



# Valencia County Literacy Council

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## Noche De Estrellas FUNdraiser

The Valencia County Literacy Council (VCLC) needs your help--we need for you to come have FUN!

We are holding our *Noche de Estrellas* Talent Night and Chocolate Buffet on November 20 from 7:00 to 9:30 at Calvary Chapel in Belen. In addition to a wonderful night of performances, MC'd by Belen Mayor Ronnie Torres, ticket holders receive an unlimited pass to our chocolate bar. Tickets are only \$15 and are available

at MyBank in Los Lunas, Belen, and Rio Communities or by calling 925-8926. (Children 12 and under are \$5, with children 2 and under free.) We will hold a Silent and Live Auction at the event as well, with original work by Jim Vaughn, Deb and Greg Schwirtz, and many others.

Last year, VCLC served 240 Valencia County residents with Volunteer Tutoring services with the help of 47 dedicated volunteer Tutors. We

served 122 children and 60 adults in Family Literacy, and BOOK Readers read to 397 children in local low-income medical clinics. VCLC also gave 2,119 books to the clinics to give out to families that may have few or no books at home.

The *Noche de Estrellas* is an always surprising, always fun family event. Don't miss it! Call today for tickets at 925-8926 or go into your nearest MyBank office.

## Noche de Estrellas

Talent Night and Chocolate Buffet



**November 20**

**7:00 to 9:30 p.m.**

**Calvary Chapel of the Rio Grande Valley  
19381 N. Hwy 314 in Belen**

**MC: Belen Mayor Ronnie Torres**

**Tickets only \$15**

**Available at MyBank**

**in Belen at 19339 Hwy 314,  
in Los Lunas at 2199 Main St.  
or in Rio Communities at  
394 Rio Communities Blvd.,  
or call 925-8926**



**Dominique Martinez, opening act of the  
2009 Noche De Estrellas Talent Night**

## VCLC Tutor Wins Governor's Distinguished Public Service Award

Congratulations to Bunny Guenther, a VCLC Tutor and office volunteer, who has been chosen for the Governor's Distinguished Public Service Award for 2009!

After many years with the U.S. State Department working overseas in Nepal, India, Europe, Canada, and China, Bunny settled down with her husband in Valencia County in 1978. "I had

been working since I was 7," Bunny says, "and I had nothing to do, so I began looking around." She studied substance abuse counseling at UNM and had a second career as well as volunteering with recovering individuals. She also volunteered for the Belen Senior Center, Our Lady of Belen church, the Center for Ageless Living, and many other places. Thank you, Bunny!



## El Cerro Mission Preschool Families Visit County Commission



On September 2, 2009, the Parents Council at the preschool went to thank the Valencia County Commission for use of the El Cerro Mission Community Center. The Parent Council also raised over \$1200 for the preschool this year, visited the Explora Science Museum with their children, set rules for the preschool, and attended a YDI parenting class.

## Poetry by Lun Flock, Volunteer Tutoring Student

### Lotus

Lotus are fragrant and beautiful—  
leaf green—lotus two colors, white  
and pink. Lotus nuts eat very good.  
Petals lotus tea are fragrant.  
Vietnamese and Chinese people like  
lotus. They buy lotus flowers for  
Buddha. Viet Nam has many many  
flowers. I like lotus. Flowers—  
bulb and nuts. Lotus food Viet  
Nam very good.

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## VCLC Receives \$3,809 from New Mexico Educator's Credit Union

Imagine my surprise this summer--I received a call from Hena Torres that the New Mexico Educator's Federal Credit Union had a check for the Valencia County Literacy Council (VCLC). When I arrived at our local branch, I discovered the check was for \$3,809 to buy books for Valencia County children. Credit Union members had chosen VCLC this year to receive contributions. A thousand thanks to NMEFCU members from all of us at VCLC! We received another donation of \$100 from Fred Carabajal of the Valencia County Chamber of Commerce and may now be able to receive matching funds from the national Reach Out and Read agency. --Jill A.Oglesby, VCLC Executive Director



**From left, Hena Torres from NMEFCU, Jill Oglesby, VCLC Director, and Judy Sandoval, Valencia NMEFCU Manager.**

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