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Georgia Association of Latino Elected Officials (GALEO) Newsletter

GALEO News and Updates

August 2004

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Dear Jerry,

GALEO has been hard at work! As you can see by the information provided below, we have been active in the community registering voters.

In addition, we are in the process of laying out the rest of this year's activities. We hope you will join us for our events, especially the "Georgia Political Idol". Please visit our website or the link below for more details.

GALEO is proud to be able to begin the LeadershipPlenty grassroots leadership training in our communities. We will soon begin the process of recruiting people for our first set of community participants. Please let us know if you would like to recommend someone.

We hope you will join our efforts by financially supporting our organization as we continue to develop the next generation of Latino leaders in our state!

Thank you,

Jerry Gonzalez

• **[GALEO Launches Grassroots Latino Leadership Training](#)**

Twelve leaders from Georgia Latino organizations recently completed an intensive three-day leadership training program to prepare them to conduct grassroots leadership development in the Latino community during the upcoming year. The training, held August 3- 5, 2004, was coordinated by the Georgia Association of Latino Elected Officials (GALEO) and Kennesaw State University with the

support of the Governor's Latino Commission for a New Georgia.

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- **GALEO Leadership Forum: Building Capacity in Our Community**

GALEO began in November 2003. One of the main purposes of GALEO is to increase representation of the Latino community in elected and appointed offices. Currently, there are only seven Latino elected officials in the entire state. The Latino community is drastically underrepresented.

Because of the lack of representation, GALEO is beginning a series of events, activities and programs to encourage our Latino community to consider public service. The birth of the GALEO Leadership Forum will be critical in the development of our community.

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- **Governor Appoints Prominent Hispanic Businesswoman to State Board of Accountancy**

Governor Sonny Perdue has appointed Grace Lopez Williams, a prominent Hispanic businesswoman and owner of one of the fastest growing Hispanic CPA firms in Atlanta, to the Georgia State Board of Accountancy.

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- **The Formation of the GALEO Leadership Forum**

Thank you to over 30 people who attended GALEO's Inaugural Leadership Forum at Speakeasy.

GALEO members and guests were able to network and were provided an extremely useful workshop on becoming a more effective communicator with the expert instructors, Doris and Jane, from Speakeasy, Inc. Speakeasy was gracious enough to not only host and sponsor our first GALEO Leadership Forum, but also gave away one "Talk So People Listen" seat for their courses, valued at \$2,000.00 to one of GALEO's 100 Founding Friends, Dan Ford from Amerigroup.

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- **Community Leaders Expand Voter Registration Campaign**

GALEO conducted a very successful Voter Registration Training Session for community leaders in conjunction

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with the "Georgia Latino Vote 2004" campaign.

The Voter Registration Training trained 22 community leaders on the specifics of conducting their own voter registration campaigns in their respective communities. Volunteers from the Georgia Latino Vote 2004-DeKalb County Voter Registration and Education Project shared their insight with the community to increase efforts on voter registration in other counties across Georgia. Counties represented at the training session were Cobb, DeKalb, Fulton, Gwinnett, Hall, Marion, Peach and Richmond.

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• **Georgia and the Latino Wave**

Election Day is a great testament to the power of a democracy. It is on this day that citizens make decisions about their government and about selecting the leaders to represent their interests.

Georgia is on the verge of what has been coined The Latino Wave. Jorge Ramos has authored a book where he describes how the Latino community will be responsible for electing the next President of the United States. The population growth based on higher birthrates in this country and continued immigration will make this great nation more Latino over the years. It is happening in Georgia.

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• **GALEO Members-Elected Officials**

Chance Evans	Honorable Jason Anavitarte Doraville City Council Member
Fannie Mae	Honorable Kathy Ashe State Representative (HD42-2)
Jane Fonda	Honorable Thurbert Baker Georgia Attorney General
Jerry Gonzalez	Honorable Cathy Cox Secretary of State
HCA - Hospital Corporation of America, SE Region	Honorable Hugh Floyd State Representative (HD69-2)
Heritage Capital Advisors, LLC	Honorable Pat Gardner State Representative (HD42-3)
Hewlett Packard	Honorable Nan Gorgan Orrock State Representative (HD51)
Holland & Knight LLP	Honorable Felicia Moore, City of Atlanta Council Member, District #9
Charles H. Kuck	Honorable DuBose Porter State Rep. (HD119, Speaker Pro Tem)
Lanza Group, LLC	Honorable Wallace Sholar State Representative (HD141-1)
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Honorable Pedro Marin, State Rep.(HD-66)	
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● **GALEO Events!**

Professional Association of Georgia Educators	● Braves welcome GALEO and GHCC for Hispanic Night at the Braves, Thursday, September 9th
Norberto Sanchez	● GALEO Presents: "Georgia Political Idol", Wednesday, September, 29th
Service Employees International Union	● Launch Party for THE QUEST: A Concert in the Park to Celebrate and Support Public Education (10/21/04)
Tony Sibert	● GALEO Leadership Forum Social, Wednesday, October 20, 2004 (more details coming soon)
Honorable Calvin Smyre, State Rep. (HD- 111)	● GALEO Fundraiser, 7 Stages Theatre, La Casa de Rigoberta mira al Sur, Friday, November 12, 2004

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