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Convention Needs Active, Responsible Delegates

Convention — a time to renew old friendships, attend workshops, and elect new state officers — calls for responsible delegates. Local chapters should be selective about who goes to San Antonio so that PASF continues to have its tradition of high caliber leaders.

To most, San Antonio holds the spark to continue the rest of the

year and make plans for next year. State delegates, be involved and informed. Show that PASF does live up to this year's theme, "Progreso con Amistad." Solo progresaremos con miembros que comparten y engrandecen sus ideas. Be active every minute you are in San Antonio. — George Arias, State Sponsor Director

Convention 1979 Schedule of Events

THURSDAY - MARCH 22, 1979

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

San Antonio Convention Center

- 1:00 p.m. Registration — Foyer outside Mission Room (Market Street entrance)
- Scholarship Committee Meeting (Rm. 7)
- 3:00-5:00 p.m. Mixer — Banquet Hall
Host — Keystone High, San Antonio
Music — W. T. White Brass Band, Dallas
- 4:00 p.m. Nominations — Danny Tejada, Chairperson (Rm. 1)
Elections — Scott Berg, Chairperson (Rm. 3)
Credentials — Amy Yeager, Chairperson (Rm. 3)
- 4:30 p.m. Rehearsal for Noche Folklórica (Participants meet backstage in Theater)
- 5:00 p.m. Deadline for entries to Scrapbook Contest
Sponsor of Scrapbook Contest: Taylor High, Taylor
Scrapbooks must be taken to Banquet Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Participants meet backstage in Theater to prepare for Noche Folklórica
- 7:00-9:00 p.m. Noche Folklórica (Preceded by brief introduction of candidates)
Theater — Master of Ceremonies, Mr. Arnaldo Ramirez, Sr., Chairman, Good Neighbor Commission
- 9:00-10:00 p.m. Una Noche Musical — Lagoon Area
Music — Mariachi Group from Weslaco High
Los Campesinos from Lyford High
- 9:00-10:00 p.m. Sponsors Business Meeting
Miss Elida Ramirez — State Sponsor (Rm. 25)

FRIDAY - MARCH 23, 1979

MORNING SESSION

Theater

- 8:00 a.m. CONVENTION THEME: "Progreso con Amistad"
Late Registration — Foyer outside Mission Room
Rehearsal for Flag Presentation (Theater)
- 9:00 a.m. Call to Order — Jorge Ruiz de Velasco, PASF State President
Invocation — Marlyne Gutierrez, Second Vice-President
"O Noble Pan America" —
Sung by entire delegation
Presentation of Flags — Sunset High, Dallas
Slide & Sound Presentation —
Universidad de las Americas
Title: Mexico — Choque y Fusion de Dos Mundos
Introduction of Special Guests —
Jorge Ruiz de Velasco, PASF State President
Welcome Address — Lila Cockrell, Mayor of San Antonio
Introduction of Speaker — Mr. Eddie Aurispa, Executive Director, Good Neighbor Commission
KEYNOTE ADDRESS — Mr. Abelardo Valdez, Asst. Administrator for Latin America and the Caribbean, Agency for International Development
Sing-Song — Richfield High, Waco
PASF State President's Address —
Jorge Ruiz de Velasco
Adjournment
Ushers: Homer Hanna High, Brownsville
- 11:30-1:15 p.m. Free Time
- 1:30-2:30 p.m. First Workshop Session
- 2:45-3:45 p.m. Second Workshop Session
- 3:00-4:30 p.m. Candidates — Final Speeches and Election of Officers
Nominations, Credentials, and Elections Committees
VOTING DELEGATES ONLY (Theater)
- 5:00-7:00 p.m. Free Time

EVENING SESSION

Theater

- 7:00 p.m. Call to Order — Jorge Ruiz de Velasco, PASF State President
Invocation — Danny Tejada, Student Director
Membership Report — Michael McLain, First Vice-President
State Projects Report — Marlyne Gutierrez, Second Vice-President

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Abelardo Valdez, A.I.D. Official, To Keynote 1978-1979 Convention



ABELARDO LOPEZ VALDEZ
Assistant Administrator
for Latin America and the Caribbean
Agency for International Development

Abelardo Lopez Valdez was appointed by President Carter to be Assistant Administrator for Latin America, Agency for International Development, in April 1977. As the chief A.I.D. official for Latin American programs, he supervises the programming and management of United States economic development assistance throughout Latin America at a level of approximately \$425 million annually. Mr. Valdez' appointment makes him the highest ranking Mexican-American in the Department of State.

President Carter appointed Mr. Valdez to be Special Ambassador on two occasions during 1978, while serving as a member of the U.S. Delegation to the inaugurations of the Presidents of Costa Rica and the Dominican Republic.

Mr. Valdez served as a White House military aide to President Lyndon B. Johnson from 1965-1967 and accompanied President Johnson to the Conference of the American Presidents at Punta del Este, Uruguay in April 1967.

Prior to his appointment, Mr. Valdez was a founding partner of the Washington, D.C. law firm of Purcell, Hansen & Valdez, and specialized in international trade law and the regulation of commodity futures markets. He served as General Counsel for the Inter-American Foundation from 1973-1975, and was an attorney of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation from 1971-1973. Mr. Valdez was a member of the faculty of the John F. Kennedy Institute of Politics at Harvard University in 1977, where he taught a seminar on Critical Issues in U.S.-Latin American relations.

Mr. Valdez holds a Master's degree in law from the Harvard Law School and a Juris Doctorate from Baylor Law School. He also studied international law at The Hague Academy of International Law in the Netherlands. Mr. Valdez also holds a B.S. degree in

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Welcome to PASF

The Central Office would like to welcome the following 14 new schools to our state organization:

- Angleton High, Angleton, PASF Sponsor - Mrs. Laura Ortwerth
- Dayton High, Dayton, PASF Sponsor - Mrs. Evelyn Schmadl
- East Chambers High, Winnie, PASF Sponsor - Ms. Olga Jones
- Edgewood High, San Antonio, PASF Sponsor - Mr. Victor Lopez
- Kirby Jr. High, Wichita Falls, PASF Sponsor - Mrs. Thelma Roberts
- Faulk Intermediate, Brownsville, PASF Sponsor - Miss Irasema Pimentel
- Goliad High, Goliad, PASF Sponsor - Mr. Felix Perez
- Holmes High, San Antonio, PASF Sponsor - Mrs. Rosario Cantu
- Los Fresnos Jr. High, Los Fresnos, PASF Sponsor - Mr. George Olivo
- Nimitz Jr. High, Los Fresnos, PASF Sponsor - Mrs. Judy Hawkins
- Panhandle High, Panhandle, PASF Sponsor - Mrs. Patricia Brown
- Round Rock Ninth Grade School, Round Rock, PASF - Mrs. Gloria Munguia
- United High, Laredo, PASF Sponsor - Ms. Lee Gates
- Clark High, San Antonio, PASF Sponsor - Miss Maria Gonzalez

Notice to PASF Chapters: New Rules

The PASF Central Office has received several personal checks covering enrollment fees and Convention registration that have been returned by the bank because of insufficient funds. This situation creates many problems for the bookkeeping system of the Central Office as well as requiring additional time and phone calls tracing down these checks. Therefore, starting next school year, *only money orders and school fund checks will be ac-*

cepted for payment of enrollment fees and Convention registration fees.

In addition, we have found many instances where a school has either underpaid or overpaid. It is not too difficult to calculate the exact amount a chapter must pay for enrollment or Convention registration. Therefore, starting this school year, any overpayment will be deposited in the general fund of PASF. There will be no more refunds. You are responsible to

know what your chapter must pay. If your chapter underpays, your enrollment application or convention registration form will not be processed; instead, it will be returned to your chapter. Your chapter must send the correct amount of money in order for your forms to be processed.

Please comply with these regulations so that your membership and Convention registration forms can be processed quickly and effectively.

The President's Corner

The date for the 1978-79 State Convention of the Pan American Student Forum is just around the corner. Held again in beautiful San Antonio, it promises to be one of the best ever.

Few people realize the great amount of careful planning and preparations that goes into making our Convention a success. And we often hear very little about the people throughout the state whose special efforts and dedication to PASF make our Convention work.

In regard to our Convention, special thanks must go to our Program Director, Mrs. Lydia Martinez of our Floresville chapter. To date she has done a truly commendable job in coordinating activities for Noche Folklórica and Noche Musical — an enormous job that entails being a music director, stage director, personnel director, and information director all at once. Also, we are indebted to Eddie Flores, San Antonio PASF District President whose organization will help provide refreshments, stage decorations, and guides at the Convention Center. Possibly the most overlooked yet most important workers — Good Neighbor Commission staff members, Miss Carmen Zavala and Mr. Jorge Garcés. These are the people that work behind the scenes on a day-to-day basis to keep our or-



ganization running smoothly. They handle our finances and the cumbersome mountain-loads of paperwork and telephone calls that are necessary to keep PASF the number one student organization in Texas.

These are just a few examples of a long list of people whose special efforts should be recognized. I am very pleased with the level of cooperation and dedication that I have received from every member of our Executive Board. Their good work will soon pay off on March 22-23.

As President, I am constantly amazed at the level of productive PASF activities that are occurring in every corner of the state. Such positive activity has shown itself in the form of one of the most exciting and diverse lists of entries to Noche Folklórica and the workshop sessions all of which will contribute to making our Convention one to remember.

I sincerely hope that as many chapters as possible are planning to attend the Convention because I would hate to miss seeing you there.

Sinceramente,
Jorge Ruiz de Velasco
PASF State President



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PASF EXECUTIVE BOARD 1978-1979

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GOOD NEIGHBOR COMMISSION STAFF

Mr. Eddie Aurispa, Executive Director
Miss Carmen Zavala, PASF Assistant

PASF State Sponsor Director Named To Hispanic Who's Who First Edition

WESLACO — George Arias, a Spanish, English, and French teacher at Weslaco High School, has been selected to appear in the first edition of Hispanic Who's Who in America. The first edition will feature approximately 10,000 Hispanic leaders in the U.S.

Arias served on the National Education Association (NEA) In-

ternational Relations Committee in Washington, D.C. He is presently serving as chairman of the Mid-Valley Texas State Teachers Association Legislative Affairs

Committee. At Weslaco High, Arias is on the Faculty Advisory Committee and the Textbook Selection Committee. He serves as state sponsor director for the Pan American Student Forum of Texas, co-sponsor for the local PASF chapter, and French Club sponsor. He is a member of the St. John's Catholic Shrine Choir in San Juan, Texas and a Century Club member of the Southwest Texas State University Alumni Association.

Arias was featured in the edition of Outstanding Teenagers of America, Society of Outstanding American High School Students, Merit's Who's Who Among American High School Students, and Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

George was an honor graduate of Weslaco High School and a highest honors graduate of Southwest Texas State. He is doing graduate work at the University of Texas at Austin.



GEORGE ARIAS
In Hispanic Who's Who

Los Amigos Reales Combine Education With Fun, Work

BROOKSHIRE — Sweets, flowers, fun, work, participation — these words describe the activities of Los Amigos Reales, the Spanish Club at Royal High School.

Los Amigos Reales, which boasts a membership of 27, holds monthly meetings each second Monday that alternate each month between work meetings and dinner meetings.

The work meetings are used to make Mexican paper flowers which the members sell to raise money for Pesos for Braces.

Members also raise money by sponsoring sweets sales during lunch periods. On these days, members bring homemade goodies to sell to the student body.

Every other month Los Amigos Reales holds dinner meetings at various Mexican restaurants. President Nanay Pattison stated, "Dinner meetings give members an opportunity to be together, to enjoy fellowship, and to learn something about Mexican cuisine."

The club not only encourages members to work for the club's benefit, but also for the benefit of others. This year Los Amigos Reales sponsored a dress-up day for the student body. On this day the student body came to school dressed in Mexican-American costumes.

"The activities provide Los Amigos Reales members with fun, work, and education," states Kevin Sturm, a senior club member.

Los Vagamundos Enjoying Another Productive Year

FORT WORTH — The Carter-Riverside Spanish Club, Los Vagamundos, is having a very successful year with many projects behind them and many more to come.

Officers for this year include: President Raymond Best, Vice President Vickie Wright, Secretary Sharon Newman, Reporter and Chairman Mike McCrory, Treasurer John Pawling, Historian Vincent Martinez, and Second Vice-President Cassandra Norris.

President Raymond Best shows much enthusiasm by saying, "I'm very happy to be President of Los Vagamundos this year. We're a small group, but we're hoping to get a lot of things done this year."

The school celebrated a victorious Homecoming October 6th, and Los Vagamundos were not to be outdone. They constructed a giant star piñata, which hangs in the auditorium, and also welcomed back

the exes Mexican style. They constructed a lighted shadow-box with club emblem on the front. They also presented their sponsor, Mrs. June Hager, with a beautiful homecoming mum to show their appreciation. Mrs. Hager has sponsored the club since it originated three years ago.

Her feelings about this year's club are as follows, "I am impressed with the enthusiasm shown by Los Vagamundos this year. The goals and hopes have been set high, and I believe we will accomplish much in our quest for knowledge of the language and understanding of the Latin cultures."

Activities slated for this year are many. T-shirts have been ordered for club members with the club emblem on the front. A Christmas party was organized. Various fund-raising projects were planned to supplement trips to the Pan-Am Convention. Programs for neighborhood schools are under preparation. Easter brings the annual Easter trip to a yet undetermined place in Mexico; and the annual summer trip to Saltillo for supplemental study in the Spanish language arts sums up the year.

All in all it appears to be a super year. — Mike McCrory, Reporter



Navidad en Mexico by Annie Gee, presented at the International Banquet by the Spring Woods Spanish Club.

Spring Woods PASF

HOUSTON — The Spring Woods Chapter of the Pan American Student Forum has been experiencing an exciting year. During the holidays, we joined the French and German Clubs for an International Banquet. Each club brought food representing their countries. We also sang songs and presented skits. The highlight of the banquet was when Missy Gillaspay, Billy Jenkins, Joan Kronk, and Sheela Patil performed their

entry for the Noche Folklórica in March.

Our other activities include dining at various Mexican restaurants and attending the Ballet Folklórico Nacional de México performance. We have had a bake sale and throughout the year we have sold Chupa Chups to finance our San Antonio trip. Those of us attending PASF Convention look forward to a great time.

Eventful Year For PASFers At Calhoun High

PORT LAVACA — The Los Amigos Chapter of Calhoun High School has been very active lately with several money-raising projects to help the delegates' trip to the State Convention. On January 16, we sponsored our Fourth Annual Talent Show for the entire student body. Participants have indicated that it was the best one yet. The first place trophy went to the Sandette Officers; Barbara Litzler received the trophy for second place, and Christ Shafer received the third place trophy. Honorable Mention was given to Beth Garner. Our current project is the Carnation Sale for Valentine's Day.

At our last meeting, Mr. Alex
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