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SoCalGas Awards MANA de Imperial Valley \$5,000 Grant

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) a subsidiary of **Sempra Energy**, the nation's largest natural gas distribution utility has awarded MANA de Imperial Valley a \$5000 grant towards a sponsorship of the Young



Latina Leadership Conference. SoCalGas, the primary provider of natural gas to the region of Southern California, has a long tradition of investing volunteer time and financial resources to improve the quality of life in communities where they do business. SoCalGas focuses on funding community partnerships in the following key areas: education, environment and local community support.

We very much appreciate SoCalGas for their generous support of our Young Latina Leadership Conference and we look forward to continuing this partnership for years to come.

Annual Membership Mixer and Drive

Our thanks to all who attended our Annual Member Mixer and Drive at the Holiday Inn Express on January 22nd. Those who attended had an opportunity to network with friends, meet new members, and learn about the upcoming MANA events planned for the year. Maria Peinado, MANA President, introduced the Board officers for the coming year and also recognized Rebecca Terrazas-Baxter for her service as past president.

The evening was a big success with the addition of 21 new members to our MANA membership. Thanks to **Dean Chauhan and Holiday Inn Express** for hosting our event and **SWA** for providing SWA airline ticket for our raffle. Winners of the SWA airline ticket were Rick and Monica Labrada!

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Announcements:

Scholarship Applications

Scholarship applications will be posted in February 2015. Go to www.ivmana.org to download the application. Applications will also be available at local high school counseling centers by March. For information contact Keila Rodriguez, Scholarship Coordinator at 760-457-7535.

You are all invited to attend our monthly MANA meetings

MANA de Imperial Valley Board meets on the first Thursday of the month at 6 pm at the County Administration Building, Second floor Conference Room, 940 West Main St. El Centro.

Special thanks to Holiday Inn Express and Mr. Dean Chauhan for hosting our Annual Membership Mixer.

Upcoming Community Events

March 13	Women, Vino & Art
Feb. 20 – April 23	MANA Scholarship Applications Open
April 17, 2015	Noche de Poesia/Poetry Night
May 7	Member Mixer & Drive
May 7 – June 17	Annual Closet Drive
June 18	Scholarship Recipient Reception
June 22 – Aug. 13	Nominations for Las Primeras
September 3	Las Primeras Media Mixer
September 23	Voter Registration Drive
October 16	Las Primeras Awards Gala & Scholarship Fundraiser
November 2016	Young Latina Conference

Invite your friends to join MANA de Imperial Valley

Dues payable each January
Paypal available at ivmana.org
Regular: \$40
Full-time student/Senior (60+): \$20
Corporate: \$250

Questions, please contact Monica Labrada at lilialabrada@gmail.com

MANA, a National Latina Organization, was founded in 1974 as the Mexican-American Women's National Association. MANA's original intent was to provide a voice for Mexican-American women at the national, state and local levels. The organization has since expanded into a diverse group of Latinas who continue to develop their abilities in political, social and professional fields. MANA empowers Latinas through leadership development, community service and advocacy.



MANA de Imperial Valley donated \$250 to the Drill Team at Imagine School at Imperial Valley in December 2014. The students are looking forward to attending the National Competition in Orlando, Florida in February 2015.

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2015 Annual Membership Mixer at Holiday Inn Express in El Centro

January 22, 2015



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