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*Weekly Newsletter*

**January 23rd, 2013**

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## ***2013 Annual Gala this Saturday!***

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

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### **Upcoming Member Events**

January 23 - [18th Annual Hispanic Film Festival](#): Los Viajes del Viento.

January 24 - 25 - [Mental Health Redesign](#): Learn about Iowa's Policy and What It Means for You. The Quad City Health Initiative will be hosting 2 sessions. For more information or to RSVP, email Amy Daniels or call her at 563.344.0344.

January 25 - [Race Matters? Racism Matters!](#) Artist Lecture begins at 4:00 pm & Reception from 5:00 - 7:00 pm.

### **January 26, 2013 - GQCHCC's 2013 Annual Gala!**

Click Here for [Flyer](#).

January 27 - [Winterfest Food Competition](#) - Spend an afternoon watching talented award-winning



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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.

Online Registration closed. Registration at the door welcome.

Presenting Sponsor:



See you at the Gala!

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#### Bronze Members

Alcoa, Inc.

chefs from the Quad Cities including the Isle's own chef's Matt Meadows and Jason Gomez, Chicago, and Des Moines compete from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. during our Winterfest Competition. This event is open to all ages. Seating is limited and tickets are free.

February 12, 19 & 21 -

[Explorando Tecnologia](#) -

Computer Science workshops for youth in grades 9-12. For more information view flyer.



Every Wednesday - 7:00pm to 7:30pm. [Latino USA \(WVIK\)](#) sponsored by GQCHCC. - Latino USA, the radio journal of news and culture, is the only national, English-language radio program produced from a Latino perspective.

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

#### News You Can Use

Milan-based Group O Inc. once again tops the 2012 list of Hispanic-owned businesses in Illinois, according to Hispanic Business magazine. Group O had 2011 revenues of \$507 million, placing it at No. 15 in the United States, compared to a No. 9 ranking in 2011, when it saw \$515 million in revenues..[\(read more\)](#)

[Hinajosa and Biden Welcome Hispanic Members to Congress:](#)

The Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI) and Vice President Joe Biden welcomed Hispanic members of the new Congress at a swearing-in ceremony on Jan. 3.

[13 Things for Small Businesses To Do in 2013](#) -- One of the greatest things about a

new calendar year is that it allows business owners to take a step back and

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evaluate areas that they can improve upon for the coming 12-month period. This can be anything from improving on missteps of the previous year to expanding or growing your business. Below are 13 things that your business can look at to have a great 2013.

[West Music Receives Award](#)--West Music Co. has been awarded the "Retailer of the Year" award from *Music Inc. Magazine*. The 2012 Excellence Awards honors 10 retailers and 10 suppliers who have gone above and beyond in 2012, improving their businesses and their bottom lines, as voted on by their industry peers. This is the first time West Music has been honored with the Retailer of the Year award.

For more News You Can Use visit:

<http://www.gqchcc.com/you-can-use.html>

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### **Public Service Announcements**

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.

Pre-Conference registration for the USHLI 31st National Conference expires i n **10 days**. Please register and pay online before February 1, 2013 to receive the pre-conference rate and avoid long delays in line at registration. [Register here](#)

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