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HISPANIC AFFAIRS PROJECT

HAP promotes social integration of the immigrant community in western Colorado through leadership development, community organizing, and providing key services

Please join us to honor:

Rick Baer
Beverly Lyne, RN, MSN
Mesa County Libraries Literacy Center

Recipients of the
2015 John Kiernan Award

For their service to the Immigrant and Refugee
Communities of Western Colorado



Outstanding Community Leader



Outstanding Community Advocate

Outstanding Community Organization

Saturday, September 19
5:30-7:30 pm.
Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church
790 26 1/2 Rd. Grand Junction

Ticket \$15.00 - Includes Authentic
Mexican Dinner & Event;
To purchase, please call or e-mail
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The Hispanic Affairs Project invites you and your family to join us for our Anniversary Celebration. We will recognize individuals and organizations that inspire our struggle for social justice.

Beverly Lyne, RN, MSN

Beverly Lyne **co-founded a clinic in Uganda** in 2005 to meet the needs of people displaced by the civil war and provide care to people who had been kidnapped, driven into child slavery, forced into “marriage” and brainwashed into submission. It was there that she first came into contact with human trafficking. More recently, Beverly joined with a handful of Western slope people in 2013 to form what is now the **Western Slope Against Trafficking group**; she has led trainings for health care and service providers and has presented at regional conferences to improve identification of potential trafficking victims. Beverly’s path to nursing included a **BS in Secondary Education**, a **BS in Nursing** and an **MS in Community Health Nursing**. She is currently employed at the Grand Valley Oncology Clinic and continues to work in resource-challenged countries. Her **community health specialization focused on populations in developing countries** – Uganda, Haiti and Nicaragua. Trips have included Northern Nicaragua HIV/AIDS education since 1990, Hurricane Mitch response in Nicaragua where she worked with a Cuban medical team, 2010 Haiti earthquake response and cholera support with *Hôpital Albert Schweitzer* and Save the Children. Time not at working finds her hiking or mountain biking in the back country.

Rick Baer

Rick Baer was born and raised in a working class family in Southwest Colorado. Rick served a four year apprenticeship with the **International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers**. In 1967, Rick married Connie Nielson and they raised two great kids, Gretchen and Charley. He was elected to the office of **Business Manager/Financial Secretary of his local union**, IBEW 969. He also served as Vice President of the **Colorado AFL-CIO** and on the **Council on Industrial Relations in Washington DC** for 5 years. He worked for the **IBEW as a District construction organizing coordinator** until his retirement at age 62 in 2007. After his retirement Rick found enjoyment in volunteerism, including working on several important campaigns. In 2013, Rick was chosen as one of four **“Volunteers of the Year” by the Colorado Democratic Party**. He is the Grand Junction Team Leader of Organizing for Action on their mission to advocate for the Affordable Health Care, Comprehensive Immigration Reform, community service and advocating for legislative action on global climate change.

Mesa County Libraries Literacy Center

The Mesa County Library Literacy Center **provides adult literacy services to both native English speakers and non-English speaking adults** residing in Mesa County, Colorado at no cost to students. It is intended to improve students’ self-sufficiency and to provide opportunities for **broader engagement with the Mesa County community**. Literacy Center programs consist of individual and group instruction in reading, writing, English, citizenship preparation, computer skills and computerized language learning software. The Literacy Center prides itself on partnering with other organizations to honor diversity in our community. Literacy Center staff are active members of the WC Latino Chamber of Commerce and the CMU Cultural Diversity Board, as well as HAP’s Welcoming Colorado committee in **support of immigrant and refugee integration**. The Literacy Center observes **Hispanic Heritage Month** and hosts **Culture Fest**, an event designed to highlight and celebrate Mesa County’s wonderfully diverse community. The Literacy Center was selected as the recipient of **the 2014 Jean Maio Award for Excellence in Adult Literacy** by the Colorado Association of Libraries.

Please send donations in honor of these award recipients to: Hispanic Affairs Project,
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