

# LA SEMANA NEWSLETTER

## TUESDAY, JULY 31, 2007

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**Newsletters:** Newsletters will be posted on the La Semana website ([www.lasemana.org](http://www.lasemana.org)).

**Office Phone Number:** Please give the office number (952-469-6464) to speakers. Within the building the extension is 6464. If your child will not be attending camp, please call the office.

**Lost and Found:** There is a table of found items from this and past years outside the office. Please check for your lost items before the end of camp, when all remaining will be donated to Good Will.

**Fiesta:** The Fiesta will be at Lakeville High School South on Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6 p.m. Please **see today's special flyer** for more Fiesta information, including directions to Lakeville High, information about 2006 DVD returns and 2007 DVD purchase, etc.

**Fiesta Costumes Update:** The pre-camp letter said that 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls and several 4<sup>th</sup> grade girls need a white blouse. The **white blouse** is our usual peasant blouse with puffy sleeves and a ruffle around the neck. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls who are doing the Cueca (the new dance with the red skirt and jacket) need **black shoes** (preferably with a strap and small heel). The 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls will also need a **tee-shirt** to wear under the jacket. If you have any questions, please call Mona Bergman Dewane, costume coordinator, at 952-925-3989.

**Market Day:** Wednesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. There will be a variety of vendors selling items for both kids and adults, including crafts, clothing, greeting cards, books, musical instruments, CDs and adoption-related items. Tamales and pupusas will be for sale in the cafeteria starting at 11:00. Campers will have opportunities during the day to see and buy the merchandise and there will be a number of inexpensive items for younger campers to purchase. Please remember to **send money with your child** if you will not be with them.

**Silent Auction:** The teen mural, facilitated by Ecuadorian artist Victor Yopez, will be sold via a silent auction. Bidding begins at \$50.00. Come to the camp office to place your bid!

**Amigos:** The junior high campers are enjoying an exciting week of camp. This includes a trip to Valley Fair; packing food at Feed My Starving Children; an interactive presentation on world drum music; Camp St. Croix, a YMCA challenge course; and a program on gender stereotypes with Children's Home Society.

**PLAC Dance Troupe:** The PLAC-sponsored Dance Troupe is open to boys and girls in grades three through high school. Each age group learns a traditional Latin American dance. Groups meet approximately three Sundays a month from January through April. The troupe performs their dances at the Festival of Nations at the Excel Energy Center in St. Paul, usually in early May. Questions? Contact Sheri Ahl (phone: 612-827-3831, email: [ahlhaugen@comcast.net](mailto:ahlhaugen@comcast.net)).

**Teen Service Project:** This year's service project benefits the Tadeo Torres Orphanage in Cuenca, Ecuador. Our Teen Camp goal is to raise \$4,000 for the orphanage through a Market Day bake sale, a 50/50 raffle, a silent auction, selling bracelets, face painting, fingernail painting and sports "competitions" (available during recess for a suggested donation of \$3.00 or more).

**Latin American Picnic:** Come to the PLAC picnic, Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup> from 11:30-3:30 p.m. at Tartan Park in Lake Elmo (directions on the website). Music by Leo and Kathy Lara. Petting zoo, jumper, Latin American treats and vendors. Special guests: Agatha from Cali and soccer player, Rodrigo Hidalgo (from noon-1:30). Fee of \$20.00 per family. Please sign up in the office; make checks payable to PLAC.

**Shoes Needed!** If anyone is willing to lend a pair of black, girls shoes, size 3 1/2 – 4, for the Fiesta, please leave them in the office for Anna Ohlrogge.

**Ideas for 2008?** Help plan next year's La Semana! There are many parts of camp that could use your time, talent and energy. People who take on leadership roles receive discounts on registration fees. Many leadership roles can be shared. There will be a sign up sheet on Wednesday in the camp office.