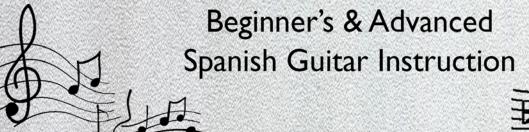
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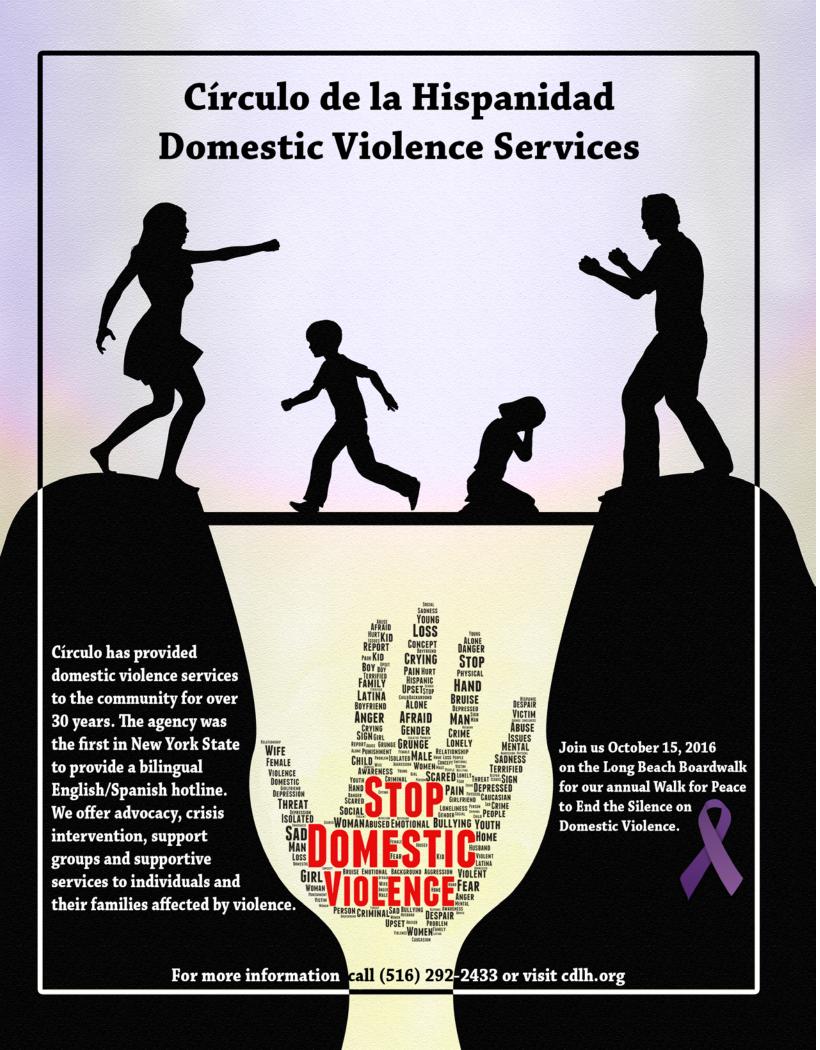
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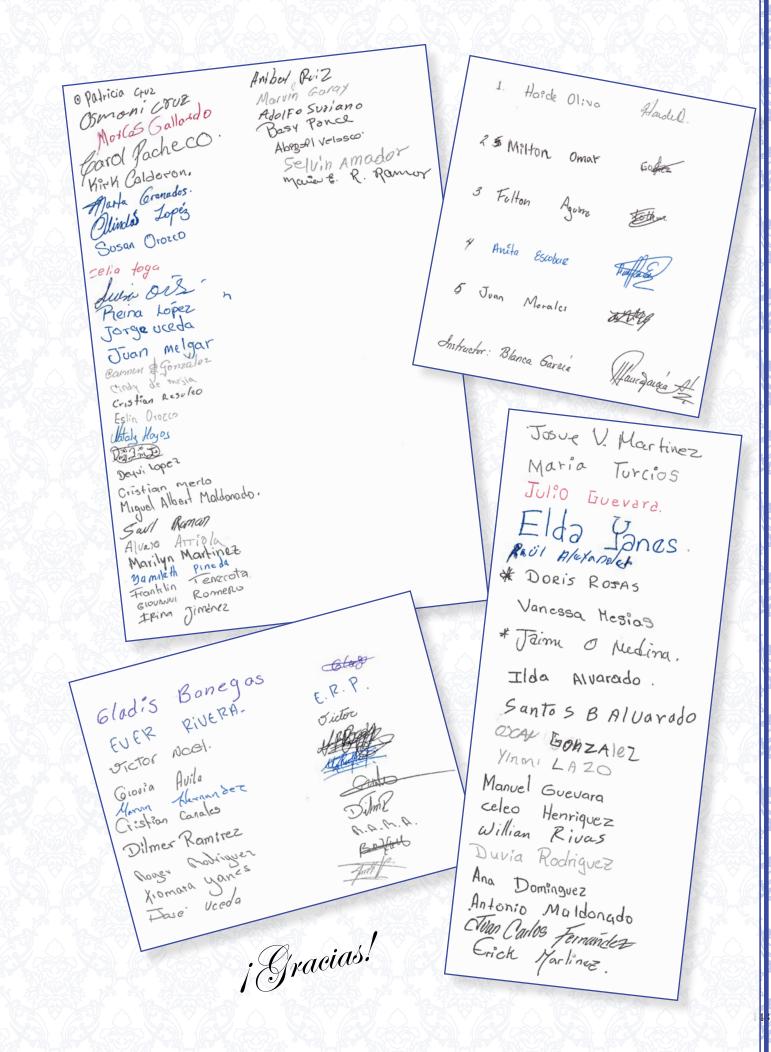
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Victims of Domestic Violence Homeless Families Homeless with HIV/AIDS Mental Health Diagnosis

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Food Pantry
Three Kings Celebration
Mother's Day Show
Holiday Show
Cultural Activities
Awards Night

DANCE CLASSES

Merengue, Flamenco, Salsa and Tango



Evergreen Charter School







History of the School

vergreen Charter School received its charter on January 13, 2009. It was granted its charter by the New York State Education Department Board of Regents to operate an elementary school in Hempstead, Long Island. The school opened with a kindergarten and first grade class of 100 students in the fall of 2009. Since then, it has grown to now serve 300 students from kindergarten to fifth grade. Evergreen is excited to report that starting in the fall of 2016, the school will expand to serve 375 students and will include a sixth grade.

The concept for Evergreen Charter School was developed by Mr. Gil Bernardino, Founder and Executive Director of Círculo de la Hispanidad, and Dr. Sarah Brewster, Supervisor of Círculo de la Hispanidad. With support from Círculo's employees, Board of Trustees and friends, Evergreen took form. The Planning Board for Evergreen Charter School included: David Boone, Maritza Meyers, Luis Ras, Eliezer Reyes, Gladys Rodríguez, Rebecca Sanin, and Gerry Vázquez. Círculo also consulted with Sy Fliegel, Harvey Newman, Frank San Felice, and Linda Vergara. Círculo is thankful for those who contributed to helping the dream for Evergreen become a reality.

The vision of Evergreen emerged from many conversations from parents in the community over the years. Mr. Gil Bernardino, Founder and Executive Director of Círculo de la Hispanidad, a community based nonprofit organization serving Long Island residents and their families since 1980, wanted to create an educational institution that would meet the needs of children and their families. Dr. Sarah Brewster, with her background in education and social work and her love and respect for the environment, joined with Mr. Gil Bernardino to develop the vision of the charter school. What developed was a concept for a strong academic program coupled with a curriculum that emphasized the environment, and knowledge of a second language (Spanish).

LONGISLAND



Gil Bernardino, founder and executive director of Circulo de la Hispanidad, which runs Evergreen Charter School, rejoices yesterday,

Charter OKd to grow

6th grade, kindergarten additions for Evergreen

Hempstead school founder: 'Historic' moment

BY VÍCTOR MANUEL RAMOS víctor ramos@newsdav.com

Evergreen Charter School in Hempstead won unanimous approval yesterday from the state Board of Regents to add the sixth grade and increase kindergarten enrollment.

The Regents board, which sets education policy for the state, voted yesterday afternoon to approve expansion of the school's charter. Earlier, a Regents committee also voted unanimously in favor.

"This is a tremendously historic moment," said Gil Bernardino, founder and executive director of the nonprofit Círculo de la Hispanidad, which created the Evergreen school. "It means a lot, because those students will have a much better future — and not just for this graduation class but for many others, for many years to come."

The decision to expand, he aid, was prompted by the inter-

est of families whose children attend the school and a waiting list of "about 250 students." The school will add two sixth-grade classes and a kindergarten class, with 25 students in each for a total of 75 new students next school year.

Evergreen, which opened in 2009 and has 300 students in kindergarten through fifth grade, is one of two charter schools in Hempstead, each of which seeks to offer an alternative to the struggling public school system.

"They're doing a more than adequate job, and they're certainly doing better than the [Hempstead] district," said Roger Tilles of Great Neck, Long Island's representative on the Regents board.

"Tm hoping now the district will solve its problems and parents won't be pressured to seek alternative education," he said.

Charter schools are tuition-free public schools created by parents, educators and community leaders that operate under a five-year contract, or charter. Other charters on the Island are in Riverhead, Roosevelt and Wainscott.

The SUNY board of trustees' Charter Schools Committee in December granted approval for The Academy Charter School, which opened in 2009 in Hempstead, to enroll 50 ninth-graders in September — making it the first charter high school on Long Island.

The Hempstead district's elementary schools have been placed on the state Education Department's "priority" and "focus" lists for improvement, while the middle school and high school have been categorized, respectively, as "struggling" and "persistently struggling" because of lagging academic performance.

Critics of charter schools often contend that those schools drain resources from public systems by taking away students and a chunk of the taxpayer funds assigned to cover their education costs.

LaMont Johnson, Hempstead's school board president, issued a statement, saying the district aims to do better

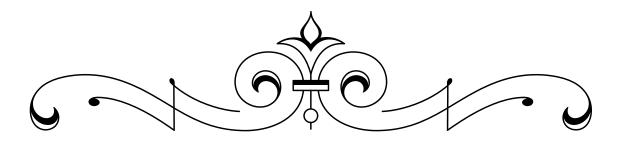
"The Hempstead Union Free School District has made positive strides over the past few years," Johnson said. "We remain focused on a quality education for all of our students and we are confident that, over the next few years, we will once again be known as an outstanding school district."

Evergreen touts instruction in Spanish, enriched arts and physical education programs and "a workshop delivery model" for its English classes. It has shown better results in student test scores than Hempstead public schools for the past two school years in English language arts and math, according to the proposal.

A small group of students among those in the charter's fifth grade said they were very happy that they'd come back another year to a school that feels like a tight-knit community of friends for them.

"I am very, very excited, because the school is like my second home," said Reina Samuels, 10. "They are always able to make learning fun and they have a special way of teaching." NEWSWAY THE

NEWSDAY, TUESDAY, MARCH 22



Evergreen Mission

The mission of the Evergreen Charter School (ECS) is to nurture the intellectual, physical and social development of children, through a comprehensive program that promotes academic excellence and prepares its students for success in school and in life.

Evergreen Promise

I promise to respect myself, respect others and respect our earth's resources.

Evergreen Pledge

I pledge to protect the Earth, respect the web of life upon it, and to honor the dignity of every member of our global family. One planet, one people, one world, in harmony, with peace, freedom and justice for all.





Evergreen Board of Trustees & Executive Staff



Evergreen Charter School **2009-2016**

A free, public elementary school for children K-6th grade, founded by Gil Bernardino and Sarah Brewster of Círculo de la Hispanidad with support from Círculo's Board, staff and representatives from the community.



Board of Trustees: Standing (L-R) Gil Bernardino, President, José Canosa, Treasurer, Luis Ras, Trustee, Ariel Soto, Trustee.

Seated: Nancy Iglesias-Gillen, Trustee, Yvonne Mowatt, Trustee, Sarah Brewster, Vice President, Added: Gladys Rodríguez, Secretary.



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Standing left to right: Héctor Martinez, Flor West, Christopher Jara Chiriboga, Izaac Elizarras, Pablo Correa, Chelsey Soria, Leily Ramos, Anthony Martínez, Maynor Corpeño, Brittany Hinley, Mariela Giammarino, Frank Armada and Gil Bernardino, Founder & Executive Director.

Seated left to right: Nereyda Pinzón, Joselyn Alvarez-Beza, Karla Umanzor, Diana Canales, Wendy Molina, Kenia Mizhirumbay, Thania Manueles.

Scholarship Awardees Not in Picture: Kelly Moreno, Raul S. Vidal, Kimberly Henao.

Scholarship Committee Members Added in Picture: Carla Hemingway-King, top and Evelyn Hernández. bottom.

Círculo Food Services Círculo Food Services

írculo food services was established by Círculo de la Hispanidad as a subsidiary to support events and programming at the Center and for the agency at large.

Círculo Food Services has been involved in community events and activities including preparing a Thanksgiving feast for affected families following Hurricane Sandy. This was done in collaboration with the Hispanic Federation and other community organizations.

Círculo Food Services Chef





. Foshua Poveda INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE CHEF

Oshua Poveda is an International Executive Chef with 19 years of experience. Joshua attended St. Louis University and Estudios Sol, School of Cooking and Restaurant Management in Madrid, Spain, where he acquired his degree in Culinary Arts in June of 1995. He later attended the Culinary Institute of America in New York for an Advanced Diploma in Culinary Arts which he acquired in August of 1998.

Joshua is known as Chef Josh and is involved in all phases of food preparartion, development and presentation. He specializes in kitchen management, menu development, staff training, private party planning and customer relationship management. Joshua's managerial skills and experience in international settings provides him strong cross cultural skills and ability to adapt to different envrionments lending to a smooth operating service.

Joshua's culinary specialties include American, European and Asian haute cuisine. He is fluent in English and Spanish with a professional proficiency in French.

hef Josh has prepared three dishes to share with you. Starting with Eggplant Pancakes for an appetizer which he prepared for the very first time in Cotonou, West Africa in the year 2001. This recipe was inspired by Fred Blake, the late husband of Penelope Blake who is Joshua's mother's best childhood friend and his Aunt by choice. "Penny, this recipe is in honor of Fred although he didn't get to try it, I'm sure he would have loved it" (Joshua Poveda).

late winter of 2001 when his grandfather Albert Bicknell was on his death bed. Joshua travelled from Benin, West Africa to share a heartfelt goodbye with his grandfather whom he describes as the best human being he ever had the pleasure

Fred stopped by with a can eggplant puree in hand after a visit to the supermarket. He had conjured this idea in head

It all started during a very sad time in in Joshua's life in the of making eggplant pancakes. Although nothing came of it at the time that conversation always stayed in the back of Joshua's mind. After the passing of his grandfather, it was time to return to Cotonou, Benin. He went to work on developing the recipe which quickly became very popular. The recipe made it to the menus at the catering business and at the restaurants Chef Josh worked at in Benin and Rwanda.



The recipe is basically a classic pancake mix with a puree of freshly roasted eggplants with garlic, onion, curry and cream.

EGGPLANT PANCAKES INGREDIENTS AND PREPERATION:

300 grams flour 1 tsp. salt 60 grams sugar 1/2 tsp. baking soda 1 tbsp. baking powder 300 ml. whole milk

2 eggs

45 grams melted butter

Personally I don't find the need to sift the flour or even mix dry the ingredients before hand. Just put all the ingredients in a bowl and mix very well until all is incorporated and there are no lumps.



If you find that you can't get the lumps out, use a hand blender and that will do the trick.

Reserve mix.

EGGPLANT PUREE Ingredients and Preperation:

2 large eggplants 2 shallots 4 garlic cloves

3 tbsp. curry powder

1 cup fresh cream salt and pepper to taste

Cut the eggplants in half lengthwise and on the flesh side make small cuts to open it up a bit.

- 2. Drizzle with olive oil and roast in a 350 F oven until nice and soft and golden brown.
- Remove all the flesh and reserve.
- Chop the shallots and garlic and sauté with olive oil for approximately 5 minutes.
- Add the curry powder, cream and eggplant flesh and cook for an extra 10 minutes.
- Season with salt and pepper to taste.
- Mix eggplant puree with pancake mix and cook pancakes in a nonstick pan as you always cook pancakes.
- As for the curry powder my personal preference is to use a curry paste you can easily find in any color, green, red or
- The degree of heat depends on each individual taste so feel free to experiment.

MANGO CHUTNEY

Ingredients and Preperation:

2 mangoes

1 large red onion

1 garlic clove

2 or 3 chilies depending on your heat

1 large tomato

1 bunch cilantro

3 tbsp. brown sugar

salt and pepper to taste

- Chop onion and garlic and sauté with 1 tbsp. butter, cook until soft.
- Add the diced tomato and cook for an extra 5 minutes.
- Add the diced mango, sugar and salt and pepper and cook
- fresh chopped cilantro. Reserve

GREEN CURRY AND LEMONGRASS SAUCE INGREDIENTS AND PREPERATION:

2 cups fresh cream or half and half

1 stalk of lemongrass

1 tbsp. green curry paste

1 tbsp. olive oil

- 1. Chop the lemongrass and cook over medium heat with the olive oil.
- 2. Add the curry paste and cook for an extra 3 minutes.
- 3. Add the cream and cook for 5 minutes.
- Blend everything in a blender and pass trough a fine mesh colander to remove all the fibers from the lemongrass.

Set aside and let cool for a few minutes and then add the

PRESENTATION

Stack 3 pancakes in the middle of a large dinner plate. Top the pancakes with a heaping tablespoon of mango chutney and drizzle the green curry sauce as you desire. Finish by garnishing with fresh chopped cilantro.

To make this plate even more scrumptious you can grill some fresh, peeled and deveined shrimp and place them either surrounding the pancakes or topping them.

Let your imagination run free when it comes to decorating and making plate presentations. I believe there are not set rules for such thing so go crazy and enjoy!!!

This recipe is from Heaven Restaurant. The photo was taken by Alberto Heras, a professional photographer working for Conde Nast Traveler Magazine at the time. The Spanish publishers of the magazine were in Rwanda covering a story on the Mountain Gorillas. During their stay they discovered that the Executive Chef at Heaven Restaurant was Spanish. They contacted Joshua and added a small article covering the Spanish Executive Chef at Heaven Restaurant in Kigali, the Capital City of Rwanda. This recipe was originally made with all local ingredients and sourced from small farms around the country. The only ingredient not local was the wine Joshua used however, a South African wine was used to maintain the recipe fully sourced from African ingredients.



FILET MIGNON W/VEGETABLE SPAGHETTI, CRISPY ONIONS AND RED WINE REDUCTION

VEGETABLE SPAGHETTI Ingredients and Preperation:

1 green zucchini 1 vellow zucchini

1 large carrot

2 tbsp butter

1 small bunch chopped chevril

- 1. With a mandolin or micro plane slicer cut the vegetables into spaghetti strips.
- 2. While the meat is resting after cooking it to desired doneness, put 2 tablespoons of butter in a pan and melt until it starts turning color.
- 3. Add the vegetables and cook for 4-5 minutes. Add salt and pepper to taste and finish with some chopped chervil.

FILET MIGNON

INGREDIENTS AND PREPERATION:

4 8 oz. filets

salt and pepper to taste

1. You can grill the meat or sear it on a cast iron skillet to your desired temperature.

I recommend cooking Filet Mignon medium rare to rare.

RED WINE REDUCTION

Ingredients and Preperation:

1 bottle of red wine of your choice

1/4 cup juniper berries

2 tbsp. brown sugar

Place all ingredients in a sauce pan and bring to a boil. Reduce to the consistency of a light syrup and reserve.

PRESENTATION

To serve place a base of vegetables on a plate. Put the filet over the vegetables and top with the crispy onions. Drizzle some wine reduction around the filet. Enjoy!



MANGO TART WITH FRESH INYANGE CREAM, CANDIED WALNUTS AND CARAMEL SAUCE

CRUST

INGREDIENTS AND PREPERATION:

1 lb. all-purpose flour ½ lb. sweet butter 3.5 oz. sugar

1 egg

dash of salt

1/4 - 1/2 cup water

- 1. You can prepare this dough in a mixer or by hand. Place all ingredients in a bowl and mix until well incorporated.
- 2. Reserve in the fridge for approx. 30 minutes in order to be able to roll out.

CRISPY ONIONS

Ingredients and Preperation:

1 large Vidalia or any other type of sweet onion.

2 eggs

1/3 cup whole milk

1 cup all purpose flour

1 cup corn flour

salt and pepper to taste

a dash of curry powder

- 1. With a mandolin or slicer cut the onions very thin.
- Beat the eggs with the milk in one bowl and the two flours in a second bowl.
- Dip the cut onions in the egg/milk mixture and then in the flour mixture.
- Make sure to shake the onions well after the flour mixture to remove any excess flour.
- Using either a deep fryer or a skillet with at least 3 inches of oil, fry the onions until golden brown and crispy.
- 6. Season with salt, pepper and powdered curry.

Ingredients and Preperation:

5 large mangoes

MANGOES

5 tbsp. brown sugar 4 tbsp. butter

1. Peel and cut mangoes into 1 inch cubes.

Place the cut mangoes in a bowl and add the brown sugar.

3. Mix well and let stand for 5 minutes.

CANDIED WALNUTS

Ingredients and Preperation:

2 cups chopped walnuts

2 tbsp. butter ½ cup brown sugar

- 1. In a sauté pan melt the butter.
- 2. Add sugar
- 3. Add walnuts after sugar has dissolved constantly stirring for approximately 5 minutes.
- Remove from heat and place walnuts on a parchment paper lined tray until completely cooled.

CARAMEL SAUCE

Ingredients and Preperation:

1 cup sugar

6 tbsp. butter

½ cup heavy cream

- 1. Cook the sugar in a sauté pan until all the crystals are melted and you have an amber color.
- 2. Add the butter and stir until completely melted.
- 3. Set aside and let cool down for 5 minutes, then add the cream and stir until well blended.
- Reserve for later use.

FRESH WHIPPED CREAM

Ingredients and Preperation:

1/2 quart fresh heavy cream 1/4 cup confectioners' sugar

- 1. Whip fresh cream in a chilled bowl with the sugar until thick.
- 2. Chill in the refrigerator.

BAKING AND FINAL STAGE

- . Using a tart/quiche pan:
- 2. Roll out dough to a 14-inch circle and ¼ inch thickness.
- 3. Lay on tart pan and using a fork pierce the dough on the bottom in order to prevent the dough from popping out.
- 4. Add the mango mixture evenly between both tarts and bake in a 350F oven for 30-40 minutes or until you have a golden colored crust.
- 5. Place on a wired rack and cool down.
- 6. Once cooled down spread the whipped cream, sprinkle with the candied walnuts and drizzle caramel sauce.

And that is all for this year folks! I hope you enjoy these recipes. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions you may have.

Join "Friends of Círculo"

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Chef Josh

& savor the essence of the above recipes.

Afterwards enjoy the dining experience at the Círculo Café.

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- Soup
- Beef
- Chicken
- Pork
- Seafood
- Dessert

Courses will be served Buffet Style unless other preparations have been arranged with Círculo Food Services and stipulated in your contract agreement.

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THROUGH

networking and multiple educational, social and cultural activities.

What does being a friend of Círculo mean?

For a small membership fee, you will have access to members' only events including networking, cultural and social events. In addition you will receive discounted pricing on services offered at Círculo Food Services and on special fee based programs. Being a Friend of Círculo provides you with an opportunity to have increased visibility in the community. In addition, by showing your financial support as a Friend of Círculo you are also demonstrating your commitment to needed programs and services to help vulnerable individuals in our community.

Why be a Friend?

- Show your support for critical community services and programming.
- Increase the visibility of your business in the community.
- Receive access to member only events.
- Receive discounted pricing on events and activities promoted by Círculo de la Hispanidad and Círculo Food Services.
- Receive free publicity and promotion on Círculo's website and social media pages.

When will this begin?

We will send out additional information in the upcoming months.

We will give special recognition to all "Círculo Friends" at a celebration we will have at Círculo Center to commemorate the completion of construction on the facility, **this fall.**

When will this Círculo Friends Recognition take place?

Date to be determined in the Fall of 2016.

What is the Cost?

Join us for the 2016-2017 year for \$200. This will be discounted to \$150 until June 1, 2016. If payed the night of the Gala, registration is only \$100!

Registration:

Use the card on your table and fill out your name and contact information to become a "Friend of Círculo." Give your card to Círculo staff at the registration table to be included in a special raffle drawing for a Cooking Lesson with Chef Josh at Círculo Center. Participation in the raffle does not require you to pay the membership fee at this time, although you may.



Welquis R. López

Good Times!

































































































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Historic Reflections

Memories























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October 24, 2015



Instrumental Music Cultural Program
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Bagpipers from Galicia, Spain El Teatro Rodante Hispanico. Inc Rancheras Circulo Flamenco Dancers

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Lunch "LA SOCIEDAD"

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Sarah Brewster, PH.D.,J.D. DIRECTOR OF SERVICES AND OF

Gil Bernardino, M.S. FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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en esta tierra búscala hermano mas allá de las estrellas. ven canta sueña cantado vive soñando el nuevo sol en que los hombres



Listen, brother, to the song of happiness whose cheerful singing is waiting for the new day Come, sing, dream singing live dreaming in the new sun in which the men will be brothers again Come sing dream singing live dreaming in the new sur in which the men will be brothers again If on your road there is only sadness And the bitter crying of concrete loneliness. Come sing dream singing, live dreaming in the new sun in which the men will be brothers again If you do not find happiness here on earth Look for it brother higher than the stars Come sing dream singing live dreaming in the new su in which the men will be brothers again











To dream the impossible dream To fight the unbeatable foe To bear with unbearable sorrow To run where the brave dare not go To right the unrightable wrong To love pure and chaste from afar To try when your arms are too weary To reach the unreachable star This is my quest, to follow that star. No matter how hopeless, no matter how far $\mathcal{G}'m$ laid to my rest

Y sé que si sólo voy a ser cierto, a esta búsqueda gloriosa que mi corazón se encuentran pacífica y tranquila cuando estoy en mi descanso previsto Y el mundo será mejor para esto: que un hombre despreciado y lleno de cicatrices, se empeñaba, última gota de valor, para llegar a la estrella inalcanzat

"El Sueño Imposible"

El soñar el sueño imposible

Pelear el enemigo invencible

Para llevar con el dolor insoportable

Para correr donde los valientes no se atreven a ir

Hacer el bien al imposible mal

El amor puro y casto de lejos

Para tralar de cuando tiene los brazos demasiado cansado

Para llegar a la estrella inalcanzable

Esta es mi b'úsqueda. para seguir la estrella

No importa qué tan desesperada, no importa lo lejos

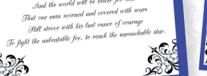
Para luchar por el derecho, sin ninguna duda o hacer una pausa

Para estar dispuestos a marchar en el infierno, por una causa

celestial



To fight for the right without question or cause To be willing to march into hell for a heavenly cause And I know if I'll only be true to this glorious quest That my heart will be peaceful and calm when And the world will be better for this That one man scorned and covered with scars Still strove with his last ounce of courage



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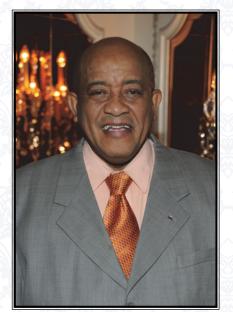


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