

# RAICES DE MEXICO

## CHRONOLOGY OF ACTIVITIES EXCLUDING PERFORMANCES

- Aug 1980 Ruben Avelar, Political Science Berkeley Graduate starts Ballet Folklorico Juvenil in East Palo Alto
- Fall 1981 Ballet Folklorico Juvenil becomes "RAICES DE MEXICO"
- Dec 1983 Ruben Avelar advises parents a Board of Directors needs to be elected to carry the administrative functions of the Group and apply for incorporation for future funding
- Jan 24, 1984 First Board of Directors elected - President Matias Varela  
Vice President Eustolia Zuniga  
Treasurer Jose Martinez  
Secretary Ma Elena P. Varela
- May 1984 Won second place in Menlo Park March Against Crime Parade
- Aug 22, 1984 Presentation of \$1000.00 donation by Juanita De Masi of the Multi-cultural Arts Council of Redwood City
- Oct 19, 1984 First adult group to break away from Raices (Lupe Gil, Pablo Plancarte, Carmen Mariscal, Elvira Cuevas, Reginald Navarro)
- Nov 14, 1984 Name "Raices De Mexico" endorsed and filed in San Mateo County
- Jan 02, 1985 Name registered with State
- Mar 16/17 1985 First fund raiser - Reno Trip
- Jun 01, 1985 First walk out by dancers resulting in last minute cancellation of performance for Sunnyvale Councilwoman Patricia Castillo party (Martinez/Sylvia, Juan, Mario; Guel/Carmen; Alanis/Edith)
- Jun 19, 1985 Participated in East Palo Alto Juneteenth Celebration by having a booth
- Jul 04, 1985 Participated with La Fortuna Restaurant in 4th of July Independence Day Parade in Redwood City
- Sep 11, 1985 Incorporation granted by State
- Oct 26, 1985 Fund raiser for Mexico City Earthquake victims - Halloween costume party held at Casa Zapata - Stanford University
- Nov 30, 1985 Fund raiser for Mexico City Earthquake victims - general dance held at City of Sunnyvale Community Center
- Feb 1986 First experimental classes for adults and children held at Fair Oaks Community Center - first break from EPA Community
- May 04, 1986 Participated in East Palo Alto Cinco de Mayo - put up a booth
- May 10, 1986 Participated in Menlo Park March Against Crime Parade

Jul 04, 1986 Entered float in Redwood City Independence Day Parade - won \$200 Amateur Division  
 Jan 27, 1987 Received from Arts Council of San Mateo County Regranting Program \$850  
 May 01, 1987 Organized and coordinated with San Mateo County Arts Council and East Palo Alto Senior Center first folklore concert in East Palo Alto  
 May 17, 1987 Had booth at Stanford University International Festival  
 Jun 1987 Second Instructor hired to teach childrens' group - Amalia Carrasco  
 Jul 04, 1987 Participated in Redwood City Independence Day Parade - walking  
 Jul 11/12 '87 Fundraiser - organized Reno trip  
 Aug 16, 1987 Group picnic  
 Sep 26, 1987 Food booth at Redwood City Parks and Recreation 50th Anniversary  
 Feb 16, 1988 Amalia Carrasco informs Board she is resigning end of Spring Session due desire to devote more time to her primary Group Los Lupenos  
 May 31, 1988 Ruben Avelar resigns as Instructor and leaves Raices de Mexico  
 Jun 20, 1988 Ramon Morones from Guadalajara with 30 years experience in folklore dance and music is hired as Instructor to replace Mr. Avelar  
 Jun 23, 1988 Lilly Ocegüera and Silvia Castillo from the Stanford University Ballet Folklorico group are contracted to teach the children for the 10 week summer session to Aug 26. Adults allowed to practice at Robles Gym.  
 Jul 04, 1988 Taco booth at Redwood City's Independence Day festival  
 Aug 23, 1988 Summer session over Lilly Ocegüera leaves to continue premed studies; Silvia Castillo renews contract with Raices  
 Aug 24, 1988 Through City of East Palo Alto Group received a Musson Dance Floor which was installed at the Ravenswood Dance Studio for Raice de Mexico's use  
 Oct 13, 1988 Contracted 3 members from Advanced Group, Martha Perez (Oct 13 to Dec 15), Guillermo Perez (Nov 01 to Dec 15) and Margarita Zarate (Oct 13 to Oct 31) for one session to teach incoming beginning children/adults  
 Nov 09, 1988 Received letter from Peninsula Community Foundation informing Raices de Mexico that the Neighborhood Arts Committee had authorized a grant of \$5,000  
 Dec 03, 1988 Taco/hot dog stand at Selby Lane School Christmas Boutique sponsored by Pets in Need  
 May 07, 1989 City of East Palo Alto Cinco de Mayo celebration parade  
 May 13, 1989 Raices de Mexico "Fiesta Mexicana" program at St Elizabeth Seton School in Palo Alto, sold tacos, sodas/beer  
 Jul 04, 1989 Participated in 4th of July parade and had taco stand at festival in downtown Redwood City  
 Sep 12, 1989 Received \$1,000 donation from Pacific Bell  
 Oct 07, 1989 Sold various household donations at San José flea market  
 Nov 03, 1989 Dr Susan Cashion, Director of Dance Department at Stanford University came to Raices de Mexico and taught a 2 hour "faldeo" (skirt movement) class to the ladies of the Group

Dec 09, 1989 Christmas Bazaar, Fair Oaks Community Center, Redwood City - sold  
tacos, hot dogs, sodas, cakes, cookies (total loss - no shoppers)

Dec 16, 1989 Group Christmas party