



DELTA BUZZ



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Anael Luebanos

Fort Worth ISD Trusty

Delta's 91st Birthday



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President's Corner

Dear Delta Sisters,

On October 21, a sister and exceptional educator left our world, Margarita Sobel, better known as *Maggie*. I do not remember exactly when I met Maggie. I know that it was many years ago working for Fort Worth ISD. We worked closer together when she headed the adult education program in Arlington ISD. Maggie had a wonderful smile and was always happy. She had the gift of making others feel special. Equally important, she had an exceptional work ethic, expected the same of her staff and had a passion for serving her students. I have many fond memories of Maggie from the conferences we attended, riding back from Houston meetings or DKG meetings. There were times when we laughed so hard that we could not stop. There were times when she spoke of her cancer with such courage and great hope. There were times when we prayed. Maggie was a trooper until the end. I would like to think that she held on because she was blessing and praying for her family and for everyone that was fortunate to cross her path or be her friend. You will be missed, sweet Maggie. Thank you for making our world a better place.

Blessings to all,

Aída

*Sunshine Blessings and Well Wishes to
Maggie Sobel's family*

To Linda's husband, Jesse Martinez

Birthday Wishes to

Bertha Guzman

October 9

Maggie Sobel

October 17



TEXAS STATE ORGANIZATION: YOU ARE THE KEY

ANAEL LUEBANOS

FORT WORTH ISD TRUSTY

Born in Fort Worth, Anael moved with his family to rural Mexico as a child. There he was raised on the family farm. His parents knew that he would have more opportunities in the United States. So, a 15-year old Anael took the bus to Fort Worth to live with relatives. He enrolled at Paschal High School and had to learn English fast. A group of excellent and patient teachers helped him to gain English proficiency.

When he wasn't studying with his Spanish to English dictionary and his textbooks, young Anael had to work full time to support himself. He rose from sacking groceries, to the position of Manager at the Fiesta Grocery Store on 8th Ave. The hard work paid off as he was able to graduate with honors from Paschal High School. He attended Texas Wesleyan University, where he received his Bachelor's degree and his MBA.

A product of Paschal High School and proof positive that our public schools work.

Anael married his high school sweetheart, Anahi, and looked for ways to give back to the community. Given private sector opportunities, he chose instead to work at the Lighthouse for the Blind of Fort Worth, a local nonprofit serving the blind community of Fort Worth and Tarrant County. As an accountant, he balances the books. As a community leader, he finds ways to make a difference.

He works tirelessly with several organizations to raise many tens of thousands of dollars in scholarships for local students. He also served five years as the President of one of the largest nonprofits in Fort Worth - the Federacion de Clubes Zacatecanos de Fort Worth. He serves on an advisory committee for the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo, the Kimbell Museum, among other organizations and has also served on the FWISD Audit Advisory Committee.

Anael Luebanos has lived the American dream, but his success has not been measured by wealth and fame, rather by the number of people he has helped, and the positive impact he has made for our community.

Focused on education, not politics and an example of honorable public service.

Anael wanted to do even more for the community so he decided to offer himself for public service on the Fort Worth Independent School District Board of Education.

On May 6th, 2017, Anael Luebanos was elected to the Fort Worth Independent School District Board of Education in District 8 with more than 58% of the popular vote in District 8, which includes parts of west and large parts of South Fort Worth. His hard work paid off and he has become a positive role model for so many of our FWISD children.

2020-2021 Chapter Meetings

Chapter Meetings-	Inspiration
November 4, 2020	Dolores Ayala Rios
December 9, 2020	Dr. Anita Castaneda
February 9, 2021	Maria Thibodeau
February 13, 2021 Area 10 Luncheon	
April 13, 2021	Linda Ramos
May 11, 2021	Sofia Zamarripa
June 17-19, 2021 DKG State Conference. Denton, Texas	Chapter meeting time 6:00 P.M.
Executive Board Meetings	
September 16, 2020	All meetings will be held via Zoom until further notice.
November 11, 2020	
January 13, 2021	
March 17, 2021	
June 9, 2021	
August 11, 2021	



A big thanks to all the newsletter contributors.



*We dedicate this newsletter
to our Delta Sister*

An Excerpt from Maggie's Obituary

Maggie won her 20 month battle against cancer in the way she lived every day of her life. Cancer did not take away her deep faith in God, it did not make her bitter and angry, it did not take away her love for her family and friends, it did not steal her sense of humor nor her unwavering belief in hope and God's goodness. Therefore, Maggie was victorious against cancer.

Maggie was born Oct. 17, 1945, in Mission, Texas to Ofelia Longoria and Brigido Palomo. She was a graduate of Mission High School, and the first person in her family to attend college. She graduated from Pan American University with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education in 1968 and a Master's Degree in Special Education in 1973. Maggie's core belief was that education was essential for all children and that education was the key to success. Maggie was a lifelong Educator in Houston, Fort Worth, and Arlington, Texas. She earned a second master's degree in Mid-level Management from UTA in 1995. She was the Assistant Principal at Westcliff Elementary, the Principal at T. A. Sims Elementary, and retired as the Family Literacy Coordinator with Arlington ISD. She was a member of The Catholic Daughters of America and of the Delta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International Society.

Maggie's greatest joys were her children, Lisa and John, cheering for the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame, the TCU Horned Frogs and the Texas Rangers, traveling the world, laughing with her friends and siblings, and serving God. Her greatest dream came true when she traveled to Italy and saw the Pope deliver Mass. She never met a stranger. She was known to quietly buy shoes or pay utility bills for children to ensure they could attend school. She loved her country and led prayer groups for Veterans. The little girl from Mission grew up to change the world and become a hero to many.

Maggie was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Dr. Mel Sohel.

In lieu of flowers, her children ask that you go vote, mentor a child, laugh till your side hurts, sing at the top of your lungs, love hard and thank God for every single day... live like Maggie did. **-Lisa Nichols**

Memories of Maggie

I will never forget the first time I met Maggie about 20 years ago. I knocked on the door of her hotel room in San Diego at 3:00 a.m. She greeted me with a smile and welcomed me into the room she was sharing with our mutual friend, Linda Ramos. My approval to attend the reading conference had come too late to get a room at the conference hotel so Linda asked her roommate, Maggie, if she was willing to share their room with me. Maggie made sure I had what I needed and treated me as if she were graciously welcoming me into her home. That was Maggie.



*Maggie with Jo Linda
Martinez and Barbara
Stanaland at the
Area 10 Luncheon in
February 2020.*

Now, you may wonder why I arrived in the middle of the night. Well, the devoted Grandma that I was, I could not miss my granddaughter's first birthday party and a late evening flight was all I could get. There was never a dull moment with Linda and Maggie together. It was one of the most enjoyable conferences I ever attended.

In the years that followed we only saw each other occasionally. I was happy to see her again when she rejoined Delta last year. We immediately formed a strong bond sharing our experiences with cancer, stories about our families, and most of all about our faith. Maggie influenced me and inspired me greatly. I will miss our conversations and her ever smiling face, but her beautiful spirit will remain with all of us. I love you my friend. **-Jo Linda Martinez**



Maggie, both as a friend and educator was a giving and caring person. As a principal, she did her best to know her students and help the children with their needs. She had excellent communication skills with the parents of her students, and she was supportive and loyal to her staff. She welcomed our Tarleton students to her school without hesitation and put them right to work with the children of most need at her school!

-Dr. Anita Castañeda



I will always remember Maggie as a happy person who cared about people, especially for the success of all students. We will miss her smile. May the Lord bless Maggie and her family. **-Minerva Adela Serrano**



Maggie and her Delta chapter sisters at the February 2020 Area 10 luncheon.

Maggie was a special person. From the day I met her she made me feel as if we had known each other all of our life. She had a joy in her that made one feel lucky to be in her presence. Maggie loved life and all those in her life. Her passion for education was inspiring. I will miss her humor, her determination, her strong faith, and especially I will miss her and all she encompassed. I feel fortunate to have called her, "Friend." **Elsa Guajardo**

Maggie's positive and happy outlook on life was contagious. She was a loving and caring person who had a strong faith in God. I was lucky to know Maggie on a personal and professional level. We would sometimes meet for dinner. She would reminisce of her late husband and share stories of their life and love together. Maggie was truly thankful for her children. I was so blessed to have Maggie as a friend and as a colleague. Her beautiful smile and laugh leave me with fond memories. **-Sofia Zamarripa**



I had the privilege of knowing Maggie through work. We worked together for several years and I, as anyone who was lucky enough to become her friend, enjoyed working with her. While working with Maggie I got to know her at a deeper level as a friend and as a colleague. She was the most caring and kind person anyone will ever know. She was a great educator who always had everyone's well being in mind. She had an infectious sense of humor that if you spent some time with her you would immediately make you forget the worries in your life. We attended many business trips together along with other colleagues and needless to say, they were always fun. She was smart, giving and made a big difference for many children. If I had to say something to Maggie I would have to say "Maggie, when you left this world you left an empty spot that I doubt anyone will be able to fill. You had a beautiful soul that will always be remembered by your family and those who knew you." Rest in Peace, dear friend. I hope that when it's my time to go we will meet again. **-Maria Moon**



Letter to Maggie

Dearest Maggie,

This is your friend Q.L. writing to tell you what an unbelievable pain I have in my heart to know that I won't be able to have our wonderful conversations on the phone. Each one always left me with a smile on my face and usually with me laughing out loud at the fun we had sharing stories, old memories, politics, religion, books, education and almost anything that popped into our heads. You have a strong spirit, Maggie and I know your presence will be with me always.

You were truly an inspiration in the way you handled having cancer with the deepest faith and always with humor. Your positive attitude about life and life's difficulties made it a joy talking to you. I learned so much from you in the last few months through our many conversations. I know you loved Lisa and John and your dear little dog, Chacha so very much and your main worry was always about them. I promise to check on them often.

I wish heaven had a phone so I could hear you say, "Hey, Q.L." once more, but it's good to know that you are in a place where there is no pain or worries only joy and peace.

So, until we meet again, you will be in my thoughts and prayers and always in my heart.

Your friend,

Linda (Q.L.)



Margarita "Maggie" Sokel
October 17, 1945 - October 21, 2020



*"No matter what the situation is...
close your eyes and think of all
the things in your life you could
be grateful for right now."*

-Deepak Chopra

Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!