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## **RIO GRANDE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER**



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### *Message from the President*



#### *Capt Andrew Gmytrasiewicz Rio Grande Chapter President*

Rio Grande Chapter, I hope all of you are doing great. The past three months were filled with outstanding luncheons with the highlight being our regional PDI.

In January our luncheon focused on internal controls. Mr Brad Steward with Pulakos & Alongi, LTD, came in and put on quite a show and provided a lot of great information for all of us. We had 30 strong show up at Bldg 201. Thanks to Mr Jacob Lund for organizing the event.

We also announced our Rio Grande Chapter annual award winners in January. The winners were:

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Congratulations to our winners and nominees. We had many outstanding award write-ups, so I know the awards committee had a tough time picking our winners. Speaking of that, I'd like to thank our Awards Chair, Ms Lyn Kirkwood and the members of the awards committee, Bobby Lue, AFRL/DEF, Sonja Jeung, HEL JTO, and Donald Takehara, AFAA, for taking the time to help us out.

In February, 30 members from the Rio Grande Chapter attended the regional PDI in Las Cruces. Everyone who attended raved about all the informative and educational classes this year. In addition, it was a great opportunity for our chapter to meet and make contacts with other folks who work in our profession. Thanks to Mr Rick DeMello and Ms Cheryl Valdez for organizing the event. I know there were a lot more folks behind the scenes who chipped in to make the event a success. Thanks to all of you!

In March, we had Mr Jason Deshayes with Pulakos & Alongi, LTD, come in to talk to us about taxes. It was a great presentation and I think all of us who attended definitely learned something new. We had an attendance of 27 for the event. Thanks to Mr Tom Puga for organizing the meeting.

We also announced our scholarship winners in March. Our two continuing education winners were Ms Dolores Lineback and Ms Dalila Gutierrez. Our high school winners were Mr Art Chacon and Mr Phillip Cruz. Congratulations to all and good luck in your studies!

Now that it's getting warmer, we have started our Isotopes schedule. I encourage you to volunteer for a game or two. It's fun and you are helping to earn dollars for our chapter. Everything we earn supports our scholarship program which educates our members and young folks. In addition, we support many programs in the community such as Zia Kids and Make-a-Wish foundation. Please support this fundraiser.

Please monitor your email as we will keep you updated on our upcoming luncheons and fundraisers.

I hope some of you get to make your way to the National PDI in Kansas City. Like every year, it should be a great event.

Before I wrap up, I want to thank all of you for supporting the Rio Grande Chapter. I encourage you all to stay engaged and help us continue to grow as a professional organization and a difference maker for our local community. On behalf of the ASMC executive board we wish you all the best in the upcoming months. Please continue to keep our troops in your prayers! Take care and God Bless!

## Scholarships

### **Congratulations to the following winners!**

#### **High School category:**

**Mr. Art L. Chacon** is a high school senior at Manzano High School here in Albuquerque. He plans to attend University of New Mexico where he will major in Business Administration. He is also interested in obtaining a masters or even PhD. in Business Administration. Art has proven his leadership potential by being Student Body President, Key Club Vice-President, Chamber of Commerce project group secretary, Junior Class Student Council Representative, Junior Class Secretary, Junior Class Advisor Board, Sophomore Class President, Sophomore Advisory Board, Sophomore Student Council Representative, Freshman Class Vice-President, Freshman Advisory Board, and Freshman Student Council Representative. He was a member of the Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce Youth Leadership Program Class of 2006, a Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce Curriculum Committee Board member 2006 – 2007, National Association of Student Councils, Key Club Member, Student Council, Job Mentorship Program, United States Senate Youth Program Recipient 2006, West Point Military Academy Leadership Award Finalist, Boys State 2006 Delegate, Boys Nation 2006 Delegate, and chosen to shadow Albuquerque's Mayor on Government Day. Art has volunteered with the Albuquerque Rescue Mission, Adopting a family through St. Martin's Hospitality Center, Big Brothers Big Sisters Program, Albuquerque Store House, Homecoming Court 2006 member, and has also held various part time jobs throughout high school. Art seems to be a very conscientious student and will do well in college. He has proven that while having a very busy schedule, he has been able to manage his time by staying focused.

**Mr. Phillip R. Cruz** is a high school senior at Tatum High School in Tatum, New Mexico. He plans on attending Texas Tech University where he will major in Business Administration. He is a 4 Year Letterman Football, 4 Year Letterman Basketball, 3 Year Letterman Track, 2006 NM State FFA Finalist (Dairy Foods), 2006 & 2005 NM State FFA 2<sup>nd</sup> High Team (Dairy Foods), 2006 & 2005 NM District FFA High Individual (Dairy Foods), FFA for 5 Years, 2006 NM District FFA 1<sup>st</sup> High Team (Land and Home site), 2006 NM FFA (Carrizozo Invitational) High Individual (Dairy Foods), 2006 NM FFA (Lovington Invitational) 3<sup>rd</sup> High Team (Land & Home site), WERC (Environmental Design Team), National Honor Society, Yearbook Staff, English Award 2006, and History Award 2003. He has volunteered in the Saddles to Satellites Documentary which he worked with film crew to make a documentary about the history and future of Tatum, NM; Meals to You program – helped with fundraisers to provide hot meals for Tatum shut-ins and elderly; Toys for Tots; Tatum Rural Revitalization – helped with various activities to encourage rejuvenation; Festival of Wreaths and Battle of the Border Tournament – helped set up building for local rural revitalization program; Tatum Spring Fling – helped to coordinate project. and Tatum Elementary track meet – volunteered at elementary track meet by running off field events and organization athletes. Phillip has proven to be a top student and will do well in college.

## Scholarships Cont.

### **Continuing Education Category:**

**Ms. Dalila Gutierrez** is employed at the Air Force Research Laboratory/Directed Energy Directorate/Financial Management Department. She has demonstrated a strong work ethic and willingness to learn. She attends UNM fulltime and works 26+ hours per week. Her production at work is outstanding. She has excelled in her studies and proven to have a high level of analytical skills. Her performance demonstrates that she is fully committed to achieving academic excellence and that she possesses exceptional drive and self motivation and has a strong sense of responsibility. She is a quick study and always volunteers to help others. Ms. Gutierrez's customer service is outstanding and will serve her well in her pursuit of a career in government financial management. She exhibits a truly positive attitude toward both her education and career goals. Dalila exhibits the ability to make tough decisions. She is also an excellent researcher and has often been called upon to find regulatory guidance in today's maze of regulations. She responds quickly and with accurate information at all times. Ms. Gutierrez was nominated to receive AFRL/DE STEP 2005 employee of the year. In 2006, she also excelled and has taken more and more job responsibilities with minimum supervision. Ms. Gutierrez's willingness to help is exhibited in her strong volunteerism at work and for ASMC. Whenever needed, Dalila has assisted in running the Rio Grande ASMC luncheon program. Dalila also served as AFRL/DE ASMC Vice President during 2006. Her efforts were outstanding in coordinating DE staff participation in ASMC events.

**Ms. Dolores Lineback** is employed at the Department of Energy/NNSA but located at Sandia National Laboratory. She has demonstrated outstanding scholastic achievements and leadership ability. She has also participated in many extracurricular activities. Further, she has established career and academic goals to achieve professional and personal development at her own expense in spite of financial hardship. She earned her undergraduate degree in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix. She is currently working on a Masters degree in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix. Her goal is to graduate with honors. She realizes completing her degree will assist her in achieving career progression and personal growth. Dolores is a determined individual. She is an outstanding employee and has demonstrated keen leadership during her tenure with the NNSA/Department of Energy. She has chaired and led significant studies producing results for the NNSA/DOE Manager; performed as Project Controls Officer managing multi-million dollar projects; and managed key programs successfully. Dolores is a tireless worker who is willing to take on new challenges in support of achieving organizational goals. She has also participated in many extracurricular activities.

## Scholarships Cont.

She has received numerous awards for exceptional performance and leadership skills. She happily accepted the challenge and has completed full requirements at the Defense Acquisition University qualifying her for a level II contract warrant. Her leadership qualities have been demonstrated both in her ASMC activities and in her community involvement. Dolores was a loaned executive to Albuquerque's United Way Campaign for three months performing campaign marketing and accounting activities. She has also volunteered her time and leadership skills to Logan Elementary PTA raising thousands of dollars. The resources raised allowed the school to procure playground equipment. She also volunteers her time at the Roadrunner Food Bank and Explora Children's Science Museum.

## Fundraising

Ms. TeNesha Hall will forward the Isotopes schedule again for volunteers to sign up. The next Isotope game ASMC is scheduled to volunteer is 22 April. Ms. Hall also announced there are not enough people volunteering. The Isotopes' require ASMC to participate in a minimum of 20 games this season. This is a change from last year when the Isotopes only required a minimum of 10 games. ASMC signed up for 22 games and a minimum of 12 volunteers are needed for each game. We are asking that each member sign up for 2 games (or more if you like!) Please volunteer!

## Upcoming Board Meetings & Luncheons

**03 May** – ASMC Board Meeting, Kirtland Lanes, 1130-1230

**10 May** – Bowling, Kirtland Lanes



Time: 1100 – 1300

POC: Alan Mills/Cheryl Valdez

**29 May** – 2 Jun – National PDI, Kansas City

**07 Jun** – ASMC Board Meeting, Kirtland Lanes, 1130-1230

**21 Jun** – ASMC Lunch, Mountain View Club, 1100-1300

## Community Service

We are looking for volunteers for the VA Hospital, once a week for 1-2 hours. Please contact Ruby Ann Alforque at 3-4286 if you are interested.

## CDFM

ASMC congratulates all from the Rio Grande Chapter who have passed their required CDFM exams.

Lenore D Aragon

Lynn M Black

Manuel G Chacon

Richard A DeMello, CDFM-A

Andrew L Detrick

David M DiSanti

Charlene M Dutchman

James M Fausey

Andrew L Gmytrasiewicz

Larry P Gonzales

Nancy C Lingo

Alexandria J Martinez

Bradley W McDonald

Barbara L Moore

Lucretia Renee Richards

Jerome Joseph Thompson, CDFM-A

Kathleen M Wright

Congratulations to Mr. Rick DeMello and Mr. Jerry Thompson for obtaining their CDFM-A (Module 4 - Acquisition) during the Regional PDI in Las Cruces. Well Done!!

**ASMC National PDI 2007  
Kansas City  
May 29- June 1, 2007**

The **National Professional Development Institute (PDI)** is a premier training event for resource managers in the Department of Defense and US Coast Guard. Each year, more than 3300 attendees converge for a four day event, which includes a full day of service activities, seven general sessions, more than seventy workshops, and many special events.

**The Professional Development Institute**

The PDI program objective is to enhance skills and abilities that personnel in the financial and resource management community must possess to meet the challenges of working in the 21st century. The PDI focus is on education and training, with more than 20 hours of educational sessions and speakers, and the ability to earn up to 26 CPE. These sessions will provide updates to emerging issues and help you transform today for tomorrow's success. Explore trends, develop tactics to tackle your organization's challenges, learn how to master the impossible, and create new ways to think about the future.

**PDI Workshop Planning**

Planning the program for PDI begins in July each year with a critique of the recently conducted PDI. The program is finalized by January so registration may begin. Workshop suggestions for PDI 2007 are no longer being accepted.

**DOD event approval**

The Department does not provide blanket approval or endorsement for attendance by DoD employees at training events. Individual DoD component commands or organizations are responsible for approving attendance of its DoD employees based on mission requirements and consistency with law, regulation and policy

**Become a Volunteer at PDI 2007!!**

Ever wonder what it would be like to work behind the scenes at a National PDI? Here is your chance! We will be taking applications for volunteers to serve as Assistant Instructors (AIs) at PDI 2007.

AI responsibilities include:

- Liaison with speaker for workshop and other PDI needs prior to the PDI
- Attend AI training conference call (date TBD) and volunteer training at PDI (Tuesday afternoon)
- Assist in speaker ready room as needed
- Introduction of speaker(s) at PDI
- Ensure workshop flows smoothly (problem solving, timeliness, chart flipping)
- Collect critiques
- Follow up with any issues after the PDI

To apply for this position contact Jennifer Sizemore at 816-926-5231.

**Committee Chairpersons:**

**Awards**

Lyn Kirkwood

**CDFM Certification**

Jacob Lund

**Community Service**

SSgt Rubyann Alforque

**Five Star**

Cheryl Valdez

**Fund Raising**

Tenesha Hall

**Luncheons/Programs**

VPs

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Leona Gallegos

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Lucinda Lopez

**National PDI Booth**

James West

Tom Dooley

**Publicity**

Lucinda Lopez

**Regional PDI**

Rick DeMello

**Scholarship**

Angela Martinez

**Web Master**

Steve Hogan

Esther Archuleta

**Zia Kids**

The Rio Grande Chapter has held many activities throughout the year to support the Zia Kids. The Zia Kids are children who attend a local elementary school and whose parents aren't on welfare, but are barely scraping by. They often lived in motels, low-grade apartments or even on the streets. The counselor at the school identifies families who are in need of assistance. Our donations are given to the Zia Kids coordinator who then takes the items to the counselor. The kids and their families then receive the needed items.

In March our chapter sponsored a drive to collect under wear, socks, hair brushes, hair clips, toiletries, and other basis necessities for the Zia Kids. At our March luncheon, members brought in everything from socks to lip balm, shampoo to under wear. Some members donated money which was used to purchase needed items. In addition to the items donated at the luncheon, the members of the board voted to allocate \$150 from the chapter to this community service project. All of the items purchased and donated for the Zia Kids were greatly appreciated!

**ASMC Membership**

ASMC Rio Grande Chapter members may contact Leona Gallegos for new member registration and information or to update current member information. She can be reached by email at [leona.gallegos@kirtland.af.mil](mailto:leona.gallegos@kirtland.af.mil) or by phone (505) 853-3384.

**Future PDIs**

2008 - Orlando, Florida

2009 - San Antonio, Texas

2010 - Nashville, Tennessee



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Mr. Steve Hogan and his company, Terradigm, paid for the yearly fee for the domain host and the domain name for the Rio Grande Chapter.  
Thanks Steve!