



CALENDAR OF EVENTS – OCTOBER 2003 LATIN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

LATIN FEVER

The Latin American Association presents Latin Fever, its 15th annual gala. This year's theme is "A Night in Old Havana," a look into a glamorous and bohemian era. Be part of the 15th Annual Latin Fever Ball, a fundraising event which supports the LAA in offering social services to over 60,000 Latinos a year in its four metro Atlanta locations. Latin Fever is a formal event that will take place on October 25, 2003, from 7PM to 2 AM, at the Grand Hyatt hotel in Buckhead. Long sleeve *guayaberas* are welcome. For more information, please call 404-638-1815 or visit www.latinamericanassoc.org.

FESTIVAL LATINO (LATINO FESTIVAL)

The Latin American Association invites the public to its first annual *Festival Latino* to celebrate *Hispanic Heritage month*. The festival will take place on Saturday, October 4, 2003, from 10 AM to 3 PM at the LAA's main office located at 2750 Buford Highway in Atlanta, GA 30324. The festival will offer an opportunity to enjoy live entertainment and learn about different services offered by the Latin American Association. It will be a great opportunity to experience Latino culture with the entire family. Activities will include broadcast from a local Latino radio station, live bands and dance exhibitions, telecasts of soccer games, and food sampling from different restaurants. For children, there will be a complete program including games, videos in Spanish, clowns, storytellers and raffles. For more information, please call (404) 638-1800. Admission: Free.

LAA PRESENTS GUATEMALAN ART EXHIBITION

The Latin American Association is showcasing, for the first time in Atlanta, an exhibit of art by the famous Guatemalan painter David Ordóñez Lacayo. The exhibit will be open to the public Monday through Thursday, from 9:00AM to 8:00PM, and Fridays from 9:00AM to 5:00PM, until October 15, 2003. Admission: Free.

CELEBRATING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

The Latin American Association celebrates the Hispanic Heritage Month in the Gwinnett office every week in October, Monday through Saturday, from 8:00AM to 9:30 PM, and Sunday October 5th from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM. Visit the Gwinnett office, located at 134 S. Clayton Street, Suite 29, Lawrenceville, GA 30045. For more information, please call 770-339-4335. Admission: Free.

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LAA PRESENTS MAJOR LATINO ART EXHIBITION

The Latin American Association is showcasing the Latino Art Exhibition in collaboration with Coral Gables International Art Center. The exhibit will be open to the public Monday through Thursday, from 9:00AM to 8:00PM, and Fridays from 9:00AM to 5:00PM, until November 14, 2003.

The purpose of this art exhibition is to promote Latin American art in Georgia through the paintings of twenty-nine (29) Latin American artists. The event allows visitors to appreciate paintings from renowned artists such as Dominican Dionisio Blanco; Cubans Cesar Bermudez, Carmen Portela, and Orlando Acosta; Mexicans Federico Lepe and Hector Armendariz; Bolivian Rodolfo Saavedra; Ecuadorian Catalina Proaño; Colombian Marlene Pombo and Argentineans Amalia and Lucrecia Montangero, among others. The exhibition is located at the main office of the Latin American Association at 2750 Buford Highway, Atlanta GA 30324. For more information, please call 404-638-1800. Admission: Free.

IMMIGRATION LAW CONSULTATION)

Every Tuesday, an immigration attorney from the Latin American Association offers legal consultation from 9AM to 3PM at the LAA's satellite office in Gwinnett. This office is located at 134 S. Clayton Street, Suite 29, Lawrenceville, GA 30045. For more information, please call 770-339-4335. Every Monday and Tuesday, the satellite office in Clayton offers immigration law consultations from 9AM to 12PM. The Clayton office is located at: 526 Forest Parkway, Suite B, Forest Park, GA 30297. For more information, please call 404-968-0100.



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EMPLOYMENT SEMINAR (every Tuesday, Thursday & Friday)

Learn how to have a successful job interview, fill out an application, and handle job transitions. This job seminar will be offered in Spanish, every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 AM to 11AM at the Latin American Association, located at 2750 Buford Highway, Atlanta, GA 30324. Please call 404-638-1837 for an appointment. COST: Free.

FAMILY LAW CONSULTATION (every Thursday & Friday)

A family law attorney will be assisting new clients by phone with family law cases including: domestic violence, birth certificate errors, child support and custody issues, and divorces. These services are offered at the Latin American Association's satellite office in Clayton located at 526 Forest Parkway, Suite B, Forest Park, GA 30297. For a free phone consultation, please call on Thursday and Friday from 9:30AM until noon 404-968-0100. COST: Free.

LEGAL ADVICE (every Friday)

The Latin American Association provides free legal advice every Friday from 1PM to 3PM at the Gwinnett satellite office located at: 134 S. Clayton Street, Suite 29, Lawrenceville, GA 30045. For more information, please call 770-339-4335. COST: Free.

ACTIVITIES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS (Every Friday in October)

The Latin American Association will offer exercise classes for seniors, from 11:30 AM to 12:30PM. Also, Mireya Montalvo, a representative from the Cooperative Extension Service of the University of Georgia, will present a nutrition seminar on Friday, October 17 and 31, from 10AM to 11:30AM. Every Friday the LAA will hold bingo and domino games. These activities will be offered at the Latin American Association's main office located at 2750 Buford Highway, Atlanta, GA 30324. An appointment is not required. For more information, please call (404) 638-1813. COST: Free.

ENGLISH CLASS ORIENTATIONS (October)

The Latin American Association will offer orientations for the English classes in October. This orientation is required to enroll in the classes and will be offered at different locations according to the following schedule:

Clayton office: October 27 at 6PM, located at 256 Forest Parkway, Suite B, Forest Park, GA 30297.

Main office: October 20 and 21 at 11AM and 6PM. Main Office located at 2750 Buford Highway, Atlanta, GA 30324.

Cobb office: October 21 at 6PM. Office located at 737 Roswell St., Ste 203, Marietta, GA 30060.

Gwinnett office: October 27 at 10 AM and 5:30PM and Registration on October 28 and 30 from 10AM to 1 PM. The Gwinnett office is located at: 134 S. Clayton Street, Suite 29, Lawrenceville, GA 30045.

The orientation is free; however, the price for the 5-week term is \$20, excluding the cost of the books. For more information, please call 404-638-1800.

SPANISH CLASSES (Monday, October 27)

The Latin American Association begins its new session of Spanish classes on Monday, October 27. New students must register before this date. The classes will be held during evening hours at the Latin American Association's main office located at 2750 Buford Hwy. Atlanta, GA 30324. For more information, please call 404-638-1800 or visit our website at www.latinamericanassoc.org

ASSISTANCE TO FAMILIES (Wednesday, October 8 & 22)

DFCS (Department of Family and Children Services) will provide information regarding the following services: food stamps, Medicaid, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. There will also be counseling for domestic violence cases. These services will be offered on Wednesday, October 8 and 22. An appointment is required from 9AM to 1PM and walk-ins are welcome from 1:30PM to 4PM at the Latin American Association at 2750 Buford Highway, Atlanta, GA 30324. For more information, please call 404-638-1839. COST: Free



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SERVICES OFFERED BY SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION (Thursday, October 9)

Social Security Administration representatives will offer services on Thursday, October 9, at the Latin American Association located at 2750 Buford Highway, Atlanta, GA 30324. An appointment is required from 9AM to 11:30AM and walk-ins are welcome from 12PM to 4PM. For more information, please call 404-638-1839. COST: Free.

COMPUTER CLASSES (Monday, September 29 to October 14)

The Latin American Association offers a computer class in Spanish that includes the following: an introduction to Windows, Word, Excel, Internet, E-mail, and basic computer information. On September 29, a daytime class will be offered from 10AM to 12:30PM. Enrollment is required before the first day of classes. This course will be offered at the Latin American Association: 2750 Buford Highway, Atlanta, GA 30324. For more information, please call (404) 638-1823. COST: \$125.

HOW TO BECOME A HOMEOWNER (Saturday, October 18)

The Latin American Association will offer a seminar in Spanish on the steps to home ownership. This seminar will be offered on Saturday, October 18, from 10AM to 4PM, at the LAA's main office at 2750 Buford Highway, Atlanta, GA 30324. No appointment is required. For more information, please call (404) 638-0393. COST: Free.

LEGAL COUNSELING (Thursday, October 23)

The Latin American Association will offer legal counseling on consumer and landlord/tenant issues on Thursday, October 23, from 10AM to 1:30PM at the LAA's main office at 2750 Buford Highway, Atlanta, GA 30324. An appointment is required. For more information, please call (404) 638-1839. COST: Free.

McDonald's RECRUITMENT DAY (Saturday, October 18)

The Latin American Association's satellite office in Clayton, will host its McDonald's Recruitment Day on Saturday, October 18 from 10 AM to 3PM. The Clayton office is located at 526 Forest Parkway, Suite B Forest Park, GA 30297. For more information, please call 404-968-0100. COST: Free.

HOW TO START YOUR OWN BUSINESS (Saturday, October 25)

The Latin American Association will offer a seminar in Spanish on how to start your own new business. This seminar will be offered on Saturday, October 25, from 10AM to 2PM, at the LAA's Gwinnett office at 134 S. Clayton Street, Suite 29, Lawrenceville, GA 30045. For more information, please call 770-339-4335.

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