



# OUR HISPANIC NEIGHBORS



## A Calendar of Hispanic Fiestas

Fiesta time in Hispanic villages and towns begins in the *zocalo* (public square or plaza) at the church. The church and the plaza are decorated with huge amounts of flowers and candles. The people dress in very fancy costumes of many colors. There are fireworks, music and folk dances.

Here are a few of the fiestas that you'll find in some Hispanic countries during the month of July.

La Fiesta del Mar (Sea Festival) is celebrated in Santa Marta, a city on the Atlantic coast of Colombia. There are many kinds of water sports like races and water skiing. There are also street dances. Many different kinds of costumes are worn by the dancers.

6-8— A fiesta is held in honor of St. Elizabeth in the Callejon de Huaylas valley of Peru. Most of the activities center around a naval battle between Peru and Chile in a war fought in 1879 to 1883.



7-15— The Feast of St. Fermin is celebrated by the people of Comitan, a town in the Mexican state of Chiapas. This event is also called the "Festival of Lights." Beautifully decorated candles are placed around the Church of St. Fermin.

16— In Ciudad del Carmen (City of the Virgin of Mount Carmel), a city in the Mex-

ican state of Campeche, a very lively celebration is held each year. This is a very big fiesta. There are fireworks, all kinds of games, bullfights, water sports and a fishing contest.

The Feast of the Virgin of Carmel is celebrated in Cartagena in Colombia, too. There is a beautiful and colorful procession that lasts all day.

The Virgin of Carmel is the patron saint of many villages and towns in Peru. On July 16, rites are held in the fields to purify the earth. The great fairs of southern Peru also begin on this day.

(More next week.)



### WINNIE PALMER

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Teacher for U.S.C. and U.C.L.A., Los Angeles; Demonstrating Librarian; Los Angeles City Book Review Committee and Audio Visuals; Chairperson for Black Biblio Committee, Los Angeles, Los Angeles City Schools Golden Bell Award, 1971, Media Resource Coordinator-1973-1984; Los Angeles City Schools Tutorial Service Award, 1971-1975; Los Angeles City Schools Librarianship Leadership Award for Staff Development-1973, 1974, 1977; Writer and Cultural Research Editor for TV Series "Sixteen Tales" (1977); Wrote the proposal and received a \$10,000.00 Grant for improving the climate in the 3rd and 4th grade classes of Normandie Avenue School, 1979; Wrote the proposal and received a mini grant to pilot a new program for the gifted and talented, 1981; Member of the Library Curriculum Committee on Skills Continuum for L.A. City Schools; Member of the Advisory Committee of U.S.C.'s School of Library Science, 1978-1984; A member of Educare formed for the advancement of the

University of Southern California School of Education; Recipient of the Apple Award, an award given to selected educators for meritorious achievement in the field of teaching. This award is only awarded by the Mayor.

**Church Affiliation:**

Hope Memorial Lutheran Church, Los Angeles and The First Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Las Vegas, Nevada.

**Children's Occupations:**

Donna L. Bodie--Teacher; Patricia J. Eggleston--Attorney; Michelle D. Johnson--Underwriter; Michael J. Palmer--Computer Manager; Gail A. Potts--Teacher; John E. Berry--Teacher. Mrs. Palmer was a resident of Los Angeles, California for 32 years, and a resident of Las Vegas, Nevada for two years.

**Last Words:**

"I'm on my way, do what you can."

**Community Service Awards:**

Los Angeles City Council Meritorious Service Award, 1974; Served as President of Lutheran Women's Missionary League; Treasurer of League, Advisory

Council, Los Angeles Board of Education (Parents) YWCA and NAACP Boards.

**Sororal History:**

Mu Chapter, Chicago-Pledged-1950; Publicity Chairman-1951; Conclave Registration Committee-1954; Beta Theta Chapter, Los Angeles-Sponsored Chapter in 1954; Basileus-1954-1957; Membership Chairman; Dean of Pledges; Parliamentarian; Sororial Courtesy, Chairman; Soror of the Year, 1956, 1963, 1974; Woman of the Year-1970; Dedicated Service Award, 1971; Xinos Advisor; Far Western Region Merit Award; KOT Advisor; and Hypertension/Nutrition Inservice For Teachers.

**Regional and National Service:**

Field Agent, 1965-67; Regional Director, 1967-71; Constitution Committee; Publicity Committee; KOT Revision Committee; Supreme Parliamentarian, 1971, 1977-81; Supreme Tamias, 1973-77; Internal Structure Committee; Resolutions Committee; Conclave Committee-1975; First Anti-Supreme Basileus, 1981-85; National Chairperson of Children's Christmas Project; Local Conclave Chairperson, 1963, Regional Conference.

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