

**THE HUMAN RIGHTS COALITION OF NORTH CAROLINA (HRCNC)**

*We are proud to announce that Juvencio Rocha Peralta of Greenville has been selected to receive the International Human Rights Award for 2010.*

THANK YOU. We acknowledge with thanks the recent financial contributions from Jim Dixon (Haverford), Mary Kilburn (Raleigh), Coalition for Peace with Justice (Chapel Hill) and People of Faith Against the Death Penalty (Carrboro).

**CALENDAR**

**November 16:** (7:00 p.m.) Panel of Experts on U.S. and International Human Rights. – Campbell University School Of Law, 225 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh. Co-sponsored by North Carolina State University and Campbell University School of Law in celebration of the Constitution of the United States.

**December 3-31:** Display (with handouts) focusing on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Bill of Rights at the following Wake County libraries: Athens Drive, Cameron Village, Cary, East, Eva Perry, Fuquay-Varina, Green Road, North, Richard B. Harrison and Southeast.

**December 9:** (6:30 p.m.) International Human Rights Award Dinner honoring Juvencio Rocha Peralta. NC State University Club (See back of this page).

**December 10:** Human Rights Day

**December 10-16:** Human Rights Week

**December 15:** Bill of Rights Day

**December 15:** (7:00 – 8:15) Joint celebration of anniversaries of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (62<sup>nd</sup>) and of the Bill of Rights (219<sup>th</sup>). Cameron Village Library. « Changing the World : A Close-up Look at Two Human Rights Groups, Amnesty International and Stop Human Trafficking Now”. Moderated by Dr. Dan Figgins. Sponsored by ACLU of North Carolina; Amnesty International, Group 213; Human Rights Coalition of North Carolina; Stop Human Trafficking Now; Wake County chapter, UNA-USA.

**December 18:** 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the adoption by the UN of CEDAW (Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women). 186 nations have ratified. Iran, Nauru, Palau, Somalia, Sudan, Tonga and the United States have not.

## INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD

The Human Rights Coalition of North Carolina is pleased to announce Juvencio Rocha Peralta as the recipient of its 2010 International Human Rights Award.

Juvencio Rocha Peralta was born in Veracruz, Mexico and came to the United States at the age of 16. For the past 20-plus years he has worked to protect and advance the rights of immigrants, especially those from Latin American countries. He has been a board member and leader of many organizations concerned with immigrant issues, some of which are - National Alliance of Latin American and Caribbean Communities (Vice-President), Association of Mexicans of North Carolina (Founder and President), Eastern North Carolina Latino Coalition, (Founder and President), Lenoir County Migrant Education Outreach, Inc. (Board Member), and Southerners for Economic Justice (Board Member). Other activities include service as an advisor to Mexican President Vicente Fox on education and health issues, working with other nations including El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras to improve the quality of life for their citizens at home and in the United States, and helping to organize the annual Mexican and Latin- American Leadership Summit in North Carolina which focuses on the problems and challenges of Latin American immigrants.

Thus it is with great pride that we present this award to Juvencio Rocha Peralta. We invite you to join us in honoring this wonderful person and his work.

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*He will speak on "Migrants Rights Are Human Rights: Building Leadership for Human Rights in Our Communities". Introduction - Dr. Diane Rodriguez-Luterbach.*

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### **Award Dinner**

The award will be presented at a dinner at the NC State University Club, 4200 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh (just east of the State Fair Grounds) on Thursday, December 9th. The Social Hour will begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7:15. Cost is \$35 per person. A cash wine bar will be available.

The dinner will feature chicken marsala, green salad, rice, vegetable, rolls and a dessert. Those who desire a vegetarian dinner should request it at the time they make their reservations.

Please send checks payable to HRCNC to Joyce Scapicchio, 5400 Neuse Forest Road, Raleigh, NC 27616. Advance payment is required and must be received on or before Tuesday, November 30. For additional information, please call Joyce at (919) 876-0501.

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*Best wishes! Cordially, Joyce and Slater*