

The Alliance

Dedicated to promoting unity, justice, equal opportunity, ethnic awareness, cross-cultural understanding and appreciation for diversity.

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It's Party Time! Join ACEH Members, Friends on August 5 for 9th Annual Potluck in the Park

Coming very soon to a Holland-area park -- the 9th annual Potluck in the Park of the Alliance for Cultural and Ethnic Harmony.

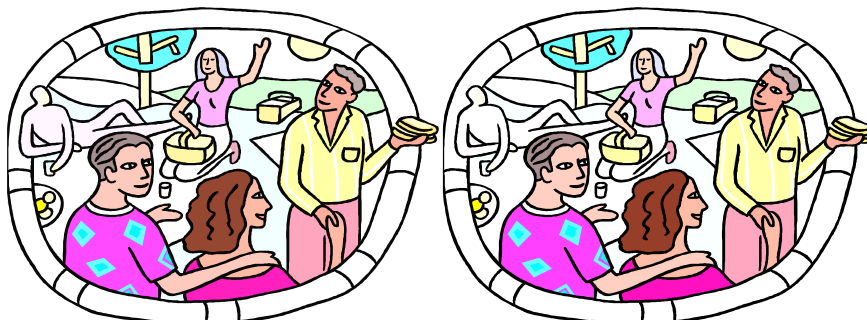
The date is Sunday, August 5, and the party begins at 1 p.m. and runs until about 4 p.m.

The place is Ransom Park, on Holland's north side. The park's located at 16500 Ransom St., between 160th and 168th, north of Quincy St. and south of New Holland. **SEE Map, Page 4.**

Please bring a dish to pass, one from your own ethnic background if you can. ACEH provides beverages and table service. And if you bring along an extra lawn chair, you'll have comfortable seating for those after-dinner conversations.

Besides the great food, there will be music, family activities (si, si, si, the piñata will be there, too!), a chance to catch up with old friends and meet new people.

Invite your family and friends; ask a neighbor, a co-worker, or a newcomer to town. A welcoming community is built from bridges created between people; let's build more.





How to Join ACEH

Please consider joining with ACEH supporters in area communities as we work together for social justice and appreciation for diversity, to make West Michigan a place where all are welcomed and respected. The ACEH dues structure is as follows:

Individual: \$20.00 one year; \$35.00 two years
Family: \$30.00 one year; \$50.00 two years
Nonprofit: \$40.00 one year
Business: \$75 one year

The ACEH fiscal year runs October 1 – September 30. In lieu of, or in addition to, paying dues, you may make a pledge of service to ACEH. Checks or service pledges should be made out to ACEH and sent to Treasurer Janie Briones, P. O. Box 3007, Holland, MI 49422-3007. To pay by credit card, go to our website www.harmonyalliance.org, click on "Join Us" and use the secure Pay Pal system.

News of ACEH Members

Congratulations to ACEH vice president **Eleanor Lopez**, who was recently named to the board of the Community Foundation of the Holland/Zeeland Area.

Luchi P. Nelson, of the Bayanihan Filipino-American Outreach, and her husband, Matt, have formed Digital Joes (www.digitaljoes.com), a mobile entertainment business providing music and special events management. Good luck, Luchi and Matt!

Life coach **Doug Schwentor** is holding three Positive Psychology workshops in September (Sept 6: Hope--turning possibilities into reality; Sept 13: Optimism--how to change your mind and your life; Sept 27: Resilience--finding benefits in adversity). Workshops are \$20 each, including a program manual, and will be from 6 to 8 pm in the East Activity Room of Howard Miller Library, 14 South Church St, Zeeland. **Schwentor** has over 33 years' experience as a licensed social worker and specializes in the practical application of positive psychology research. To register, contact him at (616) 669-3833 or email schwentor@sbcglobal.net

Little Joe and La Familia Play at Civic Center August 4

One of the most popular Tex-Mex bands of the last 30 years will shake it up in Holland Saturday, August 4, when Grammy Award winner Little Joe and La Familia hits the stage at the Civic Center.

The dance concert starts at 7:30 p.m., but the doors open an hour earlier. Tickets are \$20, if you buy them ahead of time; \$30 at the door. You can purchase tickets at the Latin Americans United for Progress (LAUP) office at 100 North Fairbanks in Holland, or call (616) 392-5058 for other ticket locations.

Sponsors are LAUP and The Southwest Hispanic Celebration. The Holland Civic Center is between 8th and 9th Streets and Pine Avenue, just west of downtown.

Little Joe and La Familia had the Grammy Award Winning Album of the year in 2005, "Chicanisimo": their Tejano music is a mix of traditional "norteno" music and country, blues, and rock styles.



New Institutes for Healing Racism Get Under Way in September

A fall eight-week session of the Institutes for Healing Racism is scheduled for Tuesday, September 17, through November 6. Each session meets on Tuesday, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Holland Area Chamber of Commerce office, 272 East 8th St., Holland. The cost is \$80; tuition scholarships are available based on need.

With facilitators, participants will explore the development of racial prejudice and racism in U.S. culture, the invisibility of racism, intentional and unintentional discrimination, institutionalized racism, the effects of racism on all people, how to become "allies" in the fight against racism. The Institutes include discussion, videotapes, literature, and group exercises.

For information or an application, contact Patricia Strachan at the Chamber, (616) 392-2389, ext. 110. The Institutes are a joint program of the Chamber and the Lakeshore Ethnic Diversity Alliance.

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