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## Hispanic Youth Federation Holds Youth Congress »

The Rocky Mountain Conference Hispanic Youth Federation (FEJA) held its annual youth congress at the Embassy Suites Hotel by Hilton in Loveland October 27-29, . More than 200 youth traveled from across the state to attend, 70 more than the previous year.



Pastor Ray Frometa, Youth Director of the Eastern Cuban Conference, flew in from Cuba to give inspirational messages with the theme Jesus---More than a Friend. The youth congress was happy to have the RMC Youth Director Steve Hamilton and his team attend to connect with our youth. Other events on Saturday included a concert by Pastor Frometa and a 50's themed dinner at Adventist Christian School in Greeley.

"I hope the youth left with a commitment to make an effort in their spiritual life," said Frometa. "No matter how weak they feel or what circumstances come their way, my hope is that they will tightly grasp unto Jesus."

Friday, November 17, 2017

"How would your life be different if...You stopped making negative judgmental assumptions about people you encounter? Let today be the day...You look for the good in everyone you meet and respect their journey."

— [Steve Maraboli, Life, the Truth, and Being Free](#)

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According to Edith Garcia, young adult at Rifle Hispanic church, the messages were well-received. "I personally was encouraged to reinforce and refine my faith and spiritual walk. I know that many others walked away encouraged to become leaders in their church."

[Vanessa Rivera; photos by Nancy Quinonez]

**God Works Through »** Director of Peregrine Senior Living, a new home for the elderly, DeAnna visited Glenwood Springs Church early one morning last month and waited for someone to arrive. When Sabbath School director Eli Amaya showed up, she told him she wanted the church to sing hymns and give Bible studies to the people who will live at her nursing home. She had been visiting other churches for that purpose, including her Catholic Church, but none had accepted the invitation.



Eli enthusiastically told her that she could count on Glenwood Springs Church. Then he presented this plan to the other leaders and the pastor. Pastor Balaguer spoke with DeAnna by phone to set up a meeting at her nursing home. Last Saturday, Eli, Pastor Balaguer and his wife went to meet DeAnna and see this new nursing home. Deanna took them on a tour of the two huge buildings (two floors) of the Peregrine Senior Living that had opened its doors the day before. She was very enthusiastic and showed us the chapel where people could gather to do a weekly service every Saturday afternoon. She even showed them a piano.

## Upcoming Events

### **Hispanic Lay Leaders Training (Denver)**

*November 19, 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.*

### **Thanksgiving Eve -- Office Closed Half Day**

*November 21*

### **Thanksgiving Day -- Office Closed**

*November 22*

### **Staff Meeting**

*December 4, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.*

### **Executive Committee**

*December 5, 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.*

### **RMC Property & Trust Committee**

*December 13, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.*

### **GVR Board**

*December 19, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.*

### **Christmas Day -- Office Closed**

*December 25, 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.*

### **New Year's Day -- Office Closed**

*January 1, 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.*



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Then DeAnna asked, "Do you need support with offerings and tithes?" We told her not to worry about that, that our only interest is to fulfill her desire to give spiritual attention to people.

They toured the library and asked if they could donate books and magazines. "Yes!" she responded very excitedly. "Yes!" Glenwood Springs Church is already collecting publications in English and Spanish to place in that library.

The nursing home can accommodate more than 100 people and is luxuriously prepared with all the essential amenities. DeAnna explained that the nursing home is only for very wealthy people and has started with 30 people.

The Glenwood Church is very happy to begin missionary work there and to be the only church that accepted this challenge.

"It is an honor that we can work together in this enormous project for the good of so many who need lots of love," DeAnna said as she expressed her thanks.

We thank God for this opportunity to serve Him in the nursing home where we can take the children and other organized groups to sing and share the message of salvation. We can say with Paul: ". . . a great door for effective work has opened to me..." (1 Cor.16: 9) Praise God for this miracle! "[Ruben Balaguer; photo by Eli Amaya, L-R Pastor Ruben Balaguer, DeAnna Anderson, Myriam Balaguer]"

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### **Boulder Pastors Submit to Brutality by Pie for Fundraising »**

For the second year running, pastors Japhet De Oliveira and Jessyka Alvert agreed to each spend 30 minutes in the pie-throwing booth being repeatedly hit in the face with "pies" (in a nod to economic good sense, merely pie plates filled with Reddi-Wip) at the Vista Ridge Academy Fall Festival.



This popular annual event took place Saturday night, November 11, at the academy gym. Home and School leader Lisa Barton reports that it was a busy night with 402 attendees. The festival raised almost \$7,000, the majority of

expressing our church

life. Every church, every family, every individual has a story to tell. We are inviting pastors and secretaries of churches and institutions within the Rocky Mountain Conference to share with us relevant information – about developments, issues, notable events, as well as experiences of church members.

Please email your story to [nuggets@rmcsda.org](mailto:nuggets@rmcsda.org) so we can share how God is working through His people in your territory. When submitting your story, please include the following: the Ws (who, what, where, when, why...also how), a personal quote, a photo and the name of the photographer.

Please consider time constraints and always send in fresh new stories instead of outdated ones. **Submission deadlines are Wednesdays by noon.**

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which will go to the playground fund, with smaller amounts to be used for student scholarships and classroom supplies.

Lisa says, "We are very excited that we almost doubled the amount of money from the silent auction this year! We love having this fun night that includes our constituent churches, students, families, and community members where everyone can 'let their hair down' and just be together!"



Each month, the school participates in the Safe Schools meeting put on by the Erie Police Department. In an effort to ensure a safe environment at the Fall Festival, Vista Ridge Academy invited the Erie Police Department to have a presence at the event. Two officers were dedicated to the event for the whole evening. "The officers were able to build community with attendees, and were pleasantly surprised at how welcoming and friendly everyone was towards them. They were especially grateful for the food they were provided throughout the evening," reports Marsha Bartulec, VRA vice principal and marketing director.



As expected, the pastors were happy to lend their faces in support of the fundraising goal, despite the mild discomfort they experienced. Or maybe not so mild. Ever wondered how it feels to be hit in the face with a pie? Pastor Japhet says, "You don't want to find out."

[Becky de Oliveira, photos by Rajmund Dabrowski]

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## **Grand Junction Church Campus Makes Headway**

» Construction of the new church and school campus in

Grand Junction is now focused on completing the building project with the child care center deferred until after the first of the year. The present church and school must be vacated by the end of December; the child care has until the end of May 2018.



Exterior work on the school and church building is complete with the exception of decorative stone work. Interior sheetrock, painting, and installation of interior windows, doors, floor covering, lighting, heating, ventilating, and air conditioning is nearing completion and carpet is being installed in school classrooms. Wiring for audio-visual, information technology, security, and the phone systems is in place and equipment installation will begin within a couple of weeks and be completed as funds allow. Final lacquer clear coats are being sprayed on windowsills and overhead glue-laminated beams.



Concrete work for curbs, sidewalks, the LED entrance sign, and asphalt paving of the roads and parking lot will be completed by the end of the month. Landscape storm water drainage and placement of large trees which can survive the winter will also be completed by the end of November.

All remaining construction necessary to obtain Certificate of Occupancy is scheduled to be completed by November 30 which will allow the congregation to move in by the end of December when the present school and church must be vacated.



Local church members continue to volunteer their time, complementing the work of contractors, to lower construction costs.

[Text and photos by Ron Johnson]

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**Greeley Church Holds Cooking Class »** The weekend of November 11 and 12, the Greeley Seventh-day Adventist Church hosted cooking classes/health seminars with Eric Aako. Forty people attended on Saturday night and about 25, on Sunday. The group was a mix of current and past church members as well as visitors from the community.

The Greeley Tribune reported on the event.



"We praise God for this opportunity to share the church's health message with our community," said Rachelle Alves, evangelism leader at Greeley.

[Rachelle Alves; photo by Greeley Tribune]

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## **FAMILY LIFE**

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"The Bible teaches unconditional respect, 'Show proper respect to everyone...Not only to those who are good and considerate....but....harsh. (1 Peter 2:17-18 NIV)"

-- Dr. Emerson Eggerichs from his book *Love and Respect*

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**La Vida Mission »** All new donors not currently in La Vida Mission's database who give to La Vida Mission before December 31, 2017 will have their donation **matched by an anonymous donor**. Donations are tax deductible. To donate, go to <http://lavidamission.org> and click on "donate" or call 505-786-3003. Spread the word!

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**Denver South Church »** The traditional Feast of Lights concert is coming to Denver South Church December 1 at 7 p.m. and December 2 at 4 p.m. For more information, contact Douglas Macomber at 303-744-1271.

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**Mansa Center Mission Trip »** A mission trip to Mansa Christian Education Center in Zambia, Africa, is being planned for June 3 - 25, 2018. The first trip took place in 2014 when the church was erected. The current trip is being planned by Jim Lynch, from "Give Back to Humanity", along with Dr. Pardon Mwansa. Formerly a vice-president for the General Conference, Dr. Mwansa is now vice-chancellor of our SDA Rusangu University in Southern Zambia.

The mission team will continue building the security wall for the school on this return trip to the northern part of Zambia.

On the homeward trip, the team will spend two days at Victoria Falls in Livingstone and visit Chobe National Park across the Zambezi River in Botswana to view big game. Or they can join Kent Kast, Campion's vice-principal for academics, on a trip to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro. Both teams will then meet in Dubai for a day of sightseeing before returning home. For more information on this mission trip, contact Jim Lynch at [407-509-2225](tel:407-509-2225). Above and beyond all the sightseeing and game viewing, what changed them forever was getting to know the African people and seeing the eternal impact of the Mansa Christian Education Center.

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**Lighthouse School »** "For God So Loved the World" is the theme of Lighthouse SDA Christian School's Christmas program to be held at 5:30 pm on December 9 in Fort Morgan. Grades 1-8 students will present an international Christmas musical program which will include guest appearances (pre-recorded video via Facebook) from other Seventh-day Adventist schools around the world! The event will conclude with an international food fair as a school fundraiser.

Grades 1-4 Lighthouse students have sent an invitation to SDA schools around the world through a video they made on their Facebook page. As part of their social studies project, grades 1-4 have reached out to SDA schools around the

world in hopes of creating new friendships and getting answers to their top three questions: What is your country like? How do you celebrate Christmas? What is a typical day like for you?

Lighthouse students will share this information during the Christmas program. "We also hope the schools will make a short video for us to show in our program. We already have a video from the Philippines, but we want more," explains Clara Aakko, grade four.

Can you help? If you have a connection to any international SDA primary/elementary school, please direct them to Lighthouse's facebook page, email them this information, or have them contact [jodieaakko@comcast.net](mailto:jodieaakko@comcast.net). Lighthouse students greatly appreciate your help!

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**Prison Ministries Convention »** The Alliance of Prison Ministry Organizations and Affiliates (APMOA) announces its 26th annual convention on July 25-28, 2018, in Colorado Springs, Colorado. With more than 20 prison ministry and community services workshops available, laypersons and pastors interested in learning the latest professional "best practice" skills and Christ-centered methods won't want to miss this. To receive information about this convention as it becomes available, send an email to [dmcmanus7@live.com](mailto:dmcmanus7@live.com). For more information about APMOA, visit [www.apmoa.com](http://www.apmoa.com).

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--Editor

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