

Our mission is to promote the success of our members by facilitating economic and business development and increasing cultural awareness, while offering a portal to our Latino communities

Western Colorado

**LATINO
CHAMBER**
of Commerce



Helping businesses create business within our community

March Newsletter

Latino Chamber of Commerce upcoming events

April 11th 2018 @4:30 p.m. BusinessAfter Hours
hosted by **Callahan-Edfast Montuary &
Crematory**

May 4th 2018 @5:30 p.m. The whole community is
invited to participate in our annual Cinco Cinco 5k
runathon/walkathon. The first 100 adult racers to
register and pay will receive a commemorative
margarita glass.

Sign up online at www.wclatinochamber.org.
Following the race join us for the CINCO CINCO
party with live Latino Music and drink specials at
Edgewater Brewery.

Note: All proceeds will fund scholarships provided
by the Western Colorado Latino Chamber of
Commerce and the Latin Anglo Alliance.

May 9th 2018 @4:30 p.m BusinessAfter Hours
hosted by **Hummel Real Estate**

Latino Chamber Last Month

Last month, WCLCC celebrated its fifth anniversary at Chez Lena in Western Colorado Community College campus. We wish to thank all our members and people that have helped us serve our community and our local businesses. It has been our pleasure to have served you and we wish to continue our services for many more years to come. If you were unable to attend, we encourage you to come next year, it is a great way to stay connected, without mentioning the outstanding meal provided by Chez Lena.

Our guess speaker this year was Yessica Acosta, a young Latina entrepreneur, who shared with our attendees some valuable experiences she has had throughout her career.



Our Renewing Members

Step Beyond Media
Ballon Plus by Katz
Aflac, Valerie Padilla
Lupita's Fashion

KAFM Radio
Home Care of the Grand Valley
Home Smart Realty Group
Madsen Group at Merrill Lynch
Marillac Health

Our New Members

Valerie Padilla



Hello Latino Chamber Family,

We would like to introduce and welcome Valerie Padilla to the Western Colorado Latino Chamber of Commerce. She is one of our newest chamber members.

Valerie is a Colorado native born and raised in Fruita. She moved to Los Angeles shortly after graduating high school. She has over 25 years of experience in the Healthcare Industry holding positions of Claims Manager, Customer Service Manager as well as working closely with IT as a System Configuration Specialist. She moved back to Fruita in 2016 to be closer with her family after being away for 30 years.

Valerie is now an active Aflac Agent in the Grand Valley! She believes in helping others and loves bringing Aflac into the lives of small business owners! Primarily what she does is reach out to small business owners to learn more about their business and in turn shares how Aflac partners with small businesses to implement work site solutions allowing them to be more competitive in the industry. Unfortunately, small businesses are one accident away from closing their doors. Before that happens, please give her the opportunity to meet with you!

Member Contact: Valerie Padilla, Aflac Agent (323) 327-5169

If you would like to share your business story in our next business newsletter, please contact WCLCC at info@wclatinochamber.org for more information.

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A peek about...

Callahan-Edfast Mortuary was founded in 1910 by T.F. Callahan. First known as the Younker-Callahan Funeral Home, Mr. Callahan bought out his partner in 1914, and retired 30 years in 1944. His son, William J., and daughter, Virginia Stevenson, bought the business and in 1956 joined with Weston Edfast to build a new funeral home near Sherwood Park.

In 1990 Michael W. and Nikki Blackburn bought the business. They built a new facility in 1997 on Patterson Road, where we continue to operate. Mike and Nikki nurtured Callahan-Edfast into the largest funeral facility in Mesa County, and continued the fine tradition of service and attention to quality that has hallmarked the company for almost a century.

Allnutt Funeral Service purchased the business in January 2012 and then sold it to Service Corporation International in August 2017.

The funeral home and crematory staff continues to carry on the 100+ year-old tradition of serving the Grand Junction and surrounding communities.