

Notas Y Más

February 2017

Brief news items on upcoming community events.
Send items for Notas y Más to: lavoz@esperanzacenter.org
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The deadline is the 8th of each month.

A forum on the **Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo** and its impact on indigenous identity, immigration and land rights takes place at the **Mission Library** on **February 2nd**, 6-8pm, with **Antonio Diaz** of the **Texas Indigenous Council**. For more call 210.542.9271 or email indignousway@gmail.com.

The **First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Antonio** hosts the film, *Sin by Silence*, a documentary about incarcerated battered women in California and a talk on the history of clemency for them on **February 5th**, from 12:15 pm to 2pm at the **Fellowship Hall**, 7150 W. Interstate 10. **Dr. Cathy Marston** will lead the discussion. See: www.uusat.org

The **Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center** has a full slate of programs this month: On **February 10th**, 7:30-9:30pm, *Noche De Romance* with the **Mariachi Azteca De América**, **Rhonda García**, and **Trio Cantares**; on **February 17th**, 2-6 pm, *The multiples, Community Exhibition* opens and runs through March 31st; and **Cine-**

Festival 2017 begins on **February 24th** @ 8am. It runs through **March 4th**. Check www.guadalupeculturalarts.org for more.

The annual conference of the **Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty (TCADP)**, *Moving to Higher Ground*, takes place Saturday, **February 18th** at **St. David's Episcopal Church**, 301 E 8th St., Austin. Author of *Grace & Justice on Death Row: The Race Against Time and Texas to Free an Innocent Man*, **Brian Stolarz** will keynote. See: tcadp.org/

Dr. David Spener, of **Trinity University**, talks about his book *We Shall Not Be Moved/No nos moverán*, a history of the protest song on Tuesday, **February 21st**, 6:30 to 7:30 pm at the **Central Library**.

The **2017 NACCS Tejas Foco Regional Conference**, *"Relational Histories, Inter-Ethnic Alliances: Chican@x Coalition Politics in Tejas,"* will be held at **Texas A&M University**, College Station on **February 23rd-25th**. The keynote on February 24th @ 12pm, MSC 2400, fea-

tures UTSA's **Dr. Roelio Saenz** speaking on *"Demographic & Political Challenges in Turnning Texas Blue."* See: <http://naccstejas2017.wixsite.com/nacccs>

The **Texas Observer** and **The Texas Democracy Foundation** will be accepting entries for **The MOLLY National Journalism Prize of 2017** through March 17th. The MOLLY Prize is an annual national print or online journalism award of \$5,000 with two honorable mentions of \$1,000 each in memory of **Molly Ivins** presented at an awards dinner on June 8, 2017, at the **Four Seasons Hotel** in Austin. See: mollyawards@texasobserver.org or call (512) 477-0746 ext 100 for more.

Save the date! The **19th Annual Allied Media Conference** takes place on June 15-18, 2017 at **Wayne State University** in Detroit. Visit alliedmedia.org for more!

Poetry aficionados! **Tom Keene**, a frequent Voz contributor now has a site where his poetry is collected. See www.tomekenesemuse.com

Nuestras Madres, QEPD



Maria Duarte Tafolla, mother of our poet laureate and friend, **Carmen Tafolla**, died on **January 12, 2017** at 99 years of age. She was born on a pineapple

plantation in Waialua, Hawaii, married a San Antonio sailor, survived Pearl Harbor, saved three lives, fed many visitors and strangers, and voted in every election, including the 2016 Presidential Election. Of her mother, **Carmen** noted, "I hope I can be half the wonderful she-ro that she was to me." The *Esperanza* and our community offers our heartfelt condolences to **Maria's** family and our gratitude to her for her gift of **Carmen** to our community. *Que en Paz Descanse.*



Rosa Aurora Guajardo, mother to our friend and ex-councilwoman, **Elena Guajardo**, passed into spirit on **January 7th** in San Antonio. **Rosa** and her husband, **Oscar**, owned and operated

Guajardo's Grocery and Meat Market in San Antonio. She also worked in the community engaging in various public service opportunities and jobs that set an example for her children to follow. A pet lover, **Elena** asked that donations in her mother's name be made to **San Antonio Pets Alive!** The *Esperanza* extends our sympathies to **Elena's** family, friends and community. *May she rest in peace.*



Virginia Ramón Cantú querida mamá, abuela, y bisabuela falleció en **Laredo, Texas** a los **91 años**. She was a gold star mother whose love of country matched her love of family—8

daughters, two sons and their families. She was a deeply devout Guadalupeana who was preceded in death by her husband, **Florentino** and son, **Florentino, Jr.** **Virginia**, a compassionate and generous spirit, was a role model for all. The *Esperanza* conveys our most sincere condolences to our queridas amigas, **Dr. Norma Elia Cantú** and **Dr. Elsa Cantú** for their loss. Donations in her memory can be made to the **Florentino & Virginia Cantú Memorial Scholarship** fund via **Dr. Elsa Ruiz** at cantumemorialscholarship@gmail.com. *QEPD*