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As 2022 ends and the New Year of 2023 begins, I would like to thank all of our readers and supporters who have made La Voz de Esperanza continue to be a viable publication for the progressive community of San Antonio. In this issue, there are many returning writers. Tarcisio Beal, professor emeritus of Incarnate Word writes on the Supreme Court and its tainted history. The new year will be an interesting one as we watch rulings come down from the Supreme Court that may take us back to days in back alleys and street beatings. Hopefully not! Rogelio Saenz reminds us in a succinctly bilingual way that the Hispanic population is now a majority and what that might portend for us as Latinos if we are mindful voters. At the same time David Rodgers, also a Chicano, but from New Mexico gives us a lesson using a Calavera about the prescribed burns that occurred in New Mexico forests this summer and the historical lessons those fires are steeped in. Again, we have the Latino community in a historic conflict with the U.S. government over contested lands that were originally granted to the people of New Mexico. ¡Y, ay vamos! David also offers his calaveras in both Spanish and English. In the new year, we would like more bilingual articles and entries to La Voz. Also in the new year, 2023, I would like to see more women writing for La Voz de Esperanza and will make it my mission to bring out more feminist voices to balance out the issue. The final story in this issue of La voz is El Árbol, a lotería story by Julio Guerrero who makes the connection between a tree and humanity, something that we can often make if we open up ourselves to it and are careful of not becoming dependent on technology. Sadly, as the year ends, four members of our community passed in December leaving a void but also leaving memories of individuals that filled our lives with meaning—individuals who left legacies that will continue to impact our gente and our work. As the year ends, we thank you, again, for your love and support and look forward with hope for the New Year. ¡Un Feliz Año Nuevo Lleno de Esperanza y Amor! Have a Happy New Year full of Hope and Love!

—Gloria A. Ramirez, editor

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