



From left: Maria Mendez, State Sen. Juan Hinojosa, Cinthia Sajulenzki, Patty Holland-Branch, Cindy Ramos Davidson, Jessy Mendoza and Fernando Gomez

The Texas Association of Mexican American Chambers of Commerce recently named the El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce the best Hispanic chamber in Texas. The award was accepted by the chamber's CEO, Cindy Ramos-Davidson.

In addition, several El Paso businesses were also honored at the association's 34th annual convention Aug. 1 in McAllen.

Ray Hernando of RHO Logistics was recog-

nized as the Hispanic Business Man of the Year; Patty Holland-Branch of Facilities Connection as the Hispanic Business Woman of the Year; and Maria Mendez as the Corporate Hispanic Business Advocate of the Year.

"These businesses are an example that even during difficult economic times, with determination, you continue to achieve new heights," said Alex Jimenez, TAMACC chair, as he congratulated the El Paso businesses.

El Paso Electric

El Paso Electric recently announced that David G.



Carpenter

Carpenter was promoted to the position of chief financial officer, and Rocky Miracle to the position of senior vice president of corporate planning and development.

Carpenter has more than 30 years of experience in the electric utility industry and joined El Paso Electric in 2005. Most recently, he served as vice president of regulatory services, controller and principal financial officer.

He has a bachelor's in Accounting from Texas Tech University and completed the Public Utility Executive Program at the University of Michigan. He is a Certified Public Accountant.

Miracle has more than 30 years of utility experience and most recently served as El Paso Electric's vice president of corporate planning. Before joining El Paso Electric, Miracle served as the director



Miracle

of business operations support for American Electric Power's Texas operations.

He holds a master's in Political Economy from the

MBA from Texas A&M University and a bachelor's in Finance from the University of Texas at Austin.

EPISD promotions

The El Paso Independent School District recently named several new members to the superintendent's leadership team to replace employees who have retired or resigned from the district.

Terri Jordan was promoted to the position of chief of staff. She began her career with EPISD in 1986 as a teacher, and has been an assistant principal and principal at Franklin High School, executive director of technology and information systems, and an assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction.

Joseph Lopez was appointed to the position of associate superintendent of curriculum and instruction. Lopez began his career in the Dallas Independent School District in 1971 and served in Corpus Christi ISD, Rockford Public Schools in Illinois and most recently with Garland ISD. Lopez received his doctor of philosophy at the University of North Texas.

Maria A. Flores was promoted to the position of associate superintendent of the elementary schools division. Flores began her career with EPISD in 1985 as a teacher at White Elementary School. She also taught at Guillen Middle School and has been an assistant principal at Alamo and Alta Vista elementary schools, as well as principal of Hart Elementary

Debra Carden was promoted to the position of assistant superintendent of middle schools. Carden, who came to EPISD in 2008, has been an assistant principal and principal with Santa Fe Public Schools, Socorro Independent School District and Ysleta Independent School District. She has a master's degree in Educational Administration from the University of New Mexico.

Physician recruited

El Paso Cosmetic Surgery recently announced that Frank Agullo is joining the practice.

Agullo is a plastic and reconstructive surgeon. He did his residency in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. He has authored multiple peer-reviewed publications and has given multiple presentations in national and international settings in the areas of cosmetic and reconstructive surgery. He is also experienced in hair transplantation and laser treatments.

Brundage honored

The Society of Certified Insurance Counselors recently



Brundage

recognized James Brundage, of Wells Fargo Insurance Services of Texas, Inc., for his continued participation in the CIC Program. He has participated in the program

activities include overseeing the branch's daily operations and working with businesses and consumers to meet their banking needs. She has 23 years of banking experience, including seven years of direct branch management experience.

For the Cure

The Greater El Paso Tennis Association recently presented a check for \$9,500 to the El Paso affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

The funds were raised at the association's Tennis for the Cure event.

New pastor

Rev. Fred Kandeler was recently appointed interim senior pastor of St. Mark's United Methodist Church for one year.



Kandeler

Kandeler has been an ordained United Methodist minister for 45

years and comes to El Paso from New Braunfels. He spent most of his active service in ordained ministry in the North Texas Conference.

Surcharge reduced

The Public Utility Commission of Texas recently approved El Paso Electric's request to decrease its fuel factor charge, the amount customers pay for fuel used to generate electricity and to purchase power.

The lower charge will be implemented beginning with the August bills. The typical residential customer using 500 kWh per month will see a \$2.50 reduction on their bill.

Kohl's hiring

Kohl's recently announced that it will hold a job fair Sunday-Thursday to fill 150 positions at its new store located at Basset Place.

The department store needs associates for customer service, department service, cash register operation, early morning stocking, truck unloading, housekeeping and evening signage/pricing updates. The new store will open in late September.

For more information and to schedule an interview, call (877)