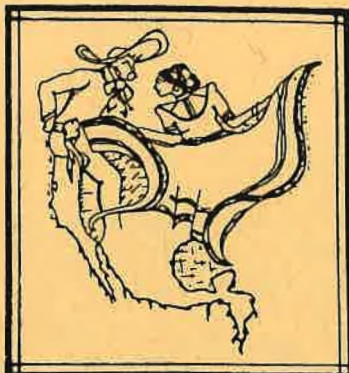


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## ORGANIZATIONAL CHRONOLOGY

- 1980 August: Ruben Avelar, Graduate in Political Science at UC Berkeley, organizes Ballet Folklorico Juvenil in East Palo Alto.
- 1981 Fall: Ballet Folklorico Juvenil becomes "RAICES DE MEXICO"
- 1983 Dec: Ruben Avelar advises parents to institute a Board of Directors with incorporation, in order to carry out the administrative functions of RM and to seek future funding.
- 1984 Jan 24: First Board of Directors is elected with Matias Varela, president; Eustolia Zuniga, vice president; José Martínez, treasurer, and Ma Elena P. Varela, secretary.
- May: Second Place winner in Menlo Park "March Against Crime" Parade.
- Aug 22: \$1000. donation by Juanita De Masi of the Multicultural Arts Council of Redwood City.
- Oct 19: First adult group to break away from RM.
- Nov 14: Name "Raices de Mexico" endorsed and filed in San Mateo County.
- 1985 Jan 2: Name "Raices de Mexico" registered with the State of California.
- Mar 16-17: First fundraiser--Reno trip.
- Jun 1: First walk out by dancers resulting in cancellation of performance for Sunnyvale councilwoman Patricia Castillo.
- Jun 19: RM booth at East Palo Alto Juneteenth Celebration.
- Jul 4: Participated with La Fortuna Restaurant in 4th of July Independence Day Parade, Redwood City.
- Sep 11: Incorporation granted by the State of California.



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Oct 26: Fundraiser for Mexico City Earthquake victims--Halloween costume party held at Casa Zapata, Stanford University.

Nov 30: Fundraiser for Mexico City Earthquake victims--Dance held at City of Sunnyvale Community Center.

1986

Feb: First experimental classes for adults and children, Fair Oaks Community Center, 2600 Middlefield Rd., Redwood City.

May 4: Booth at East Palo Alto Cinco de Mayo celebration.

May 10: Participation in Menlo Park "March Against Crime" Parade.

Jul 4: Entered float in Redwood City Independence Day Parade--Winner of \$200 Amateur Division.

1987

Jan 27: Received \$850 from San Mateo County Arts Council Regranting Program.

May 1: Organized and coordinated with the San Mateo County Arts Council and East Palo Alto Senior Center the first Folklore Concert in East Palo Alto.

May 17: Food booth at International Festival, Stanford University.

Jun: Amalia Carrasco, second instructor hired to teach childrens' group.

Jul 4: Participated in Redwood City Independence Day Parade.

Jul 11-12: Fundraiser--Reno Trip.

Aug 16: Group Picnic.

Sep 26: Food booth at Redwood City Parks and Recreation 50th Anniversary.

1988

Jul 4: Food booth at Redwood City Independence Day Festival.