

The Raza Media Must Not Only Inform, But It Must Also Struggle To Organize The Masses!

November 2011

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. The next general meeting of the RPMA will be held on December 18, 2011, in Oxnard, CA. Please calendar this event. Details, including agenda, will be posted a week before the meeting.

2. The Mesa Directiva of RPMA is accepting nominations for the annual "Guerrillero/a de Pluma Award". The award is given every year to a compañero/a who has excelled in the production and advancement of the Raza media. The recipient of the award will be recognized at the RPMA general meeting on December 18, 2011.

3. The Fall Issue of *Guerrilleros de La Pluma* is now posted on the RPMA website. The RPMA is now calling for submissions for the Winter Issue of *Guerrilleros de La Pluma*. We are particularly look for contributions/information that ties the burning issues facing the Mexicano/Raza communities to the question of the media. Deadline for submitting material is December 15, 2011.

THE RPMA MEMBERSHIP AT WORK

Membership Reports:

Pablo Aceves

- On August 30, participated in the podcast of Radio Lucha, focusing on the Chicano Moratorium and the 30th anniversary of Unión del Barrio.
- Currently working on articles on the situation in Mexico and Libya.
- On September 10, travelled to Modesto to speak on Raza Unity, especially between Raza from Northern and Southern Califas.
- October 2, participated in Marcha of the Frente Popular Revolucionario in Tijuana protesting the repressive fascism of current illegitimate government under the guise of the "War on Narcos".
- October 22, participated in Caravana against Police Brutality Organized by the Brown Berets de Aztlán, Cop Watch, Sol Collective, and other organizations, in Modesto, CA.
- Currently working on the Walk Against Operation Gatekeeper being organized by Unión del Barrio.

Marc Baca

- Continue to work with the Southern California Immigration Coalition and the National Lawyers Guild to end the impounding of immigrants' cars at routine traffic stops in the City of Los Angeles.
- Working on an article on "Are people in East L.A. subject to a lower standard of probable cause search and seizure during a traffic stop than other

communities throughout the U.S.?"

Ernesto Bustillos

- Working with A.R.E. (Association of Raza Educators) Publicity (San Diego), assisting with development of A.R.E. brochure and other publicity material.
- Edited the latest issue of the Chicano Mexicano Prison Project's newsletter, *Las Calles y La Torcida*.
- Contributed article and help with latest issue of RPMA's journal, *Guerrilleros de La Pluma*.
- Contributed article to Unión del Barrio's newspaper, *La Verdad*.
- Created flyer for the San Diego Save Our Barrios Coalition (SOBC community forum (Nov. 7 2011) and developed an update posted on their website (see: saveourbarrios.org)
- Finishing up second edition of "*Chicano Studies, Education, and Liberation*", 200 pgs; to be published in Jan. 2012.

Martin Madrigal

- Working with the Southern California Immigration Coalition's (SCIC) ongoing campaign against Mayor Villaraigosa, the LAPD and Sheriff Lee Baca's vehicle impound policy against our community -directing media efforts around this issue.
- Working against (in) Secure Communities, to develop effective strategies for greater media exposure and effectiveness of our protests.
- Authored (an co-authored) SCIC's statements of support for the California DREAM Act; Carlos Montes vs. FBI case; a letter to Mayor Villaraigosa over our campaign to stop the impounds; SCIC's statement against our participation at Occupy LA; and solidarity for the US Human Rights Network at their 5th National Conference.

Carlos Martell

- Working on the following articles for publication in RPMA outlets:
 1. The necessity of "Art" as Counter media and Liberation for the upcoming Winter Issue of *Guerrilleros de La Pluma*.
 2. Writing a small piece on Muammar Al-Gaddafi's "Fashion" criticism by mainstream as allegory of the relationship between Colonizer and Colonized.
 3. In conjunction with the Save Our Barrios Coalition (SOBC), creating a series of maps that visualize the process of gentrification in Logan Heights.

Luis Moreno

- Finished editing/production of *Guerrilleros de La Pluma*, Summer 2011 and Fall 2011 Issues.
- Starting to work on *Guerrilleros de La Pluma*, Winter 2011
- Produced six podcasts of Q-vole Raza and one

podcast of Radio Freedom.

- Working on four more podcasts to end the year. Also, developing a new podcast show with Jose Moreno to focus on Chicana/o Studies!
- Maintained website for the Save Our Barrios Coalition (SOBC).

Francisco Romero

- Hosted "Q-Vole Raza!" Podcasts No. 5 and No. 6 for September and October, and also co-hosted Radio Freedom Podcast No. 1, a new podcast show of Radio Lucha.
- Wrote an article entitled, "The Fallacy of Free Speech Within the Capitalist Centre: Corporate Media Manipulation and Control of Ideas, Thoughts, and Dissent", which was published in the latest issue of *Guerrillero/a de la Pluma*.
- Wrote and submitted the RPMA workshop proposal for the 2012 National Association of Chicana Chicano Studies (NACCS) regional conference in Arizona.
- Facilitated and hosted the "Viva Mexico" film screening in Oxnard, which was sponsored by the RPMA.

Antonio Velazquez

- Continue working on a four-book project to be published during the next three-six months.
- Submitted a RPMA workshop proposal titled "Using Words As Weapons Through Raza Media that has been approved for the MEChA 41st Annual High School Conference to be held on November 19, 2011, at San Diego State University.

THE RPMA IS ON THE SIDE OF THE OPPRESSED

For two decades, the RPMA has attempted to:

- Develop and train journalists/media workers that our movement needs to liberate our communities and create a better world for all.
- Building a media that practices collaboration, sharing, and networking, with the understanding that we cannot effectively struggle as individuals.
- Through our Website, Journal, Podcast and Video production, create a space for progressive and revolutionary media workers.
- Consistently communicate and inform activists and the community through analysis and perspectives based on the interests needs of the oppressed people within the borders of the beast (United States) and the world.

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