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FREMONT COMMUNITY RECEPTION HONORS IMMIGRANTS - PAST AND PRESENT

A Reception will be held March 25, 2010 from 5:00-7:00 pm at the Fremont Area Art Association (92 W. 6th Street) in Fremont, Nebraska to honor 21 people, immigrants or descendants of immigrants to the Fremont area, who tell their stories in the special project, "Building Fremont: Immigrants 1856-Present."

The project is sponsored by the Fremont Tribune, Fremont Area Art Association, United Commercial Food and Workers Union, Local 22 and Nebraska Is Home Fremont.

These 21 immigrants' stories are printed in a month-long series in the Fremont Tribune, (February 17, 2010 to March 12, 2010) and told through photographs in a companion art exhibit at the Fremont Area Art Association featuring the photography of Dean Jacobs.

The Reception will include a presentation beginning at 5:45 pm. An opening prayer will be offered by Rev. Scott Jensen, President of the Fremont Area Ministerial Association and current chaplain at Fremont Area Medical Center and Barb Tellatin, President of the Fremont Area Art Association, will welcome participants to the exhibit.

Reflections on the special project, "Building Fremont: Immigrants 1856-Present," will be offered by Tracy Buffington, Executive Editor of the Fremont Tribune, and Mike Marty, Vice President of the UFCW (United Commercial Food and Workers Union, Local 22).

The following people - immigrants or descendants of immigrants to Fremont - will be honored:

"Making Their home in Fremont: Professional Women"

Christina Boydston, JD (Scotland 1876)
Bhaswati Bandyopadhyay, Phd (India 2008)

"From immigrants to businessmen"

Bob Missel (Germany 1885)
Alfredo Velez (Mexico 1985)

"Children from Around the world"

Emily An Keasling (China 2002)
Anna Ross (Romania 2000)
Jamison Brettman (South Korea 2001)
Jackson Brettman (South Korea 2002)

"Leaving home: These teens remember much harsher life"

Roberto; Miguel; Jose; Yaquelin; Maria (El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico)

"Labor Strikes lead to new homes"

Ann Knipplemeir (Sweden 1909)
Grzegorz (Greg) Patyk (Poland 1984)

"Why Leave home: for family"

Kate Snyder Freeman (Scotland/Northern Ireland 1867)
Luis Canahui Solares (Guatemala 2001)

"Looking for better opportunities"

Ty Smith (Germany 1867)

Roger Aguirre (El Salvador 1998)

"Finding Love"

Lu Ann Ehmcke (Sweden 1911)

Christy Meyer (Denmark/Sweden 1890)

Brenda and Francisco Garcia (US and Mexico 1998)

(Attached: [Stories printed in the Fremont Tribune, February 17-March 12, 2010.](#))

Fremont: Three Waves of Immigrants

Today, Fremont's population mirrors its immigration history: 90% (24,045) European; 7.8% (1,995) Latin American; Asian (278) 1.1%. (U.S. Census, 2006-2008 American Community Survey)

- 1856-1890 Northern Europe: Germany, Sweden, Ireland and England.
- 1900-1920 Southern Europe: Poland, Greece, Italy.
- 1990-Present Latin American and Asia: Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Mexico, China, India and South Korea.
- Fremont's immigrant population increased from 1% in 1990 to 4.4% (1,117) in 2008.

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Table 13. Nativity of the Population for Regions, Divisions, States: 1850-1990; U.S. Census 1990; U.S. Census 2006-2008 American Community Survey (ACS).

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