

# DIVERSITY CAFE

THIS MONTH'S SPECIALS  
*Hispanic Heritage  
Month*

## Café News

- FAPWEA (Filipino American Public Works Employees Association) members are getting ready for their upcoming celebration of the Filipino Heritage month, which will be a Courtyard Brown Bag on October 1, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be music and cultural displays. The committee had a successful bike ride fundraising event and is planning to hold a raffle soon.
- The newly formed Public Works Iranian American Employees committee held their election meeting on August 2 in Alhambra. New members were selected for next year's celebration of the Iranian New Year.

## Test Your Knowledge:

### True or False!

1. People born in Puerto Rico are not American Citizens. (T) (F)
2. Hispanics are the fastest growing segment of the U.S. population. (T) (F)
3. The first Hispanic U. S. Senator was Octaviano Larrazolo. (T) (F)

(Answers below)

## Café Quote of the Month

"Tell me thy company, and I'll tell thee what thou art."

-- Miguel de Cervantes

## September Café Special

Each year from September 15 to October 15, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month by celebrating the histories, cultures, and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America.

The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period.

September 15 is significant because it marks the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively. This year's Heritage theme is *"Diversity United, Building America's Future Today."*

This year, The Latino Heritage Committee will be celebrating the Hispanic Heritage month on **October 23**, in Conference Rooms A-C, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The theme is "Muchos Antecedentes, Muchas Historias, Un Espirito Latino," which translates to "Many Backgrounds, Many Stories, One Latino Spirit." Food will be catered, and there will also be several displays showing the beauty that Latin countries have to offer along with their traditions. The group has planned several fundraisers for this wonderful event.

Hispanics are the largest and fastest growing minority group in America, and here at Public Works, we value the contributions that our diverse Hispanic employees have made to the Department's mission by enhancing our ability to serve the County of Los Angeles.

## Diversity Calendar

**October 7:** The Los Angeles Hispanic Heritage Festival will take place at MacArthur Park, from 12-4 p.m. For more information, please call (213) 368-0520.

**October 13:** The Los Angeles Latino Book & Family Festival will be held at California State University, Dominguez Hills. This is a family event with something for every family member (author readings, seminars, ethnic food court, entertainment, children's stage, a wide variety of vendors, health screenings, and autograph area). For more information, please visit: <http://www.lbff.us/los-angeles>.

**September 15 to October 15:** As part of KCET's ongoing commitment to diversity, the TV channel will be showcasing the remarkable stories of the Local Heroes of the Latino Community and broadcasting programs that highlight Latino culture and history. For more information, please visit [www.kcet.org](http://www.kcet.org).