

Hispanic Heritage Lunch and Learn

October 12, 2011



Introduction

- Hispanic Heritage Month it is celebrated from September 15th to October 15th
- It is a time for all of us to remember the contributions of Hispanic-Americans



HISPANIC

- The word “Hispanic” describes people who come from Spanish-speaking countries...



History

National Hispanic Heritage Month is a national recognition of the culture, contributions and heritage of Hispanic Americans. This national observance was first established by Public Law 90-498, approved September 17, 1968 by the 90th Congress. Public Law 90-468 authorized the president to proclaim National Hispanic Heritage Week each year. On August 17, 1988, the 100th Congress enacted Public Law 100-402, which extended the observance from a week to a month. The annual observance is now a 31-day period beginning on September 15 and ending on October 15.



History

The months of September and October cover a wide range of independence days for Latin American countries. Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua all celebrate their independence on September 15. Mexico celebrates its independence on September 16, Chile on September 18 and Belize on September 21st. El Día de la Raza (Columbus Day) is observed on October 12.

Hispanic American Countries of Origin

Over 35 million people identified themselves as Hispanic or Latino on the 2000 census

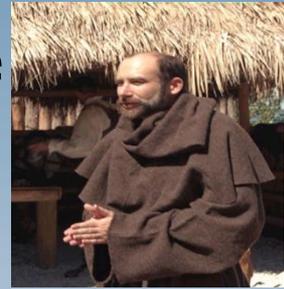
HISPANIC FLAGS



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COLOMBIA 	REPUBLICA DOMINICANA 	PANAMA 	CHILE 	ESPAÑA 	PARAGUAY 
MEXICO 	BOLIVIA 	COSTA RICA 	CUBA 	ECUADOR 	EL SALVADOR 
GUATEMALA 	ARGENTINA 				

Interesting Facts

- Missionaries from Spain traveled among Native Americans in present-day California and New Mexico....
- Spanish explorers traveled throughout present-day Florida almost 400 years ago!
- In fact, the oldest city in the United States is St. Augustine, Florida, built by Spanish-speaking settlers...



Hispanic Heritage Leaders

- One important Hispanic was Cesar Chavez, a migrant farm worker who worked for fair treatment of Mexican workers on American farms
- Member of U.S. Congress: Joseph Marion Hernández, 1822, delegate from the Florida territory.
- Administrator of the Federal Aviation Agency: General Elwood "Pete" Quesada helped create this agency to manage the growing aviation field and improve airline safety. He served in this position from 1958 to 1961. The agency became the Federal Aviation Administration in 1966.



Arts and Literature

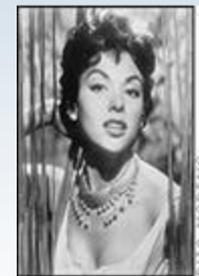
- Novel in English, written and published in U.S.: María Amparo Ruiz de Burton, *Who Would Have Thought It?* (1872). She's better known for her 1885 second novel, *The Squatter and the Don*.
- **Pulitzer Prize for Drama:** Nilo Cruz, 2003, for his play *Anna in the Tropics*.
- **Pulitzer Prize for Fiction:** Oscar Hijuelos, 1990, for his novel *The Mambo Kings Play Songs of Love*.



Music / Drama



- **Opera diva:** Lucrezia Bori, who debuted at the Metropolitan Opera in 1912.
- Rock & Roll Hall of Fame inductee: **Carlos Santana**, 1998.
- Oscar, Best Supporting Actress: **Rita Moreno**, 1961, West Side Story.



Television

- **Star of a network television show:** Desi Arnaz, 1952, *I Love Lucy*.



- **Broadcaster of the Year:** Geraldo Rivera, 1971.



- **George Lopez** on Comedy and Race
The late-night talk show host discusses how America's changing demographics will affect what makes people laugh



Sports

- Hall of Fame inductee: **Roberto Clemente**, 1973. He was also the first Hispanic player to serve on the Players Association Board and to reach 3,000 hits.
- **Football Hall of Fame inductee: Tom Fears**, 1970. He also became the first Hispanic American head coach in 1967.
- Team owner: **Arturo “Arte” Moreno** bought the Anaheim Angels in 2003, becoming the first Hispanic owner of any major U.S. sports franchise. In 2005, he renamed it the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim.



Some Hispanics Co-Workers in DOT











