

Notas Y Más

September 2021

Community meetings and art events are currently on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Check websites, FB or call 210-228-0201 for virtual meetings and arts programming for each month. www.esperanzacenter.org



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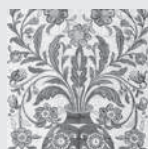
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The **Latinx Connect Conference**, October 14-16, will provide a virtual space to learn about Latinx

identities, cultures, and contemporary issues. Sponsored by the **University of Pittsburgh**, it is free and open to all. Go to www.diversity.pitt.edu/events/2021-latinx-connect-conference for more information.

SNAP Survivor's Network of those Abused by Priests, meets virtually every 1st and 3rd Tuesday from 7-9pm. Contact **Patti Koo** at 956.648.7385 or snappkoo@gamil.com or **Zac Zepeda** at 210.317.7511 or zzsnap@snapnetwork.org



Trinity University has postponed the **Miraflores** event for September 18th celebrating 100 years

since Dr. Aureliano Urrutia came to San Antonio and created the garden park, **Miraflores**, at the headwaters of the San Antonio River. All other events at Trinity are also on hold.

The **Community Meetings** column usually listed in *La Voz de Esperanza* will be updated and return as soon as COVID abates. Check online for groups you are interested in.



Mujeres La Fuerza de la Lucha/Women Leading the Struggle was the theme for the International Woman's Day March in 2010 that took place in downtown San Antonio. Antonia Castañeda is pictured at left in a white IWD T-shirt and Isabel Sánchez is second from the left in a beret.

room at a time by working men and women with limited or no access to capital or credit.

Isabel knew the history of families and buildings. They were her friends and neighbors; she had attended elementary school with most of them and graduated from Lanier with some of them. Their children had been classmates to Xavier, Fernando, Bernard, Gustavo, Graciela, and Leticia. Along with their neighbors Isabel and Enrique had shopped at Centeno's, gone to the movies at the Guadalupe Theater, danced with them at La Gloria, attended

mass at Guadalupe Church, and joined them at wakes and funerals. Their very being informed the heritage, tangible and intangible of the Westside.

We will miss Isabel at our monthly WPA meetings (on ZOOM). Her knowledge, wisdom, and determination to preserve Westside history, culture, and structures continues to inspire, inform, and guide us. We are ever grateful for her presence among us, for her unshakeable faith in us and in the Westside. We will recall her speaking out at City Council meetings in support of preserving Casa Maldonado, Lerma's, the Malt House, and other historical sites threatened with demolition. Isabel Casillas Sánchez was a Westside preservation advocate. We honor her life, and the struggles she waged with us. She will ever continue to inspire, guide, and remind us that Westside history and culture

matter, and that we must do everything in our power to protect and preserve them. Isabel Casillas Sánchez, PRESENTE!

—Antonia I. Castañeda y el Westside Preservation Alliance.

BIO: Antonia is a Tejana born feminist historian who received her Ph.D. in U.S. History at Stanford University. The author of numerous publications, she is now retired and active in the San Antonio community.