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WELCOME

Welcome to the 2009-2010 Pan American Student Forum of Texas! There are a few points of interest for you as a sponsor:

- A chapter is needed to host the 2010 Mixer, please contact ecbuchanan@hotmail if interested.
- Each chapter will receive one complementary sponsor breakfast.
- Once a students name has been submitted to the state office, it is entered into the system and does not need to be resubmitted.
- Encourage students to consider running for a State Office.
- Thank you Plano West (Maritza Sloan) and McCallum (Juana Gun) for nominating students to the Board of Directors.
- Reminder to all PASF sponsors: check the website for updates!

Bienvenidos!

I would like to welcome all of our members to the 2009-2010 school year, it's going to be an exciting year for PASF! With our combined efforts and determination, I know PASF's grand goal of State Convention will be one of the best yet. I want to thank each of our member schools for being part of this great organization; you are the backbone of PASF and you are greatly appreciated. Every activity our members are part of, their dedication, their creativity, all adds to the splendor of our State Convention. I have confidence that this year's convention will portray all that PASF is capable of. I wish everyone the best of luck. See you at the Riverwalk!

Aleyda Cantú Muñoz
2009-2010 State President

JOIN PASF TODAY!

Reminder to all schools:
It is never to late to
JOIN!



NEWS FROM STAFFORD

Are You Ready?

The Stafford PASF Chapter has been working since the summer of 2009. We had a total of two carwashes. In total we raised roughly over 450 dollars. We are one step closer to our goal for San Antonio. This year we have a total membership of 86 members making us the largest Spanish Club Chapter in the State of Texas as of September 18, 2009 and the largest Spanish Club Chapter in Stafford High School history. We have set up numerous volunteer opportunities such as Tutoring Primary students Tuesdays and Thursdays with the middle school Spanish teacher, Profesora Foley. We also had a booth at the Tailgate Party hosted by the National Honor Society. We did not make any profit; however, we felt it was important to participate. We had around 15 members sign in that Friday. We also participated in the Homecoming parade. A few members rode on a red truck decorated with different colored flowers. Upcoming opportunities are the Fort Bend International Festival on October 17th from 11:00 A.M to 6:00 P.M at the Stafford Centre and the ARC/Special Needs Conference and Resource fair where fluent members can offer their Spanish speaking abilities to help assist Hispanic parents at Region 4 sessions. October 31st is our 2nd annual Gobble Hobble where club members can volunteer and walk/run. Our first meeting was an officer meeting and it was held in Sponsor, Profesora Soliz's, room and we had the meeting on August 27th where we discussed the theme for this year, "Curanderismos, Misticismos, y Supersticiones", and we discussed the need for volunteers. We decided that dues would be 15\$ state/local and we needed at least 10 members to pay for our president Jessenia Garcia to be able to apply for the Mexico trip. The first meeting was held in our cafeteria. We discussed Spanish club activities and we introduced the officers; Jessenia Garcia, president. Alejandra Mendoza, vice President, Nicholas Gee, treasurer. I, Marcos Villarreal, secretary. And Genesis Morales and Ashley Sarmiento, historians. About 104 membership forms were returned. On September 29th, we met at Chipotle: Gourmet Burritos and Tacos. We had 50 members show up. It was a great social al aire libre. We will begin to sell items from Gourmet Gifts catalog to fundraise called, "Winter Wishes" and every member must sell in order to attend convention. We voted on a T-shirt logo. "We are hot like habaneros!" Sounds like a great start for a PASF chapter ?Don't you think?

Marcos Villarreal
Stafford PASF Spanish Club secretary.

News from the Cy-Fair Senior High

Here at Cy Fair Senior High, our local chapter finds itself busy at work in the early stages of planning another great year of feasting, celebrating the Spanish language, and enjoying Hispanic culture. Five inspired young individuals sit in a tightly knit circle, bouncing ideas off one another: their leader, El Capitan, Cameron Stephen, and his student officers, co-Presidents Jose Pecina and Lorena Madera, together with fellows Jay Drummond, Rajvi Patel, Miriah Perez, Gabriela Ramirez, and Sahel Salam. With our vision of a community much more appreciative and aware of the goings-on of the Latin world, the team has outlined a year like no other, filled with restaurant visits, off-campus field trips, get-togethers to celebrate the subtle nuances of a people rich in culture, and need I add, their cuisine, and complete with an end-of-the-year banquet. With our first real social event, Taco Fest, Wednesday, September 30 and first candy fundraiser, beginning the week before Halloween, we've already got the ball rolling. Finally, anyone interested in making the scrapbook this year please contact us soon! For more information please see our website @ www.bobcatspanish.com and click on the tab marked "Spanish club". Bobcats, show your Latin pride and come check it out!

Jay Drummond
Cy Fair Senior High

Plano's Participation in Pan Am

A Spaniard breaks a mirror, and dreads the bad luck that will inevitably result from it. Are the next seven years ruined? Fortunately, that's not the case. To turn one's luck around, the Lobos Chapter is in the process of creating a spectacular scholarship. This incredible opportunity will allow one graduating senior to continue with his Spanish studies at the university level. As the officers of our chapter await the approval of the scholarship, the chapter ensures its involvement in numerous activities around the community. Traditionally, the Lobos Chapter takes advantage of the holiday season to enrich an unfortunate's life. Each year, we adopt families or students and provide them with presents and opportunities they desire. Not only do the families benefit from the process, but our students' consciences are cleansed. As we've been taught ever since primary school, helping others does nothing but help one feel better no matter what.

While the Lobos Chapter spends hours and hours in the community volunteering to promote cultural awareness, we may see several black cats. But not to worry, these cats don't bring us bad luck. Instead, they let us know that we are out, getting our hands dirty, doing everything we can to make the community a better place. Whether it is assistance with clothing, or help gaining an education, the Lobos chapter does it all.

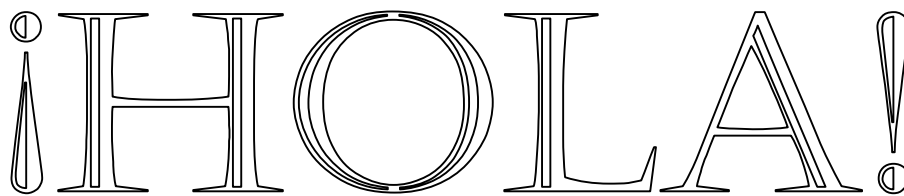
Ankita Tewari



Los Conquistadores

It's a new year for Los Conquistadores and it has started exceptionally well. Starting off the new school year, Los Conquistadores have already begun production on the 2010 scrapbook and sketch for Noche Panamericana. With the scrapbook cover done and a skit being written, Los Conquistadores are eager to continue with the club's planned activities. Fundraising season is rolling around and we also plan to participate in the school homecoming festivities in October. The club president, Allyse Griffin is working hard to make sure the club is running smoothly and it has. Recently the club received the dues of its twentieth member and we are hoping for more! Marco Luz, our TAMOAS captain, is also working on getting a TAMOAS team together that will start preparing in the spring. We would also like to congratulate our own Vanessa Rivera for winning the nomination from our sponsors for the Mexico Cultural Trip. We wish her the best! Overall, Los Conquistadores are back in the swing of things and we can't wait to see everyone at Convention.

-Melissa Sosa
 2nd Vice President
 Los Conquistadores of Jersey Village Representative
 2009-2010



from George West PASF

We have had a great start to this brand new year here in George West. We recently held our annual banquet to bid a farewell to our senior officers and introduce new officers. We have many fundraisers in order for this year. One will be a booth at the George West StoryFest, where we will serve food to raise money for Convention. In the past our booth has proven to be a great success. We will also have many community based activities, such as Christmas caroling at the local nursing home. We are also very excited about this year's Convention.



We will have many projects in the making as well as a TAMOAS team. At our first meeting, Frank Alvarez, our PASF Vice-President of Projects and Programs, shared the story of 'La Llorona', to everyone's delight. We look forward to many more presentations by our officers at every meeting. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of our sponsors and

parents for their help and support. We hope to see everyone at Convention.

Your friends from George West,
 Jerred Bridges



SPI QUERETARO, MEXICO IMMERSION PROGRAM

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION Overview:

SPI is awarding outstanding members of PASF the opportunity to earn a FULL scholarship (including application deposit and airfare) towards our summer language immersion program in Queretaro, Mexico.

Prerequisites: Must be completing grades 9-12, have a good GPA, be in good standing with your chapter of PASF, and have a positive teacher recommendation.

Applying:

- Completing Scholarship application and essay
- Completing SPI program application
- Return all items to the SPI office by December 1st-scholarship winner will be notified by March and announced at the PASF convention.

For complete program itinerary, answers to questions as well as to download the scholarship application please visit the QUERETARO page of our website. www.spiAbroad.com

If you are a PASF sponsor and would like to learn more please contact SPI directly at info@spiabroad.com or 866-502-7505



TAMOAS info

TAMOAS Director: Buffy Brummett

News from TAMOAS
Fall 2009

MOAS National Trip Dates:

Tuesday, December 1 through Sunday, December 6.

MOAS National Country:

Venezuela

Reminder that any school with a national delegate CANNOT represent the national MOAS country at the PASF convention.

POSTER CONTEST UPDATE

Attention all PASF members participating in the poster contest!

- An individual competition that involves the creation of a poster that illustrates the PASF 2009-2010 Theme, to be completed within 3 hours of work time.
- Competitors must be active members of PASF.
- All competitors shall report to the site of the event at the time designated for the event to begin, lay out supplies, have supplies checked by the event coordinator.
- Competitors are expected to provide all the supplies appropriate for the completion of their poster. Supplies are limited to: one poster board (size 22" x 28") per competitor, pencils, crayons, rulers, ink pens, colored markers, colored pencils, erasers, charcoal and pastels, & sharpener No pre-constructed props or artwork are to be brought to the site of event.



2009 Post Convention Meeting Minutes

Call to order- President Jessica Jimenez

Opening address- Mr. Erik Buchanan

Introduction of Board Members

- Mr. Buchanan explains officer duties.
- Board members approved the minutes from the previous meeting.
- Review of the Spring board meeting.
- Approval of date for adult board member meeting.
- Mr. Buchanan discussed student board meeting.
- September 19th approved for the fall meeting in LBJ for students
- Board pitches ideas for 2010 PASF theme.
- Motion made by Del Campo and Puckett for Curanderismos, misticismos y supersticiones hispanos .
- Ms. Soliz motions to accept theme.
- Ms. Brummett 2nds the motion.
- Board moves to vote.
- Jessica acknowledges the motion and it is carried to a unanimous decision.
- Motion accepted as new theme.
- Mr. Buchanan discuss shirt design.
- Jessica guides the student officers through the meeting process.
- Mr. Buchanan moves to comment on 2009 convention.
- Mr. Buchanan discusses how well the convention ran this year.
- Convention date possibilities: Further discussion on dates for convention in later meeting.
- Mr. Del Campo suggests theme at noche.
- Moves to open discussion of the theme set up for Noche.
- Mr. Buchanan discusses travel forms for students.
- Mr. Del Campo discusses problem of lack of judges for scrapbook.
- Ms. Puckett discusses the problems with the poster contest.
- Mr. Buchanan explains to further scrapbooking discussion to next meeting.
- Aleyda motions to adjourn meeting.

2009-2010 PASF Mexico Scholarship

Congratulations to the following students for being chosen:

Aleyda Cantu Munoz

South Texas H. S. for Health Professions

Sponsor: Amanda Cortez

Allen Duong

Eisenhower H. S.

Sponsor: Ann Crick

Carmen Santoyo

Lufkin H.S.

Sponsor: Jan Peterson

Ismael Melendez

Science Academy

Sponsor: Leticia Schweigert

Jessenia Garcia

Stafford H.S.

Sponsor: Yolanda Soliz

Tino Ou

Plano West H.S.

Sponsor: Maritza Sloan

Vanessa Rivera

Jersey Village H.S.

Sponsor: Karla Garza





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