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# ONDA PORTADORA

INSTITUTO DE CULTURA HISPANICA DE CORPUS CHRISTI



FROM:

DR. XAVIER FONZ GONZALES  
BOARD PRESIDENT...

*Hola a todos nuestros amigos  
de parte de la mesa directiva!*

## WHAT'S NEW?

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*Our President*

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*Our board*

President's Personal Reflection

To all the family and friends of the Instituto de Cultura Hispanica, I want to let you know that the entire Instituto Board has you in their prayers. I appreciate you taking a moment to read through this reflection with the thought of COVID 19 lingering in my mind. As a husband and a father, I have had to go outside to my porch to take in a few deep breaths to allow my nerves to relax. Just like many of you, I have been overwhelmed by the tremendous amount of information and misinformation that would leave anyone anxious and perhaps even scared. However, that brief personal moment allows me to hear the wind rustling through the trees and the birds chirping. It allows me to see that nature is giving me an opportunity to reignite my personal relationship with my wife. I get to wake up at the same time with her and start the day with a kiss. I get to cook meals with her, sit down together at the table, pray together, and have a discussion on silly and important things. I have also been given the opportunity to have more frequent conversations with my teenage daughter. She has been giving me lessons on what is the current vernacular used in social circles. She is also counseling me on becoming more in touch with social media. Although, I still carry the stress of keeping up with all my professional duties in this perplexing virtual environment. I remain thankful for the special moments I have been gifted. During prayer, I reiterate thanks for the gifts and humbly request protection to all those who are essential to providing us access to food, tending to are health, and protecting us from those who try to take advantage during a time of crisis.

I am confident that as a community, we will get through this crisis as we have done so in the past. I want each of you to know that am here to help the family and friends of the Instituto in any way that is within my power. I can also use your help with keeping up with the mission of the Instituto that at its foundation is meant to foster an atmosphere of good will and friendship by staying true to our Hispanic culture. A culture heavily rooted in social interaction that is now being challenged to come up with new ways of staying safe while keeping our social ties. Over the next several weeks, we will be creating a virtual community that will allow each of you to get to know more about the art and artifacts present at the museum. We will be working on creating online education to allow our children at home to learn something new about Hispanic culture. We will be developing a set of digital archives of past presidents and founders of the Instituto. Hopefully some of you can contribute to these archives by providing us with a short phone video of you talking about what the Instituto means to you and its importance to our community.

I do not know how long the Instituto will be left dealing with the effects of COVID-19 and if it will impact any more of our previously planned programming. For now, the Board and I have placed a hold on all the planned activities from now until August as a means to set an example in the social distancing initiatives meant to keep us all safe. "Si Dios quiere", we will all be celebrating at the Annual Fall Gala. Lifting our glasses to all of those who helped during COVID-19 and highlighting those who have been beacons in the Hispanic community.

QUE DIOS LOS BENDIGA TU VIDA EN TODO.  
 XAVIER FONZ GONZALES PHD MSPH  
 INSTITUTO BOARD PRESIDENT

**Instituto Spotlights**

- ***Congratulations and thank you to "RAD talent agency" and our board members who organized a wonderful evening of networking on Feb 21. We had a conversation regarding COVID-19, music, outstanding food, and a festive atmosphere. We want to give a special thanks to our guest speaker and friend of the Instituto, Dr. Dante Gonzalez, Assistant Director of Public Health. He explained the precautionary measures that the State of Texas and Nueces County are taking to minimize the impact of COVID-19 on our community. He highlighted what to do if you feel symptoms compatible with COVID-19. Please keep him in your prayers as he is currently spending many hours at the front line of this disease while also trying to keep his expecting wife safe from this disease.***
- ***To keep in line with social distancing, we have canceled our annual International Dinner, the South America Asamblea, and all the programing that had been scheduled from now until August.***

***If all is well mark your calendars for:***

- ***August 28- Asamblea, Hosted by Central America members.***
- ***September 19- Folk Fashion Show, at the Museum.***
- ***October 10- 44th Annual Gala, Omni Corpus Christi Hotel.***
- ***November 13- Asamblea- Election of Officers. Hosted by North America and Islands members.***
- ***December 4- Christmas Decorating Party at our Museum. Breakfast will be served. Everyone is welcome!***
- ***December 12. Festival Navideño Dinner at our Museum and Installation of Officers.***

**We hope that the Pandemic doesn't hit your homes. Stay safe. Stay home!**

Since we are currently closed we are trying to have more exposure of our museum through our website and social media. If any of our friends & members knows who can help Olga get our website up to date and modern, please contact her at [ichcctx@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ichcctx@sbcglobal.net) or at (321)352-0700.