



CASA DE AMIGOS
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THE CASA CALLER

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YOU ARE INVITED

to

Casa de Amigos'

ANNUAL MEETING

St. Andrews Community Center

May 7, 1972 3:00 P.M.

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Casa Director: Marcia Ingram

Everyone who is interested in, or served by Casa, is invited to participate in our Annual Meeting.

Mr. Manuel Carrasco, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, Midland Public Schools, will be the featured speaker. Also featured will be exhibits and demonstrations of some exciting current Casa projects. Arrangements for the meeting are under the direction of Mary Ann Young and her Committee.

Mr. Dick Cope of AVIS RENT-A-CAR has very generously given us the use of an AVIS car for the period of one year. We are most grateful to Mr. Cope! Many children depend on Marcia to get them to Pre-school; others need transportation to a doctor's appointment, to the Welfare office, etc.

The ladies of the CRAFTS GUILD are busy making a variety of crepe paper flowers, the typical colorful paper flowers of Mexico. They will fill special orders and can make flowers to order. Their latest creations are beautiful hand-embroidered peasant blouses, "compesino" shirts, smock-type dresses and long evening skirts. The heavier garments are made of "morta", the traditional homespun of Mexico; the work is lovely and quite colorful. You must see to appreciate!

Perhaps the most interesting project recently begun is the "Ojo de Dios" (Eye of God). These are distinctive wall hangings made of vari-colored yarn woven into a design on crossed sticks, the very center of which is the "Ojo de Dios". We are so grateful to have Gretchen Estes, Sue Mathys, Elsie Dragisic and Dorothy Peterson and Norma He'm helping us in this exciting program. Come join us! Some of the completed articles are on display at the Casa.

Would you believe???? Casa still needs good Rummage, especially children's clothing. We have enlarged our CASA RUMMAGE operation in order to better serve the needs of East and South Midland. Besides being open during the week, we are now open on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Vangie Rodriguez, the former director of Casa, is staffing the rummage room. All of our rummage is sold at 5¢ or 10¢, so that persons retain their dignity yet can have a pair of shoes to wear.

We were fortunate to have a generous donor contribute money to buy tickets for our Jr High girls to see "Hello Dolly!". It was a double treat as Rita Buckley (Dolly) had spoken to the girls on the theatre just a few days before. Midland Community Theatre also has asked our girls to be their guests for the opening of "Lamp at Midnight", the

spoken to the girls on the theatre just a few days before. Midland Community Theatre also has asked our girls to be their guests for the opening of "Lamp at Midnight", the current production, and then for the reception afterwards honoring the author, Barrie Stavis.

Such enthusiasm!! What hard workers! How great to have a friend! These exclamations barely begin to tell the story of our CASA TUTORING PROGRAM. There are 15 enthusiastic teen age tutors working through Casa. Because they translate caring into action, 22 elementary school children have help once or twice a week in coping with school work and have a new friend. It happens at Casa, in the homes of students, and at DeZavala School.

Under the leadership of Kline Boyd, a busy high school senior, our BOYS CLUB has been doing some fun things this year. We appreciate Kline's fine job of handling this responsibility. There is no glory in being a friend to Casa's boys---just lots of satisfaction!

CLEANING COURSE # 5 is now in progress. Mrs. Jean Ward and Mr. Santos Sanchez are the instructors for this session. Mrs. Ward is the official coordinator. Mr. Clarence Rankin, Casa Board Member, is also working with this project.

A DOMESTIC CLEANING SERVICE Pilot Program intended to be a fore-runner of a full-fledged maid service business is in the planning stages.

A friend is someone who is there when you need them; and Casa is trying to be that friend. Who needs Casa?? The young mother, suddenly alone and destitute - the new family in the neighborhood on a very limited budget who discovers that a Caesarean delivery is imminent. Where do you turn?

Casa, with your help and in the name of Christ, tries to reach out -- with groceries, clothing, rent money, concern and love. But the only thing we have enough of is love and concern. If YOU desire to share in this outreach in a more personal way, send your check to Casa, so designated Emergency or Contingency Fund. Our director administers this fund, welcoming your questions and suggestions.

Summer is almost here! Planning is well under way for our SUMMER PROGRAM. We are looking for four adult or college age artists to help teach art to our young people. Also desperately needed is a boy or boys to help with a variety of programs for our boys ages 6 - 13. In the planning stage is our summer pre-school, sewing, grooming, tutoring, swimming and out-of-town program at Carver.

In the planning and discussion stage is a tri-racial "RAP ON RACE" (to borrow from James Baldwin) program aimed for high school and college students. The sessions would be informal and divided into small discussion groups. We would study and discuss topics of general interest, such as Black and Mexican American history, and contemporary involvement pertaining to the various cultures. We are hoping to have a good turnout by the youth of our community.

Are you a "retired" journalism major, or have you always dreamed of writing "The Great American novel"? Wanted to try your hand at short stories but couldn't stand the thought of having your masterpiece returned stamped "rejected"? We know of a job where you will never have a blue pencil put to your work! Casa Caller needs an editor, writer volunteer. Only a few hours bi-monthly or quarterly are asked. Talent is meant to be used. How about it?? Call 682-1761 anytime!!!