

Cervantes Society

of the Courts of
the State of New York

SEPTEMBER - 2011

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Hispanic Heritage
Opening Ceremony
Oct. 6, 2011

Hispanic Heritage
Award
Ceremony
Nov. 2, 2011

Breast Cancer
Awareness Fundraiser
Nov. 4, 2011

2011 Toys for Tots
Toy drive
Dec. 1, - Dec. 16, 2011

2011 Children's
Holiday Party
Dec. 20, 2011

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Message from the President

Another summer has gone by. I hope you and your families enjoyed it and have wonderful memories to share. The prelude to the summer was an unsettling time in the courts, a time of great change and a time of great potential as well.

The Cervantes Society is committed to representing the goals of our members so we responded to the incentive of last year by advocating for qualified candidates for newly vacant positions. We established a Resume Bank and then formed a committee with other fraternal groups to advocate for representation.

Unfortunately then came the reality of the budget cuts. We must stay focused

Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15 to October 15 of each year, honors the diverse people of Spanish-speaking backgrounds who have made rich contributions to our society through art, culture, science, business, technology, government, and other facets of American life.

The recognition of



President: Major Luz Bryan

and use this time to prepare ourselves for the future. Review your resumes, update them and enhance your skills. We are committed to advocating for our members, promoting diversity and to recruitment in our community.

Join me in celebrating our rich and diverse backgrounds during Hispanic Heritage Month. Our Annual Hispanic Heritage Award Pro-

gram is scheduled for November 2, 2011 at the Brooklyn Bar Association, 123 Remsen Street, Brooklyn, NY at 5:30 P.M. We will be honoring board members Charles Lopez, Rosanne Rosado and Neftali Rivera who recently retired.

Membership Renewals are due in October. We have not raised our dues. Our dues are still \$20.00. We look forward to your continued support and please visit our website for current news and events at www.cervantessociety.org

Thank you for your support. Our best wishes to you and your families,

Fraternally yours,
Luz G. Bryan

Hispanic Heritage Month

Hispanic-Americans contributions to American life demonstrates the value of our diverse society and the positive impact it has on our everyday lives.

People of Hispanic origin are the nation's largest ethnic or race minority with an estimated population of 42.7 million, according to recent statis-

tics. Projections show that by the year 2050, Hispanics will comprise 24% of the population with a total of 102.6 million people.

It is clear from these numbers that economically, culturally, and politically, Hispanics are an integral part of our nation.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

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- ◆ October 6, 2011: **Opening Ceremony** 2011 Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration
Kings County Supreme Court , 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY
Surrogate's Court-Room 319 at 1:00 P.M. .
The ceremony will be followed by **"A Taste of the Sweet Life"**
From* [BROOKLYN CUPCAKES](#). ALL WELCOME. FREE EVENT.
- ◆ October 17, 2011: **Book Signing and Reading** by award winning author
*[Dahlma Llanos Figueroa](#), **"Daughters of the Stone"** at
Bronx County Supreme Court, Civil Term, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY,
Rotunda. For information call Lily Marquez at 718-618-1200
- ◆ October 27, 2011: **General Membership Meeting & Election**. Location to be
announced
- ◆ November 2, 2011: Annual **Hispanic Heritage Month Award Ceremony**,
The Brooklyn Bar Association, 123 Remsen Street, Brooklyn, NY. Reception to
follow, music and food. FREE EVENT. ALL WELCOME.
- ◆ November 4, 2011: **Second Annual Passionately Pink for the Cure Fundraiser**. Nov. 4,
2011. Harry O's - 120 Lawrence St., Brooklyn, NY 11201. Time: 5:30pm
- ◆ December 1 to December 16: **Toys for Tots Toy Drive**. Stay tuned for locations.
- ◆ December 20, **Children's Holiday Party**: Stay tuned for more information

BrooklynCupcake




2011 Hispanic Heritage Month Award Ceremony

FREE EVENT. ALL WELCOME. For information call 347-225-7498

Join us on

Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011
 Brooklyn Bar Association
 123 Remsen St,
 Brooklyn, NY 11201
 As we present the
 Cervantes Society
 Lifetime Achievement
 Awards

** Master of Ceremonies

Hon. Ariel E. Belen
 ** **Keynote Speaker**
 Hon. Lizbeth Gonzales
*President Association of Judges
 of Hispanic Heritage*
 ** **Closing Remarks**
 Antonio Seda, Esq.

Honorees:

** Asst. Dep. Chief Clerk
 Charles Lopez (Retired)
 ** Senior Court Clerk
 Rosanne Rosado (Retired)
 ** Senior Court Officer
 Neftali Rivera (Retired)

Congratulations



*“Many
Backgrounds,
Many
Histories ...
One American
Spirit”*



*“When you choose hope,
anything is possible.”*

- Honorable Leticia Ramirez - Judge, Kings County Family Court
- Honorable Joanne D. Quinones - Judge, New York County Criminal Court
- Honorable Fernando Silva - Judge, Bronx County Family Court
- Antonio Diaz - Borough Chief Clerk- Kings County Criminal Court
- Andrew Hassel - City-wide Community Courts Coordinator
- Ada Molina- Borough Chief Clerk - Richmond County
- Orestes Roderiquez - Executive Chief Clerk - 111 Centre Street, NY, NY
- Pablo Rivera - 1st Deputy Chief Clerk-Queens County, Supreme Criminal Court
- Eddy Valdez - Deputy Chief Clerk V - New York County, Civil Court
- Jorge Rubel - Case Manager Coordinator - NY County, Supreme Criminal Court
- Lissette Garcia - Associate Court Clerk - NY County, Supreme Criminal Court
- Ida Pacheco - Senior Court Clerk - New York County, Supreme Criminal Court
- Fernando Parra - Senior Court Clerk - NY County, Supreme Criminal Court
- Fatima Torres - Senior Court Clerk - New York County Family Court
- Luis Valcacer - Asst. Deputy Chief - Dept. of Public Safety

Breast Cancer Awareness

Let’s get passionate about breast cancer! Join us at our Second Annual Passionately Pink for the Cure Event benefitting the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

Susan G. Komen fought breast cancer with her heart, body and soul. Throughout her treatments she spent her time thinking of ways to make life better for other women battling breast cancer.

Nancy G. Brinker promised her sister that she would do everything in her power to end breast cancer forever, that promise is now Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

It is the world's largest grassroots network of breast cancer survivors and activists.

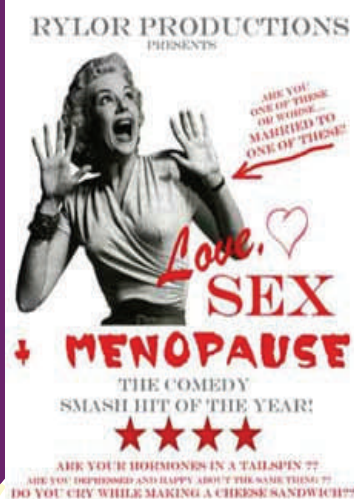
Thanks to events like ours it is the largest source of nonprofit

funds dedicated to the fight against breast cancer in the world.

Are you inspired to save a life, then join us.

November 4, 2011.
Harry O’s,
120 Lawrence St,
Brooklyn, NY 11201
@ 5:30 PM.

Check Cervantes Society website for details.



Doris Lola Martir / Actress / Supreme Court Officer, Staten Island ; Will be appearing in Love, Sex,

BRAVO !

and Menopause, On Oct.20th and 21st. at the Helen Mills Theatre NY, NY.

This play is a hilarious comedy about Amanda Barillo and her mid life crisis. Bored and afraid that her life has passed her by, she decides to leave her husband Nicky of twenty years. She's out to find adventure, excitement. She soon discovers that the

grass is not always greener on the other side.

Tickets are available at *BrownPaperTickets.Com

Doris Martir was born and raised in Manhattan. She has appeared in both stage and film and has two award winning short films to her credit.



Staten Island Supreme Court Officer Doris Martir

Celebration - Upcoming Events

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- ◆ * [The Latino List](#) - Aug. 19 - Dec. 11, 2011 (Brooklyn Museum / Brooklyn, NY)
- ◆ * [In Our Lingo: Esmeralda Santiago](#) - Sept. 28, 2011 (El Museo Del Barrio / NY, NY)
- ◆ Queens Dominican Day Parade - Oct. 2, 2011 (Northern Blvd - from Junction Blvd. to 111th St./ Queens, NY)
- ◆ Viva Bronx Festival - Oct. 2, 2011 (149th St. & Grand Concourse / Bronx, NY)
- ◆ * [La Enrrama: A Multi-Media Installation](#) - Oct 5, 2011 (Hostos Community College / Bronx, NY)
- ◆ Hispanic Heritage Street Fair - Oct 8. 2011 (126 Saint Felix St. / Brooklyn, NY)
- ◆ * [2nd Hostos Domino Tournament](#) - Oct. 8, 2011 (Hostos Community College / Bronx, NY)
- ◆ NY Hispanic Day Parade - Oct. 9, 2011 (5th Ave. / NY, NY)
- ◆ * [Quintet of the Americas](#) - Oct. 9, 2011 (New York Hall of Science / Queens, NY)
- ◆ Bolivian Parade of New York—Oct. 16, 2011 (37th Ave. - from 70th to 86th St. / NY, NY)
- ◆ 6th Annual Puerto Rican Artisans Fair & Exhibits - Nov. 19, 2011 (450 Grand Concourse / Bronx, NY)



* [NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN](#)
1 Bowling Green / 2nd fl.
New York, NY
Oct 8th, 2011 - Time: 1-2:30 pm
Join Jessica Marrero (Taino)
(Senior Court Analyst)
for Taino stories from the Caribbean.

Then learn about Taino sun designs and participate in a painting activity. Readings in English and Spanish. - Free/Gratis



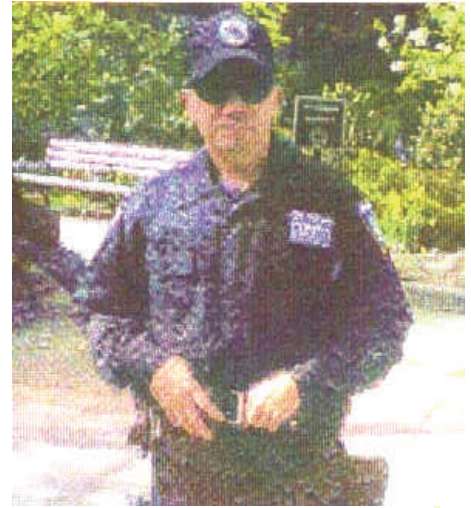
Jose Reyes



Bronx County Supreme Court Officer Jose Reyes helps save baby's life .



Dave Fliegelman



Court Officer Dave Fliegelman responded to the aid of a court employee (Court Clerk, Ms. Knuckles) whose right leg was pinned between a train and the train platform.

Holiday Toy Drive Toys for Tots 2011



Last year our members made our Toys for Tots Program a success once again. We wish to thank you all; whether you gave a toy or two, donated monies; volunteered as an Elf or Santa to deliver or collect the toys. Thank you again to everyone who worked tirelessly to separate and package the toys. All of you working together made it a success.

You made it possible to

bring so many smiles to so many children. The toys collected in the Brooklyn Court Houses were donated to Woodhull Hospital in Brooklyn, The Marble Hill Head Start Program in the Bronx and to St. Brigids RC Church in Bushwick and the Williamsburg Three Kings Parade .

The toys collected in Manhattan and the Bronx were donated once again to the Hope Project. We have been working with them since our first year. This organization provides shelter for homeless families and for families who are the victims of domestic violence.

The Holiday Season is al-

most upon us & we need your help again. Please donate an unwrapped toy between December 1 to December 16, 2011. Locations to be announced. As always we appreciate your generosity each year.

