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Over Twenty Years And Still Connecting

What's Up With Diego Zegarra (20)



The Park City community is an ever-evolving amalgam of people joining the population from both domestic and global locals. As our community continues to grow in this fashion, the need to engage and service all layers of our populace becomes more apparent. If you've kept up with the news, you're sure to have noted Class XX graduate, Diego Zegarra's efforts to tackle these initiatives via The Solomon Fund; a subset of the Park City Community Foundation.

Diego, a native of Lima, Peru, came to Utah for the first time in the winter of 2003/04 at age 19 to work at Solitude Ski Resort. A familiar story to any ski town, after one winter in the Wasatch Mountains, he was hooked. Resolving to study in the U.S. he enthusiastically transferred to the University of Utah to pursue his education in the fall of 2005. Although his plan was to head back home after finishing school, Diego found himself with a job in Park City and decided to stay. An important cross-road for Diego, he found himself working with an after-school program.

"Working with kids changed both my outlook and career path," says Diego. "I got involved with nonprofits after that and never looked back. Hands down, the best decision of my life, so far!"

Leadership's Role in Diego's Nonprofit Evolution



Looking for ways to grow both his engagement with the Park City community and his drive to make a difference in the lives of Latino kids, Diego was excited to join Leadership Class XX. Networking was also a main goal. ***"I was interested in creating relationships with residents I may have otherwise not had an opportunity to connect with,"*** notes Diego.

He is confident Leadership allowed him to grow as a professional and connect with a myriad of agencies and organizations in town, along with city and county personnel who have been influential in sculpting his current role with the Park City Foundation and The Solomon Fund. Diego understands how important nourishing these relationships can be to a fledgling community movement. ***"Through the development of these relationships, we have managed a successful launch of The Solomon Fund. Without these strong partnerships, we would not be able to impact change."***

Strategic Access For All

In his current role, Diego is working for the Park City Community Foundation leading the newly created initiative, The Solomon Fund, which focuses on integration through recreation. The goal, according to Diego, ***"is to create a more inclusive, integrated and complete community by increasing access for Latino children to sports and recreation."***

They are working toward a 21% integration metric and will consider the program a success once that metric is met. Why 21%? It mirrors the percentage of Latino students in the Park City School District, thus the goal is to see that level of participation in area leagues, camps, programs and activities. There is an appetite on the part of Latino community to participate in local area activities, however, they encounter some unique barriers. ***"The barriers aren't intentional,"*** notes Diego, ***"however they do stand in the way of strategic integration."***



Barriers include parents not having access to transportation to and from fields and activity locations and agencies not having the bandwidth to help everyone with a need. When asked how we could, as a community, assist in overcoming the barriers, Diego suggests creating a scholarship program to advance greater access to gear and equipment for the kids his foundation serves. He would like to see a program(s) which engage the community with the Latino population and connect families on familiar levels. Building a bridge between kids, families and ultimately communities is one of the primary missions of Diego and the Solomon Fund.

Assimilation through recreation seems like a distinctive path by which to achieve these goals. ***"The Solomon Fund chose recreation and sports as a vehicle to promote the goal as it is such an integral part of Park City culture and the benefits to the kids participating are numerous."*** From the obvious health benefits to fostering a sense of belonging and integration, the kids benefit substantially from involvement in community recreation programs.

Why Is This Program Important To Park City?

Known as a desirable place to raise a family and certainly a town that offers a variety of recreational opportunities, Diego believes Park City delivers a multitude of offerings for children to stay engaged. "I believe everyone would like to see a richly diverse playing field and we are not there yet. It's through collaboration we can accomplish these goals."

What Can You Do To Help?

Through July, The Solomon Fund is asking local businesses, community members and organizations to come forward with ideas as to how we could better integrate the Latino children into the community. Visit <http://parkcitycf.org/call-for-ideas/> and help curate the community vision and mission to evolve The Solomon Fund platform. For more information about The Solomon Fund, visit <http://parkcitycf.org/our-impact/other-programs/solomonfund/>

Thanks to Pamela Longley (20) for submitting this month's featured alumni article.

Leadership Park City On Parade



Another Park City 4th of July parade in the books and as always.....Leadership Park City was well-represented. **Myles** was at his usual post announcing and the Grand Marshal entry was a Leadership full house with **Larry Warren (11)** and **Insa Riepen (15)** as Grand Marshals being driven by **Susan (8)** and **Jim Revel (8)**. I spotted fire chief **Paul Hewitt (18)** keeping watch, **Lola Beatlebrox (9)** atop the Frog Prince art car, **Katie Wright (15)** and **Diego Zegarra (20)** with Park City Foundation, **Dar Hendrickson (23)** as his patriotic self and **Becca Gerber (20)** riding tandem with hubby to celebrate their one year anniversary of marrying in last year's parade. I'm sure I missed a few. Thanks to everyone who took the time to walk/ride the parade and to line the route to cheer them on.

ALUMNI PICNIC...JULY 10



Join us for the annual Alumni Picnic in Rotary Park on **Monday, July 10 at 6 pm**. Meal and drinks will be provided but everyone is encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Look forward to seeing everyone!

Alumni News

Best of luck to **Meisha Lawson Ross (18)** and her husband who've just opened a new restaurant in Snow Creek Plaza. Check out Twisted Fern. www.twistedfern.com

Way to go.....**Steve Joyce (18)**, current Planning Commissioner who will be running for City Council.

All the best to **Aimee Preston (21)** as she steps down from her post as Executive Director at Youth Wintersports Alliance. Thanks for all your efforts in expanding the scope of this great organization.

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Pass The Word & The Link

Alumni...we are recruiting for Class 24. Applications are available at the following link:



<http://www.parkcity.org/departments/leadership-park-city/apply>

If you know of potential candidates you feel would be a good match for the program.....please copy this link and send it to them with some encouragement to apply. **Alumni are our best recruiters!**

Event Calendar



Monday, July 10, 6 pm- Alumni Picnic at Rotary Park.

Friday, August 26-Applications for Class 24 due

September 6-10- City Tour

Wednesday, September 13, 4-6 pm-Selection Committee for class 24 meets in PC Library Community Room.,

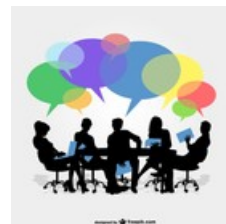
"Management is doing things right; leadership is doing the right things."

Peter F. Drucker

Selection Committee for #24

We need alumni to serve on the selection committee for Class 24.

Selection Committee will be given application packets for their review and ratings to be submitted online prior to



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the actual committee meeting on Wednesday, September 13 from 4-6 pm in the Community Room at Park City Library.

Reading and rating is time consuming but the meeting is streamlined and efficient. The entire process is interesting and we encourage you to serve.

Anyone interested can contact Minda at minda.stockdale@parkcity.org.

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