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# MABA *newsletter*

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## President's Message *by Clarissa Benavides*

Magical.

May was a magical month for MABA. The month started out with a bang at our annual scholarship reception. To listen to our recipients speak of their paths to achievement, and to listen to our keynote speaker, Leticia Van de Putte, with her words of wisdom and encouragement, one stood in awe and felt graced to be a part such a memorable event. This year we awarded \$15,000 in scholarships to 10 well deserving students in our community. This is the most MABA has ever awarded. Tina Torres and Paul Torres added their own magic to what was a spectacular event by doubling the scholarship awarded to one special young graduating senior that reminded them of their father. Many participants and members came up to me during, after and long after the event to tell me how moved they were, and how special they felt to witness and be a part of such a magical night. With that, I want to thank the Scholarship committee, and especially Toni Arteaga, for doing such great work yet again. They made MABA look

like an extra stellar organization that night. I also want to thank Eric Barbosa and Bracewell Guiliani LLP for their generous copy sponsorship.

Northwestern Mutual also added to the majesty of the event by announcing their grant of \$5,000 to MABA. Some of the grant money was used to pay the catering at our scholarship reception. Also, \$2000 of the money has been placed in our Foundation account as seed money for next year's scholarships. I want to thank Fernando Suarez, Managing Director of Northwestern Mutual Financial Network, for his encouraging words and for showing his support of our organization and our mission.

Lastly, MABA demonstrated that there is strength in numbers and that we do have a voice. John Longoria, Herman Segovia, Shirley Erlich and Tina Torres took the lead for MABA to voice our concern of the County Pro Se program to the County Commissioners. John Longoria pre-



sented his concerns at Commissioners Court and was successful in getting the Court to suspend the Pro Se program until further discussion and research were conducted. I witnessed Mr. Longoria and his brilliant presentation and felt proud of MABA's success that day. Thank you Mr. Longoria, Mr. Segovia, Ms. Erlich and Ms. Torres for fighting to support our family law practitioners, and for promoting MABA's mission.

Clarissa Benavides  
President, MABA

## Monthly Meeting

Please join us Tuesday, July 8th, at Blue Star for our Regular Monthly Meeting. We will begin at 5:30.

Blue Star is at:  
1414 South Alamo, Suite 105,  
San Antonio, TX 78210. Plenty  
of free parking is available. See  
you there!



# MABA Scholarship Reception Photos



## Announcements



• Join us at the **American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division** Annual Meeting August 7-10, 2008 to expand your network, sharpen your legal skills, and debate important resolutions affecting the legal profession. More information is available at [www.abanet.org/yld/annual08](http://www.abanet.org/yld/annual08).

• **TODAY**—Omar Alvarez with Watts Law Firm, Lupita Gutierrez, and Rosie Gonzalez cordially invite you to a fundraising reception for **Linda Yanez**, who is running for **Texas Supreme Court Justice Place 8**. The reception takes place June 19th, at 300 Convent, Suite 100, from 5:30-7:00.

• A discussion with the authors of

**"Politiclas: Latina Public Officials in Texas"** Wednesday, June 25th, 6-8 p.m. at UTSA-Downtown Campus, 1.124 South West Room. The event is free and refreshments will be served. Please see flyer at back of newsletter for more information.

# MABA Calendar

## July

8 General Membership Meeting: 5:30 p.m., Blue Star Brew Pub

## August

11 General Membership Meeting: 5:30 p.m., Blue Star Brew Pub

## September

9 General Membership Meeting (Bd. and Officer Election): 5:30 p.m., Blue Star Brew Pub  
20 Golf Tournament and Raffle

## October

14 General Membership Meeting: 5:30 p.m., Blue Star Brew Pub  
31 Día de los Muertos Celebration, Beethoven Maennerchor Halle Und Garten, 422 Pereida  
TBA Wills Clinic

## November

11 General Membership Meeting: 5:30 p.m., Blue Star Brew Pub

## December

6 Pachanga--Plaza Club (note new location)  
9 General Membership Meeting: 5:30 p.m., Blue Star Brew Pub



# Membership Application

Membership in MABA runs with the calendar year. As such, it's time for all members to renew for the 2008 year. Please submit the application below along with your check to MABA, or visit our website at [www.mabasa.org](http://www.mabasa.org) where you can pay online using Paypal.

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Male [ ] Female [ ]  
Primary Area of Practice: \_\_\_\_\_  
Firm Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Firm Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Office Phone/Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Law School Attended/Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_  
State Bar No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership Status

\_\_\_\_\_ New                      \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal

[ ] \$5.00---Student/Assoc. Member  
[ ] \$12.00—Licensed up to a year  
[ ] \$30.00---Licensed 1-5 years  
[ ] \$60.00---Licensed 5 years +

### Sponsorships:

[ ] \$500.00 –Golf Sponsorship (includes sponsorship listing and 4 players)  
[ ] \$500.00—Pachanga Sponsor (includes sponsorship and 10 dinner tickets)

Please Mail Payment To:

MABA-SA  
P.O. Box 830953  
San Antonio, Texas 78283

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_



# Membership Roster

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Joseph Acevedo  
Ernie Acevedo Jr.  
Alex Aguirre  
Judge Al Alonso  
Mary Lou Alvarez  
David Angulo  
Joseph Aragon  
Rafael Baca  
Eric Barbosa  
Clarissa Benavides  
Philip Bernal  
Andrew Borrego  
Linda Brandmiller  
James Branton  
Mario Bravo  
Judge Joe Brown  
Rosa Cabezas-Gil  
Carlos Calderon  
David A. Canales  
Norma Cantú  
Jesus Cavazos  
Damisela Chavira Brown  
David Christian  
Joel Cisneros  
John Convey  
Sylvia Cordona  
Thomas Cowen  
Jason Cruz  
Joe Cumpian  
Brent de la Paz  
Joe de los Santos  
Andrew Del Cueto  
Antoinette Vargas Delgado  
Reynaldo Diaz  
Luis Alonzo Echeverria  
Shirley Ehrlich  
Manuel Escobar  
Roland Esparza  
Laura Figueroa  
Jalyn N. Fiske  
Laura Gabrysch  
Maritza Gamboa  
Joe A. Gamez

Joe Gamez  
Edward Garcia  
Humberto G. Garcia  
Dianne Garcia  
Lucinda Garcia Valdez  
Judge Sarah Garrahan

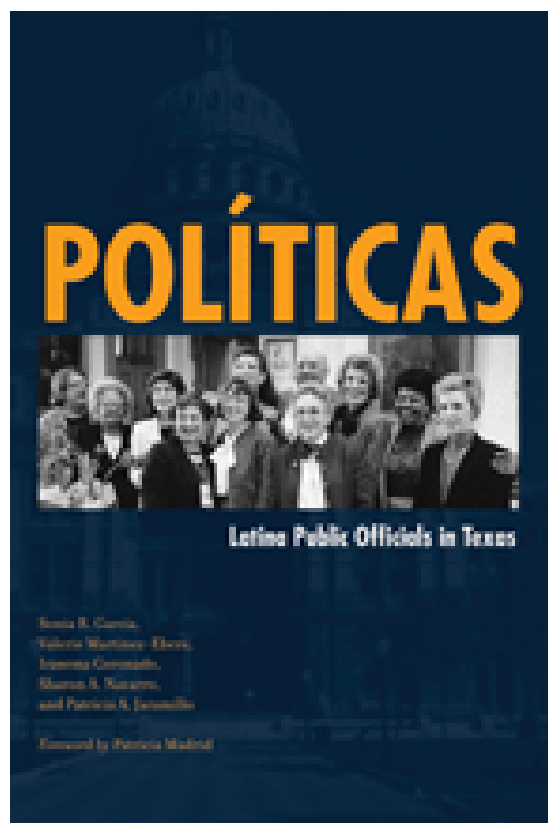


Aric Garza  
Judge Pat Garza  
Michelle Garza  
Oscar Garza  
Lisa Gonzales  
Andres R. Gonzales  
Rep. Charlie Gonzalez  
Felix Gonzalez  
Rosa M. Gonzalez  
Henry B. Gonzalez III  
Sue Hall  
Brian Hamner  
Mack T. Harrison  
Michael Hernandez  
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Dan Kassahn  
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Rogelio Lopez  
David Lopez  
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Dan Lopez  
Richard Loza  
Natalia Maldonado  
Justice Sandee Bryan Marion  
Robert Marroquin

Desiree Marrufo  
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Arturo I. Martinez de Vara  
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Ronald Mendoza  
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Judge Barbara Nellerhoe  
Anthony Neugebauer  
Judge Larry Noll  
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Paul Ray Pinon  
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Dan Pozza  
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Amanda Rivas  
Serina Rivela  
Armando Rocha  
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Aida Rojas  
Judge Mary Roman  
Ted Santos  
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Albert Solis  
Justice Phylis Speedlin  
Judge Martha Tanner  
Paul Torres  
Tina Torres  
Judge Catherine Torres Stahl  
Michael Ugarte  
Reynaldo Valencia  
Luis R. Vera  
Oscar Villarreal  
Anthony Zamora

***Above is our current membership roster. Please let us know if you have paid your dues and your name does not appear above so we may add you. Also, let us know if we've misspelled your name so we can correct any errors.***

# SPEAKER SERIES



**Wednesday,  
June 25th  
6-8 p.m.  
UTSA-Downtown  
Campus  
1.124 South  
West Room  
\*The event  
is free\***

**A discussion with the authors of  
"Políticas: Latina Public  
Officials in Texas"**

**Refreshments  
will be served.**

**Sponsored by UTSA Women's  
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