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*Weekly Newsletter*

**¡Feliz Día de Acción de Gracias! November 21st, 2012**

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**Dear Friends,**

**From our family to yours, the Greater Quad Cities Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (GQCHCC) would like to wish you a Happy Thanksgiving!**

**Over the past year, the GQCHCC has been blessed by your participation as members, partners, volunteers and allies. Everything we've been able to accomplish – from successful events and programs to national recognition and positive media exposure – has been made possible thanks to your generous engagement, resources and time.**

**We view the Thanksgiving holiday as a perfect time to reflect on the many contributions you've made to our organization. As we give thanks this holiday season, please know your meaningful role in advancing the Hispanic business community is very much appreciated.**

**With Gratitude,**

**The Greater Quad Cities Board of Directors & Staff**

Thank you to West Music for hosting a Mariachi Meet  
Up with Maestro Jose Hernandez.



**Upcoming Member Events**

November 17 -25 - [QC Festival of Trees: Home for the Holidays](#). RiverCenter. Holiday Parade begins at 11 am.



[West Music](#)

Thank you to Wells Fargo for Sponsoring our Multicultural Mixer. Also, thank you to Hotel Blackhawk for providing a great location!

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Join us for our Holiday Fiesta!



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Enjoy delicious food, great music and door prizes. Attendees can bring an unwrapped toy (\$10 minimum value) which will be donated to a organization that services families in the Quad Cities. Donations also accepted at the door.

Thursday, December 6th, 2012

November 24 - Davenport Parks and Recreation will be hosting a [Movie Marathon honoring Denzel Washington](#) at Junior Theatre.

November 28 - Black Hawk College will host an [International Holiday Bazaar](#) of vendors that bring jewelry, scarves, crafts, and more. Some items were brought from Nepal, Ecuador & Teranga House from Africa.

December 1 & 2 - [Children's Musical](#): Follow our White Rabbit into a delightful, entertaining world of childhood fantasies, where Alice meets talking animals, a splendid caterpillar, Mad Hatter and a very special Cheshire Cat.

December 2 - The [3rd Annual Hola America Quinceañera Fashion Show](#) will be held at the QC Waterfront Convention in Bettendorf, IA.

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.

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. Also, you can register for upcoming Spring 2013 courses, like Latin American History and Culture with Professor Klein. For more information about this course email [cklein@eiccu.edu](mailto:cklein@eiccu.edu).

## News You Can Use

[En Español](#) has a new look! U of IL Extension's Spanish website has been updated and revised. It has seven main sections including Just for Kids, Family Life, Home and Money Management, Nutrition and Health, Schools Online, Hort Corner, and About Extension. Fifty-one U of IL Extension websites are now available in Spanish.

5:30 pm  
QC Botanical Center  
2525 4th Avenue, Rock Island

**Register**

## ***Save the date for our Annual Gala!***

The Greater Quad Cities Hispanic Chamber of Commerce board of directors and staff invite you to join us at the 4th Annual Gala to 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.

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

### **GQCHCC Benefactor**



### **Gold Members**

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Isle Casino Hotel Bettendorf  
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TerroStar  
University of Iowa  
Vista International Operations

### **Bronze Members**

Alcoa, Inc.  
Ascentra Credit Union  
Ashford University  
AT&T  
Augustine College

AT&T to Invest \$14 Billion to Significantly Expand  
Wireless and Wireline Broadband Networks,  
Support Future IP Data Growth and New  
Services...([read more](#))

[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.

[Register now](#) to attend the 30th Anniversary National  
Minority Enterprise Development Week to become  
eligible to meet corporate and government  
procurement representatives with more than \$30  
billion in procurement opportunities.

Don't let holidays dampen your cheer. Download the  
[Small Business Holiday Success Guide](#) today and  
help ready your business for success this season.

### **Public Service Announcements**

The [USCIS Public Engagement Division](#) invites  
you to attend a free national Spanish-language  
event on December 5. Our representatives will  
share agency updates, discuss immigration-related  
topics, and will be available to answer your  
questions.

It's Time: Medicare Open Enrollment Underway  
Until December 7. GQCHCC encourages seniors  
to consider their individual health care needs  
during Medicare Open Enrollment and to be aware  
of potential Medicare fraud. Consider the three C's  
when reviewing your Medicare Plan...([read more](#))

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**Don't forget to check out our  
latest member employment**

Augustana College  
Black Hawk College - SBDC  
Brown Mackie College-Quad Cities  
City of Bettendorf  
City of Davenport  
DHCU Community Credit Union  
DuTrac Community Credit Union  
Eastern Iowa Community College District  
Enterprise Rent A Car  
Financial District Properties  
First Midwest Bank  
Hola America Publications, Inc.  
Hotel Blackhawk  
i Wireless Center  
IH Mississippi Valley Credit Union  
Metro LINK  
Modern Woodmen Bank  
SAL Family and Community Services  
Sivyer Steel Corporation  
St. Ambrose University  
State Farm Insurance  
Stoney Creek Inn  
The Family Credit Union  
Trinity Regional Health System  
Tyson Foods Inc.  
United Health Care  
Wal-Mart  
Wells Fargo Bank  
West Gateway Partners L.L.C  
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