



Mana de Metro Detroit

2023 Annual Brindis Luncheon

Thursday, July 13, 2023

The Lincoln Manor

25160 Outer Drive, Lincoln Park, MI 48146



Las Soldaderas – Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

By Mary Luevanos

MANA de Metro Detroit

MANA de Metro Detroit is the local chapter of MANA National, headquartered in Washington, D.C., whose mission is to empower Latinas through leadership development, community service, and advocacy. MANA envisions a national community of informed Latina advocates working to improve the quality of life for all Latinxs. MANA also emphasizes personal empowerment, professional development, networking and community service.

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Our Local Chapter Sponsored Programs

Annual Brindis Luncheon – Main fundraising event and opportunity to acknowledge Adelita's, Amigos and Latina student scholars.

Scholarship Programs – Since 1996 MANA has awarded \$158,000 in scholarships to 138 deserving Latinas.

Hermanitas Program - Provides opportunities for growth through the mentorship of our young Latinas by Latina leaders from all arenas: education, government, political, business and community. The programs encourage young Latinas to stay in school and achieve high academic performance and helps to develop the talents and skills of young Latinas in elementary, middle and high school through educational and leadership programs. This year we sponsored two events: **Take your MANA to Work Day – April 27th**, an opportunity where 35 high school students toured GM's Factory Zero Plant and leadership discussed electric vehicles; the students also attended a networking lunch; **herMANA Listas Conference – May 20th**, an interactive day session for Latina girls and parents that focused on areas of financial literacy, home ownership, education/college preparedness, immigration and signs of domestic violence. Additionally, we have a new ongoing mentorship program, the **TIA Program** where professional MANA members are teamed with young scholars for mentorship opportunities.

MANA National

MANA is a national Latina organization located in Washington, D.C. that has been empowering Latinas since 1974, focusing on leadership, service, education and advocacy. There are several local chapters of MANA around the USA. For more information, visit:

www.hermana.org

Welcome from our Chapter President, Stephanie Lopez Gilmore



Welcome to our annual Brindis Luncheon!

As many of you know this is MANA's largest fundraiser for the year that supports our various programs, including raising funds for the scholarship program, which assist's young Latinas in pursuit of their educational dreams. I am honored you have decided to join us today to celebrate the amazing women and men in our community along with awarding 11 scholarships to deserving young women.

This past year has been a year of growth. We took 35 students to GM for our Take your Hermanita to Work Day with the help of our Mentorship Committee. You might have noticed that we have also expanded our social media reach, we are on Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram thanks to our amazing Social Media Committee. We have also expanded our scholarships, adding a STEM scholarship this year and doubling our scholarship amount per recipient. That being said, the need is even greater this year. Our goal in the next year is to double our Hermanita (little sister/mentoring) program and to offer additional scholarships in the coming years. We can only do that with your continued support.

Thank you for attending today's luncheon and being a strong supporter of our programs.

Stephanie L. Gilmore

Stephanie Lopez Gilmore
President, MANA de Metro Detroit

BRINDIS

MANA de Metro Detroit invites you each year to our Brindis (from brindar: to drink ceremoniously in honor of someone) luncheon to salute outstanding women, recipients of our Adelita Award (names in honor of the dedicated women who fought in the Mexican Revolution), who go beyond daily responsibilities to promote and support the Latinx community.

The actions of the women and men being honored today, the commitment to positive change. It is their character and perseverance that gives us hope and regenerates the soul. They are a great example of what it means to be a member of a community. We come together to raise our voices in salute to these women and men whose powerful spirits soar. They have a purpose, a dream, a determination.

We also salute the scholarship awardees for their dedication to education, self-improvement and the community and we offer them our support and encouragement.

EVENTS COMMITTEE

Cindy Gamboa, **Chair**
Maria Flores
Belda Garza
Alicia Juarez
Erminia Ramirez
Sandra Valle-Holdwick

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Inés De Jesús, **Chair**
Ana Calandrino
Cinthya Casillas
Rocio Contreras
Laura Echarte
Sandra Gonzales

Helena Lazo
Mary Carmen Muñoz
Lilian Roa
Laura Torres
Sandra Valle-Holdwick

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President

Stephanie Lopez Gilmore

Vice President

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Tanya M. Caruana

Committee Chairs

Alma Crossley

Inés De Jesús

Belda Garza

Myrna Mendez

MENTORING \ NETWORKING COMMITTEE

Alma G. Crossley, **Chair**

Veronica Beltran

Estrella Crawford

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Stephanie Lopez Gilmore

Mary Carmen Muñoz

Diana Ortega

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COMMUNITY ADVOCACY & PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Belda Garza, **Co-Chair**

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Tamlyn Areguin

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Elizabeth Gonzalez

Debra Herman

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SOCIAL MEDIA OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Myrna Mendez, **Chair**

San Juanita Barajas

Melanie Calvillo

Daniela Garibay

Jonelle Lopez

PROGRAM

WELCOME

Stephanie Lopez Gilmore
President, MANA de Metro Detroit

MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES

Tanya M. Caruana
Treasurer, MANA de Metro Detroit

INVOCATION

Rev. Paula Miller
St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church

LUNCH

INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Mary Cavanagh
Michigan State Senator

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS - ADELITAS & AMIGO

PRESENTATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Mary Carmen Muñoz
Executive Director, LA SED

CLOSING

ENTERTAINMENT

By Mariachi Jalisco de Ricardo Alfaro

Keynote Speaker

Mary Cavanagh, Michigan State Senator



Mary Cavanagh, Democrat, was elected to the Michigan State Senate in November 2022 after serving in the State House of Representatives. She has been appointed to serve as Assistant Majority Whip for the 102nd Legislature from 2023-2027, making her the youngest Latina to be elected to the Michigan Senate and to be serving in a leadership role. She graduated from Wayne

State University with a bachelor's degree in physical anthropology. She has over twenty years of civic engagement experience, political and community organizing, and social activism. She is an alumna of the National Students Leadership Conference in Washington D.C. and is a precinct delegate for Redford Township and former City Year AmeriCorps Member.

She currently also serves on the Executive Board of the Michigan Democratic Women's Caucus, Commissioner on Redford's Diversity and Inclusion Commission, Member-at-Large for the Michigan's Democratic Youth Caucus, and active member of the Redford Chamber of Commerce, Livonia Lion's Club, and Redford Jaycees. Senator Cavanagh is the current Chair of the Michigan Legislative Latino Caucus, Vice Chair of the Progressive Women's Caucus and sits on Labor, Firearms and Safety, Poverty and Homeless, and the Michigan Legislative Black Caucus.

Senator Cavanagh serves as Chair of the Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO) / Michigan Economic Development (MEDC) Appropriation Subcommittee and the Licensing & Regulatory Affairs (LARA) / Department of Insurance & Financial Services (DIFS) Senate Appropriations Subcommittees. She also is the Chair of the Finance, Insurance, and Consumer Protection and Vice Chair of the Economic and Community Development Senate standing committees. Senator Cavanagh will also be serving on the following standing committees; full Appropriations, Housing and Human Services, and Labor; and Appropriations subcommittees; Department of Health and Human Services and Pre-K -12.

Mistress of Ceremonies

Tanya M. Caruana



Tanya M. Caruana is a local Southwest Detroit'er living in Corktown her entire life with some short-term stays in Dallas, San Francisco and Seattle in addition to traveling globally for work while at Deloitte Tax, LLP for 16 years. During formative years of elementary and middle school, Tanya was an active Michigan Metro Girl Scout, attending the program at Latino Services where she was mentored by MANA co-

founder, Belda Garza. She attended Cass Technical High School where she was named the Business Student of the Year and graduated with her BBA in Accounting with a specialization in Finance from The University of Michigan – Dearborn in 1997. Over time she has become specialized in tax technical services focused on global mobility and technology. In addition to working at a Big 4, Tanya also has experience at a start-up technology company, Microsoft Corporation and now Sirva Worldwide, Inc. since 2020. Tanya is currently the Global Director of Implementation & Operations for the TripWise Solution at Sirva.

Throughout her career, Tanya has committed to several extracurricular activities such as serving on the Executive Board and/or Committee of the Maltese American Benevolent Society, Inc. for over 30 years, the Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church's Annual Children's Christmas Party Committee Chair servicing 500 Southwest Detroit children annually and now MANA as Treasurer since 2022. The State of Michigan recognized Tanya's leadership by awarding her the Maltese American Community Leader Award in September of 2021 and Most Holy Trinity Awarded her the Good Samaritan Award in March of 2019.



2023 Adelita Award Recipient Estrella Crawford



Estrella Crawford (Star)

is the Detroit Local Market Executive supporting the Michigan President, cross line of business Leadership Teams, and the BAC Foundation. She is responsible for directing local market strategy, fiscal strategy, employee engagement, business integration and oversees investments that help to drive and respond to

community and economic development and critical needs in Michigan.

Star joined Bank of America in 2004 as a Relationship Manager for the Consumer Risk Operations Group and has worked in various roles including Change Consultant for the National Associate Experience Team, Quality Manager, Senior Business Control Specialist in the Enterprise Fraud Division and Community Relations Manager for the Local Markets Organization.

Star enthusiastically supports Bank of America's purpose and its employees. She is a dedicated servant engaging in leadership for the Bank's Michigan Employee Resource Groups and as a mentor for the Wayne State University Center for Latino/a and Latin American Studies. Star also faithfully serves on the Board of Directors for SER Metro-Detroit, a public service organization focusing on adult education and youth programming.

Star is fluent in Spanish, enjoys traveling and Latin dancing in her free time. She is a graduate of Morris Brown College, where she earned a BA in Modern Foreign Languages with a concentration in Spanish and earned an MBA from American InterContinental University with a focus on Technology Management. Star is married, proudly lives in Detroit and is a mom to three active boys.



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2023 Adelita Award Recipient

Dr. Vanessa Reynolds



Dr. Vanessa Reynolds is a higher education advocate, community leader, and first-generation college graduate. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration, a Master of Education in Educational Leadership, and most recently, a Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies

from Wayne State University (WSU). Her dedication to higher education and passion for student success is reflected in her years of experience as an Admissions Counselor at WSU's Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Providing educational opportunities to students and contributing to their advancement has been one of her highest objectives. As the past chair of WSU's Latinx Faculty and Staff Association and various other initiatives across campus, Vanessa has demonstrated her influence to enhance diversity and inclusion across the university. Her efforts have expanded beyond WSU, currently serving as co-chair of the board for Advocates for Latino Student Advancement in Michigan Education, a non-profit organization committed to making college education a reality for Latino students across the state, and as a member of the Michigan Association for College Admission Counseling Conference Planning Committee. Her commitment to this career is empowered by the encouragement she gives to hundreds of students to pursue higher education and the mission of her alma mater to prepare a diverse student body to thrive.



2023 Adelita Award Recipient

Gabriela Santiago-Romero



Gabriela Santiago-Romero

Detroit City Council Member for District 6

Gabriela is an immigrant from Mexico and a Southwest Detroit native. She's the former Policy and Research Director at We The People Michigan based in Detroit. She earned her Master of Social Work, studying social policy and evaluation with a focus on community and social systems from the University of Michigan. She has made history by becoming the first out female LGBTQ Detroit councilmember and serves on the Budget, Finance & Audit Standing Committee and is the first Latina chair of the Public Health & Safety Committee. She's a community activist and organizer who has extensive experience working for Detroit nonprofits and local government. Love and food fuel her work.



2023 Amigo Award Recipient

Raymond Lozano



Raymond Lozano is Executive Director of the Mexicantown Community Development Corporation. The organization formed in 1989 has been providing business and community development programming and cultural activities to Southwest Detroit for the destination that is known as "Mexicantown". In 2016, Ray was a Case Manager for the Michigan Veteran's Foundation in Detroit and was responsible for identifying and locating resources to help improve the lives of Detroit area 's homeless veterans. Ray is also a veteran, having served with

the U.S. Army's 1st of the 50th Mechanized Infantry division in Vietnam, Southeast Asia as part of the 173rd Airborne Brigade. Prior to his role with the Veteran's Foundation, Ray served as Division Manager for New Detroit Incorporated, a race equity organization formed in 1967. He was responsible for working with New Detroit's programs in addressing issues involving race relations, immigration, and social and economic equity. From 2005 to 2010, Ray was the Executive Director of the Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, a regional business association serving the Hispanic community and consisting of over 300 small and corporate businesses. Ray also previously worked at DTE Energy, serving as a Market Executive with DTE Electric's Ethnic Marketing Department and as State-wide Manager of community and local government affairs for DTE's Gas Company. Ray has a long history of community service and currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors for SER Metro Detroit. He is also Chairman of the Wayne County Economic Development Corporation and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. He has also served a six-year appointment on the National Advisory Board for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Washington D.C. and a six-year term as a Trustee at Madonna University. Ray also served a two-year term as President of the Mexican Consulate's Centro Mexicano de Michigan. Ray has received recognition from the U.S. Small Business Administration as a Minority Small Business Champion and the American Association of Blacks in Energy with the Lewis H. Latimer Award. He has also received both the City of Detroit-Outstanding Corporate Advocate Award and the Wayne County Distinguished Service Award. He was also honored with the Fr. Kern Foundation Medallion for his Service to the Community. Ray is a native Detroiter and graduate of Wayne State University's School of Education. He and his wife Christie are residents of the Boston Edison Historic District in Detroit.

SCHOLARSHIPS

MANA de Metro Detroit Scholarship

MANA de Metro Detroit Scholarship Program was established in 1996 and has been providing scholarships for Latina women on annual basis. As of 2022, MANA de Metro Detroit has awarded one-hundred thirty-eight scholarships. Scholarship awards may cover educational expenses such as tuition, books and school related supplies. Eligibility includes enrollment in a higher education institution, vocational/career training, or leadership program and a resident of the Metro Detroit area.

Carmen Muñoz Entrepreneurship Scholarship

Carmen Muñoz Crites was born and raised in Southwest Detroit. A strong and tenacious woman, Carmen decided early in life that her fate and the opportunity for success and failure would rest in her hands. That determination led Carmen to an entrepreneurial path that included building her company, Muñoz Machine Products, into a leading automotive supplier that was recognized throughout the industry for quality and service. Although she became an accomplished businesswoman, Carmen believed true success as achieved by improving the lives of others and giving back to the community where she was raised. This scholarship was created to honor Carmen's life and encourage Latina women to continue her legacy of entrepreneurship and community engagement.

Monica L. Martinez Leadership Scholarship

Monica Martinez served as a compassionate advocate and voice for the underserved families, neighborhoods, entrepreneurs, business owners and communities throughout her career. She was also instrumental in providing funding for the MANA scholarships and for the Hermanitas program. This scholarship was established to honor her legacy.

Dr. Ellen Ochoa STEM Scholarship

Ellen Ochoa became the first Latina to go to space when she served on a nine-day mission aboard the shuttle Discovery in 1993. Due to Dr. Ochoa's pioneering spirit in the sciences, MANA is proud to name the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) scholarship in her honor.

2023 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

MANA de Metro Detroit Scholarships



*Tania Almanza
Albion College



Melanie Calvillo
WSU



Citlalli Marisol
Cervantes-Alvarado
WSU



*Aracely Garcia
CMU



*Kimberly Pineda
U of D Mercy



Chelsi Pizarro
U of M Ann Arbor



Shalma Torres
U of M Ann Arbor



Deysi Joven-Gonzalez
WSU



2023 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Carmen Muñoz
Entrepreneurship
Scholarship
Elizabeth Amezcua-
Tepehua
WSU



Monica L. Martinez
Leadership
Scholarship
Brianna Bryant
U of M Dearborn



Ellen Ochoa
STEM
Scholarship
*Nancy Jimenez-Solis
U of M Ann Arbor



MANA
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Save the Date

Annual Picnic

Saturday, August 19, 2023
Belle Isle, Detroit Michigan

2022 – LAST YEAR’S BRINDIS LUNCHEON



2022 Executive Leadership



Latina Bazaar Participant



Keynote Speaker & Adelita



Past Adelitas & Members



Scholarship Recipients & Their Families



Scholarship Recipients & Their Families

2022 – LAST YEAR’S BRINDIS LUNCHEON



Mariachi Jalisco



Rosas Family



Scholarship Recipients



Luncheon Participants



Bazaar Shoppers



Adelita & MANA President

RECENT EVENTS

Feb Membership Meeting



Apr Take your herMANA to Work Day



May herMANAS Listas Conference



August 1st Annual Picnic



US Hispanic Leadership Institute Conference



Dec Annual Meeting & Holiday Party



PAST ADELITA & AMIGO AWARD RECIPIENTS

1996 Adelitas

Honorable Irma Clark
Gloria Rocha
Gloria Rosas
Christie Urgo de Lozano

1997 Adelitas

Penny Bailer
Norma Barquet
Gloria Butler Miller
Ines de Jesus

1998 Adelitas

America Bracho
Guadalupe Lara
Myrna Mendez
Toni Villarruel
Erminia Ramirez

1999 Adelitas

Jane Garcia
Honorable Belda Garza
Eva Garza Dewaelsche
Hon. Patricia Perez Fresard

2000 Adelitas

Dr. Lucie Cruz Gajec+
Cristina Huizar
Marta E. Lagos
Nora Chapa Mendoza
Jacqueline Rae Sanchez

2001 Adelitas

Ninfa Cancel
Maria C. Luna
Patricia Rojas Ferguson
Jacklyn Salazar
Serafina Hernandez

2002 Adelitas

Olivia Galan+
Carmen Garcia
Laura Luevanos
Dolores Sanchez
Sara Toro
Raquel Vázquez

2003 Adelitas

Rebecca Cabrerros
Alana Reyes-Ali
Maria Enriquez
Gloria Gonzalez
Goldie Martinez
Elena Herrada
Maria Winters
Sandra Esparza
Luisa M. Pérez

2004 Adelitas

Maria Flores
Sally Rendon+
Angela Reyes
Blanca Almanza

2006 Adelitas

Mary Barela+
Mary Luevanos
Adela Rivera
Maria Salinas
Mary Turner

2007 Adelitas

Ruth Dumas+
Alicia Juarez
Juanita Hernandez

2008 Adelitas

Jeanette Avila
Carmen Muñoz+
Edith Colon
Giovanna Rodriquez

2012 Adelitas

Sister Consuelo Alcala CSJ
Dorothy Alcala
Laura Echartea
Sheila Jackson
Monica Martinez+
Judge Maria Oxholm
Kathleen Wendler

2013 Adelitas

Cindy Estrada
Beatriz Esquivel Ramos
Debra Ehrmann

2014 Adelitas

Sylvia Gucken
Renee Liagkos
Celia Christina Rosas
Rosa Cruz-Avila

2015 Adelitas

Rocio Campos
Alma L. Guajardo-Crossley
Marycruz Gutierrez Saldivar

2016 Adelitas

Laura Reyes Kopack
Laura Robollar
Whitney Walton

2017 Adelitas

Antoinette Fox
Mary Carmen Muñoz
Lilian Roa

2018 Adelitas

Martha Gonzalez-Cortes
Stephanie López-Gilmore
Maricruz Moya

2019 Adelitas

JoAnn Chavez
Maria Enriquez
Lydia Gutierrez
Melissa Villarreal

2022 Adelitas & Amigos

Dr. Sandra M. Gonzales
Helena Lazo
Diana Ortega
Linzie Venegas
Dr. Juan Jose Martinez
German Rosas+

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HOW TO JOIN MANA DE METRO DETROIT & DONATE

Visit our website at www.manademetrodetroit.com or click on the QR code below.

Learn more about our mission, programs, committees and how you can pay dues or make a donation.

Membership is annual based on the calendar year (Jan-Dec). We start accepting dues for the new year in November. Discounts are available for seniors and students.



REMAINING 2023 ACTIVITIES

August – Picnic Open to all Members and Guests

August – Hygiene Supply Drive

September – Executive Leadership Meeting

October – Membership Meeting (in person)

November – Executive Leadership Meeting

December – Annual Holiday Party (in person)

December – Annual Christmas Adopt-a-Family Drive

SUPPORT OUR HYGIENE DRIVE

We are collecting hygiene products for both girls and boys that will be dropped off at local Southwest Detroit schools at the beginning of the new school year in September.

Please consider buying products and dropping them off at our August picnic in person or one of our drop boxes at DHDC (Trumbull) or LA SED (W. Vernor Hwy). You can also email our MANA general email (mana870@ymail.com) to make other arrangements.

Thank You!

*We look forward to seeing you at
one of our other future events!*