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Guide to the Angel M. Quiñones - Papers

**Quinones to lead
Puerto Rican parade**

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PERTH AMBOY — City Councilman Angel Manuel Quinones has been selected as grand marshal of the Puerto Rican State-wide Parade to be held July 28 in Newark.

The parade will culminate Puerto Rican Week in New Jersey as proclaimed by Gov. Thomas H. Kean. The week long celebration will begin July 21.


Kean and officials from Puerto Rico are expected to participate in the parade.

"I wasn't really thinking of it and then they notified me that they wanted me as grand marshal," said Quinones. The councilman added that he was surprised by his selection.

"We're planning to have a big delegation from Perth Amboy at the parade," said Quinones. The councilman added that the city will receive a lot of good publicity because the parade is a large, statewide event.

A letter is being sent to Puerto Rican churches, associations, clubs and organizations in the city to see how many residents will participate in the parade in Newark. "It's an honor for the people of Perth Amboy to have a distinguished citizen so bestowed on this occasion," wrote Lydia Trinidad and Nicholas Rivera of Quinones.

Ms. Trinidad and Rivera can be reached at the Puerto Rican Association for Human Development, 100 First St. for additional information on the parade. Ms. Trinidad is second vice president of the parade committee.



ANGEL QUINONES
Parade marshal

The city's Puerto Rican community is also planning a number of activities to coincide with the days leading up to the parade, said Ivan Correa, mayoral aide and a coordinator for the local events.

"This is the first time someone from Perth Amboy has been selected to serve as parade marshal," Correa said of Quinones. He added that Quinones will be honored in city ceremonies.

In addition, exhibits from many of the 78 Puerto Rican municipalities will be set up that week, said Correa. "We'll have literature and logos from those municipalities in order to show the youth of Perth Amboy where their parents were from," he added.

Correa said he hopes some of the mayors from Puerto Rico will also be able to visit the city.

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ANGEL M. QUIÑONES – PAPERS (ca. 1923 – ca. 2006)

Biographical Sketch:

Angel M. Quiñones was an activist, community leader and councilman who made a significant impact on the growing Puerto Rican community during the 1950s and through the 1980s in Perth Amboy, New Jersey.

Born in Lares, Puerto Rico and raised in San Sebastian, Puerto Rico, Mr. Quiñones grew up as the third of five children. At the age of 10, Mr. Quiñones was orphaned and was forced to drop out of school in the fifth grade to begin working. Thirteen years later, Mr. Quiñones returned to the sixth grade in his native San Sebastian as a married man with two children.

He arrived in Perth Amboy, New Jersey in 1951. He then went on to receive his high school equivalency degree and began taking night classes towards college credits at Rutgers University. Using the knowledge obtained from his college courses at Rutgers University, Mr. Quiñones opened the Quiñones Travel Bureau in Perth Amboy. In 1962, he was the first and only Puerto Rican International Air Transport Association (IATA) agent in the tri-county area. After opening his travel agency, Mr. Quiñones went on to become a real estate and insurance broker.

Mr. Quiñones was described as a leader of the Puerto Rican community of Perth Amboy, opening the doors of his business to help individuals with their problems. As a community leader, Mr. Quiñones also helped establish the Puerto Rican Fatima Club, the oldest Puerto Rican Social Club in the city. He was one of the founding members of the Borinquen Democratic Club; he served as president of both organizations, served as treasurer for Liga Puerto Rico Softball League, was a member of the Guayanilla Social Club and served on the Board of Directors of the Raritan Bay Community Chest.

Mr. Quiñones was also very active in the city's politics and always urged Puerto Ricans to exercise their right to vote for the betterment of their community. Being recognized as an active participant within the community, Quiñones was asked to be a member of the Mayor's Human Relations Committee. In 1984, Mr. Quiñones made a bid for a city council seat on the George J. Otlowski mayoral ticket and won; Mr. Quiñones served one term as councilman. After his term, he was appointed by Mayor Otlowski as Acting Recreation and Parks Director of Perth Amboy, but was not confirmed by the City Council to remain at that post.

Scope and Content Note:

The Angel M. Quiñones Papers are an important resource for anyone studying the career of a Puerto Rican political and community activist in Perth Amboy, New Jersey. The collection contains information on Mr. Quiñones' political life as well as his accomplishments within the community through his many affiliations and organizations that he helped establish.

The materials in the collection range from 1958-1988. The bulk of the materials are from 1984-1988. Included among the collection are awards, by-laws, correspondence, financial records, memorandums, newspaper clippings, photos and press releases. Most of the materials are in English, some are in Spanish. The folders are arranged alphabetically and the materials are arranged chronologically.

The collection is divided into the following series:

I. Biographical and Personal Information

II. Community

a. Clippings

III. Organizations

a. Borinquen Democratic Club

Access Points

Names (Last, First)

Cannamela, Armand

Correa, Ivan

Feist, Jr., Ernest

Gregory, Charles E.

Jimenez, Pedro

Lautenberg, Frank

Meyner, Robert B.

Muñoz Marin, Luis

Otlowski, George

Padilla, Esteban

Roman Hernandez, Ramon

Vas, Joseph

Organizations

AdTek Engineering, Inc.

Borinquen Democratic Club

Comité de Acción Hispana

Fondos Unidos de Puerto Rico

Iglesia Católica Hispana de la Asunción

Liga Puerto Rico de Softball

Puerto Rican Veterans of New Jersey

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RE-ELECT
GEORGE J. OTLOWSKI FOR MAYOR

RE-ELECT
ARMAND CANNAMELA FOR COUNCIL

ELECT
ANGEL QUINONES FOR COUNCIL

Vote MAY 8TH!

FOR A **UNITE** **PERTH AMBOY**

Series I: Biographical and Personal Information (1960-1988)

Mr. Quiñones used his travel agency as an extension to help people within his community. This series contains clippings pertaining to Mr. Quiñones' participation within the community as well as information from his business, Quiñones Travel Agency. There are also awards and photos within the series that pertain to Mr. Quiñones' community participation.

BOX #	FOLDER #	FOLDER TITLE	INCLUSIVE DATES
1	1	Clippings	Undated, 1960, 1962, 1977, 1979, 1984-1985, 1987-1988
1	2	Quiñones Travel Agency	Undated, 1984-1986
OV_SZ 1	1	Awards	1949, 1968, 1984, 1985, 1993
OV_SZ 1	2	Photos	Undated



Series II: Community (1958-1988)

This series along with the *Clippings* subseries depicts Mr. Quiñones' community involvement. Most of the *Correspondence* is from his term as councilman and consists of letters from the Mayor and other council members to the heads of various departments of city government.

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1	3	Correspondence	Undated, 1958, 1960, 1984-1985
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1	5	Correspondence	1987
1	6	Grand Marshall Sash for the Puerto Rican Statewide Parade of New Jersey	1985
1	7	Petition – Havana San Juan Corp.	1987

Clippings

This subseries consists of information from his term as councilman and the Puerto Rican community of Perth Amboy.

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1	8	Perth Amboy	Undated, 1986, 1988
1	9	Puerto Ricans	Undated
1	10	Puerto Ricans	1960, 1985



Series III: Organizations (1958-1986)

This series contains documents pertaining to Mr. Quiñones' various affiliations. Of notable interest, is the subseries, *Borinquén Democratic Club*.

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1	11	Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey	1986
1	12	Iglesia Catolica Hispana de la Asuncion	Undated, 1960
1	13	Local 802 – Associated Musicians of Greater New York	1960
1	14	Puerto Rican Association for the Human Development, Inc.	1985
1	15	Puerto Rican Veterans of New Jersey	Undated
1	16	Reglamento Oficial – Liga Puerto Rico Softball	1985

Borinquén Democratic Club

Mr. Quiñones was a founder, member, and at one point president of the Borinquén Democratic Club. This subseries contains information on the club.

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1	17	Correspondence	1960, 1969
1	18	Financial Records	1958, 1959
1	19	Members List	Undated, 1959

