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Community Resident



## 10 Questions. WE CATCH UP WITH THE CHAIRMAN AND SEE WHO HE'S BEEN DIRECTING.

**Are you still Chairman of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Lake County?**

That's a mouthful but No, I am not.

**What have you been occupying your time with?**

Well, I have taken time off from working with the chambers around the area and spending more time getting to know the Hispanic community around Lake County and conversing with them.

**About what?**

About stuff.

**Oohhh, sounds secretive, can you clue me in?**

I can, but then I would have to kill you. Just kidding, it's not that serious. I have found that many business owners, community activists and residents of our community have very similar concerns and similar thoughts in mind about what they envision the

community to be, it's really quite harmonic.

**I see. What would you say is the common theme in all these conversation you have had?**

Unity

**Would you agree with that assessment?**

Yes

**Can you explain?**

Sure. Recently the 2010 census was conducted and completed. Now I haven't crunched all the numbers yet but I did see that the percentage change of the Latino population in the State of Illinois grew by 32.5%. I have yet to see how Lake County was affected. It would interest me greatly to see Mundelein, Round Lake, Waukegan, Highwood and their numbers but I can't seem to figure out how to filter the FactFinder at the census.gov website.

**You will soon enough.**

I hope so; I am not getting any younger.

**What are you planning to do with the information you find?**

It's funny you ask that. I am in the process of helping organize a Dinner in the month of October during Hispanic heritage month and talk about these exact statistics.

**How boring, you think anyone will stay awake?**

Yes, it's not just numbers, there will be networking and entertainment.

**Any special speaker?**

We are working on it, still debating to keep it a surprise on put it print to advertise the event. You just have to wait and see.

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