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*Weekly Newsletter*

**December 12th, 2012**

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Thank you for joining us at our Holiday Fiesta &  
helping us support Toys for Tots!

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**Upcoming Member Events**

December 12 - Augustana College, Latinos Unidos and the Office of Multicultural Services invite the community to celebrate and learn about Mexico's most popular religious and cultural image, [Our Lady of Guadalupe](#). Guests are welcome to bring flowers to lay on the altar and are encouraged to wear traditional cultural clothing.

December 13 - [Raise the Roof with QC United](#): A FREE event to bring the Quad Cities together through music. Every 2nd Thursday, from 4 to 6pm on the Community Stage at the RME, QC United will host a variety of up & coming QC stars with a focus on bringing both sides of the river together. Mojo's will offer food and drink specials too!

December 13 - 16: iWireless Center presents [Disney on Ice: 100 years of Magic](#). Check out their opening night special!



December 15 - "El Mariachi Restaurante" 10-year Anniversary Ribbon Cutting will

Check out [more photos](#) from our Monday Fiesta on our Facebook page.

## 2013 Annual Gala Registration Now Open!

The Greater Quad Cities Hispanic Chamber of Commerce board of directors and staff invite you to join us at the Annual Gala to be held at the Quad Cities Waterfront Convention Center. The evening is a celebration of our organization's accomplishments, members, and supporters. We will feature entertainment, a great meal, business awards, silent auction, and the warmth of your colleagues, clients, business leaders, community partners and GQCHCC members.



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**Keynote & Special Guest: *Nina Vaca***, Chairman & CEO of Pinnacle, Director at both Kohl's Corporation and Comerica, Inc.; founding member of the Startup America Partnership; Chairman of the Board of the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Saturday, January 26th, 2013, 5:30 pm  
QC Waterfront Convention Center  
Bettendorf, IA.

**Register**

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Sponsorship opportunities Available ([click here](#)) or call (309) 797-8650 for more information.

***Would you like to nominate someone for our  
2013 Annual Gala Awards?***



be held from 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm at 1317-15th Street Moline, IL 61265. Read more about their story ([click here](#)).

December 16 - [Hola America Posada Navideña](#): Every year Hola America Newspaper invites the community to participate in a traditional posada. There will be a lot of fun for both adults and children and free food. The event will be held at the QC Botanical Center.

December 31 - [Ring In The New Year at The Quad-Cities Best Party](#): Featuring Dr. Zhivegas. Enjoy great giveaways & the QC's biggest balloon drop and a \$100 coupon book.

Ongoing until December 31, 2012: [Art @ the Airport](#): Quad City Woodturners and the Art of Rug Hooking at Quad City International Airport Gallery.

Register for [Accounting Made Easy Using Quickbooks](#). Workshop begins February 2. To register call Mary Johnson (309) 764-2194.

Eastern Iowa Community Colleges is offering online [Winterim classes](#) for everyone to help keep you busy over the long break.

### **Public Service Announcements**

Only a few days left! [The HSF/USHCC-Wells Fargo Program](#) is a scholarship program for the 2013-2014 academic year open to dependents or relatives of the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce members or employees and past participants of the **USHCC BizFest Program**. Visit the [Hispanic Scholarship Fund](#) for more information.

The application period for the White House Internship Program is now open. The application deadline for the Summer 2013 program is January 27, 2013. For more information check out our [Leadership Resources Page](#).

[Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute Fellowship](#): CHCI Fellowships seeks to enhance participants' leadership abilities, strengthen professional skills and ultimately produce more competent and competitive Latino professionals in public policy areas. This fellowship offers the opportunity to gain hands-on experience at the national level in the public policy area of their choice. The deadline to apply is February 15, 2013.

Check out this great resource for Latino students! [Download](#) the National Directory of Scholarships,

As a volunteer leadership-driven organization, the Greater Quad Cities Hispanic Chamber of Commerce recognizes the impact of community involvement. GQCHCC is currently accepting nominations for 2013 Annual Gala Awards.

[Click here](#) for nomination criteria and to submit your nomination. Nominations due by **Friday, December 28th, 2012.**

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