

Guillermo Muñiz — “Mr. Pittsburg”

Guillermo Muñiz is Pittsburg’s leading ambassador, known as much for his philanthropic efforts as his delicious preparations at the New Mecca Café, which truly serves as a Mecca bringing people from all over the Bay Area to Pittsburg.

He is always first in line to offer support for charitable organizations and less-fortunate individuals. Aiding youth is a priority with him. “Every kid needs love and deserves to be listened to,” he says.

He has been honored by the City of Pittsburg, which constructed and named Plaza Guillermo “Bill” Muñiz next to his New Mecca Café. He was celebrated in Washington DC with Guillermo Muñiz Day. He is one of the original members of the Contra Costa Hall of Fame.

A soccer player and record-setting cyclist in his native Mexico, Muñiz has also been involved in music “all my life” beginning when he sang with the choir in the main cathedral in Guadalajara as well as Good Shepherd Catholic Church here.

“I love music. I enjoy singing. It’s therapy. For me, it’s relaxing,” says Muñiz, who has sung the National Anthem prior to games for the Oakland Athletics and San Francisco Giants as well as local events.

Muñiz immigrated to the United States in the mid-1960s, working in Florida, Maine and then Chicago before coming to Pittsburg where he worked three jobs at a grocery store, the local cannery and also at the Mecca under Moises Vasquez. When Vasquez died, Muñiz bought the Mecca, which employs more than 50 people with its new expanded facility and catering business.

“I enjoy the job, meeting people, pleasing people and listening to them,” Muñiz says. “Quality and service are my priorities.

“I’ve been very fortunate and very lucky in this great country. It has given me opportunity. And I thank God for his blessings.”



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Pittsburg Citizens Honoring GUILLERMO MUÑIZ a Life of service

Program Schedule

1:40 p.m.: Opening music by Mariachi Ortega

2:00 p.m.: Johnny Steele welcomes Guillermo Muñiz

2:05 p.m.: Supervisor Federal Glover

2:10 p.m.: Mariachi Ortega

2:20 p.m.: Video Tribute by Eva Vera

2:25 p.m.: Pittsburg Vice Mayor Ben Johnson

2:30 p.m.: Olín de Contra Costa

2:40 p.m.: Poem “Marcela” read by Juliette Cortez, Heights 5th grader

2:45 p.m.: Leo Vigil Trio

**2:55 p.m.: PUSD Superintendent Linda Rondeau,
Board President Willie Wong**

3:00 p.m.: Los Fugitivos del Stress

3:10 p.m.: Barbara Johnson representing Congressman George Miller

**3:15 p.m.: Poem “Today” read by Jalissa Baldera,
Los Medanos 5th grader**

3:20 p.m.: Guillermo Muñiz with Daniel Zwickel ben Avram

3:30 p.m.: New Mecca All-Stars

Mariachi Ortega: Henry Ortega, José Alvarez, Helen Placourakis, Marie De Nurra, Shauna Revelli, José Galvez, Guillermo Caro, Gilberto Uribe

Olín de Contra Costa: Directed by Rubén Rodríguez

Leo Vigil Trio: Leo Vigil, Curtis Ohlson, John Seppala

Los Fugitivos del Stress: José Luiz Guitrón, Mauro Avila, Rafaela Mercado, John Díaz Coker

New Mecca All-Stars: Mundi Orozco, John Guerrero, Ramiro Amador, Bob Castell-Blanch, Chris Torres, Leo Vigil, Pete Riso

A special thank you to all the performers for offering their time and talents to celebrate this special day for Guillermo Muñiz.