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## Letter to the Editor



Dear Gloria,  
Another powerful issue of La Voz. Sorry to read that Jane Tuck is no longer with us to fight the good fight. Hope she can help from the other side.

We need all the help we can get!

When I think what a great country USA was in 7th grade Civics, I'm saddened by the truth. Our government and big business have had their fingers in most of the country's business and the people suffered—migrants and the promise of the statue of liberty. Now, millions suffer.

I'm glad the fight continues for the dreamers. I don't understand our politicians. I can't imagine candidates for citizenship.

So, instead of being helpful, they are shutting down the government, again.

I think we need new founding fathers (and a few mothers) and start over! I'm hopeful because I can remember the support Bernie Sanders had—great kids. And, lots of us are waiting for humane change.

I'm enjoying watching the Olympic games—there are amazing people in all countries!

God bless all who work with vision for a world of peace and justice.

Love to you all...

Keep up the good work! —Ruth

*Note:* Ruth Lofgren, 101 years young, put pen to paper and wrote this letter about the February Voz. She was elected San Antonio's first Peace Laureate in 2008 by the PeaceCENTER and has been a source of inspiration for us since Esperanza opened its doors at 1305 N. Flores in 1987.

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### Dear Readers of La Voz

This March, 2018 issue of La Voz will mark the beginning of two regular contributors. Environmental writer, **Greg Harman** who will keep readers informed on climate justice issues. In this issue he writes *La Luche Sigue, Why Climate Justice Matters to San Antonio*. **Nadine Saliba**, who previously wrote a column for La Voz, "*Bint Scheherazade*" that covered political analysis of topics related to the Middle East returns to write articles on a bi-monthly basis beginning in this issue with *Jerusalem, Trump and the San Antonio Connection*.

We also have reprinted articles by UTSA professor, Rogelio Saenz who wrote on the plight of Salvadorans in the February issue and on African immigrants in North Texas in this issue. He has countered and exposed the lies being put forth by this administration and

we, at La Voz, aim to follow suit. Our focus for this year is to be as informed as possible in order to be able to speak out against the many injustices and falsehoods being perpetrated by the present administration.

The image on this front page *Jamal Al Mahamel II* by Palestinian artist Suleiman Mansour is one that is often found in many Palestinian homes as a daily reminder of the burden they bear in seeking to find a homeland. That burden has recently been made even more difficult by our current administration. Read Nadine's article to learn more.

Letters to the editor, articles, creative ess-critos and poems from our readers are a priority for La Voz! Send your contributions to: [lavoz@esperanzacenter.org](mailto:lavoz@esperanzacenter.org) and, remember, the April issue will celebrate *Poetry Month!*

— Gloria A. Ramirez, editor of La Voz

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