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lawyer, Amy Kastely, presented—but, we'll see. ¡Ya veremos! If community wins, all are invited to dance with us on the bridge!

As we enter the fall season, we remind folks that next month, November, is the celebration that honors our dearly departed, Día de los muertos. The Esperanza celebrates the event on November 1st in the Westside venue of El Rinconcito de Esperanza, 816 S. Colorado. Expect to see La Casa de Cuentos, La Casita and the MujerArtes adobe building full of ofrendas and exhibits for Día de los muertos. **If you would like to build an ofrenda or altar in memory of your departed soul or family members, please call the Esperanza at 210.228.0201 to reserve a space.** On November 1st from 3-9pm we will be celebrating with music, pan de muerto, tamales, face painting, an exhibit of altares and a procession through the Alazán Apache Courts. Be sure to join us!

La Voz de Esperanza has celebrated Día de los muertos every November since 1999 by publishing CALAVERAS and LITERARY OFRENDAS. Calaveras gives everyone a chance to poke fun at family and friends in verse or to use satire and wicked lyrics to kill off live personalities that are not worthy of our reverence and respect. Literary ofrendas, on the other hand, are a way of remembering those that we do cherish with stories, poems or written memories. Calaveras and literary ofrendas can be sent to: lavoz@esperanzacenter.org or dropped off at 922 San Pedro Ave. in San Antonio. I have been known to pick them up—if you call 210.228.0201. Calavera artwork is also needed! Join in the fun!

In this issue of La Voz, María Berriozábal reports on the Mayor's Housing Policy Task Force and Greg Harmon asks Who Owns CPS Energy? They, with the writers of Stories of the Bus Station Ministries, remind us to stay involved and make a difference! —Gloria A. Ramírez, editor

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