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### Abstract

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### History

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The Latin American Society had its beginning from the radio program Alegria Latina over WHTC in 1964. In 1966, Alegria Latina became the Latin American Society to encourage a broader participation of residents of the community. LaRaza Unida was formed about 1970-1971 and until 1974 was active in the areas of hiring, education, relations with governments, and civic affairs.

Since 1974, LAUP has continued working in the above areas, and is a non-profit, non-sectarian organization representing the residents of the Latino community through an effective structure and program of community participation. It is an organization promoting good will among all residents of the Holland area, and working for the betterment of the entire community.

Scope and Content

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