

**Notice to Patients**  
**Office of**  
*Eloisa Thelma Gonzalez, M.D.*  
 Welcome to the site!  
 Login or Signup below.  
**Closing of business April 29, 2016**  
 Login Signup

**SUBSCRIBE**

73°  
Clear



# Dementia nurses win recognition - Brownsville Herald: Valley

- Home
- News ▾
- Sports ▾
- Obituaries
- Life ▾
- Community ▾
- NIE
- Opinion ▾
- Customer Service ▾
- Classifieds ▾
- RGV Alerts
- Careers
- Herald Alerts
- Online Edition
- Subscribe

**DON'T MISS:** RGV SPORTS BANQUET TICKETS SOUTH TEXAS OUTDOORS MYBROWNSVILLEHERALD.COM



Home ▸ News ▸ Valley

Site Web

## Dementia nurses win recognition

Story **Comments**

Print Font Size:



MGN Online

[Buy this photo](#)

Posted: Monday, February 22, 2016 11:35 pm

By RAUL GARCIA | Staff Writer

HARLINGEN — The applause was long and loud for nurse Elizabeth Lugo and 41 other nurses who were being recognized for being certified dementia care practitioners.

"It's very exciting because we are looking to improve the life of our residents," Lugo, education specialist at Retama Manor, said Monday. "We are providing a better quality of care for our residents."

In response to the growing number of dementia diagnoses in the elderly, the Retama staff has developed an expertise in caring for the population that has lost memory, who often become agitated and are without appropriate care and experience a diminished quality of life.

RetamaManorNursingCenter has become a local "go to" skilled nursing facility specializing in dementia care.

They offer the latest in music and art therapy as well as engaging in the effort to reduce the use of medications.

Lugo said the staff has seen an improvement in the quality of care using the new techniques.

The nurses completed education and training through the National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners.

"It educates them on what is dementia and how do we prepare for it," said Jeff Trait, senior administrator at Retama Manor.

Retama Manor is the home of 154 elderly people and employs 65 staff specialist nurse aids.

An estimated 5.3 million Americans of all ages have Alzheimer's disease as of 2015. An estimated 5.1 million of those people are 65 and older.

Sen. Eddie Lucio, Jr. took time off the campaign trail to visit the local nursing facility in Harlingen Monday.

Lucio accepted a certificate of appreciation for his leadership on senior health care issues and extended his own appreciation to Retama staff, newly educated and trained to provide the latest strategies in dementia care.

"This is one of the most exemplary operations anywhere in the state," Lucio said. "I'm very proud it's in the very heart of my senatorial district."

[Discuss](#) [Print](#)

Posted in [Valley](#) on *Monday, February 22, 2016 11:35 pm.*

### More From This Site

- [3 killed, 3 hurt in collision on Riverside County freeway](#)
- [One-hit wonder: Rare 'Year of the Senior' comes to a close](#)
- [Brotherly battle between Jenkins, Britt for national title](#)
- [Herman wins Houston Open to get into the Masters](#)
- [Jury selection to begin in Pharr beating death](#)

### From Around The Web

- [A popular new site reveals the truth about anyone's past. Simply enter name and state to see what is available online. What will you learn today?](#) (Instant Checkmate)
- [21 Things That Would Happen If Trump Won](#) (ViralMozo)
- [What's Your Jewelry Really Worth?](#) (Worthy.com)
- [Unique Method May Regrow Lost Hair](#) (Lifestyle Journal)
- [Dispute over crab legs turns violent, two arrested](#) (Fox News US - Video)

Recommended by Outbrain

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW**

**DREW PEARSON**  
**LIVE IN McALLEN**  
 TUESDAY, JUNE 14 • 8PM  
 DOUBLEFREE SUITES  
 CLICK HERE

## Calendar

April 2016						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

today's events

browse

submit

Popular Commented Facebook Activity

#### Stories

- › [Body of missing kayaker found](#)
- › [Authorities searching for missing kayaker at Holly Beach](#)
- › [DA says singer Joe Lopez received evidence](#)

› [County tax office employee arrested](#)

› [Family mourns after body of missing kayaker recovered](#)

More

➤ Photos

➤ Videos



## Calendar

today's events [browse](#) [submit](#)



## Follow Us On Facebook

---

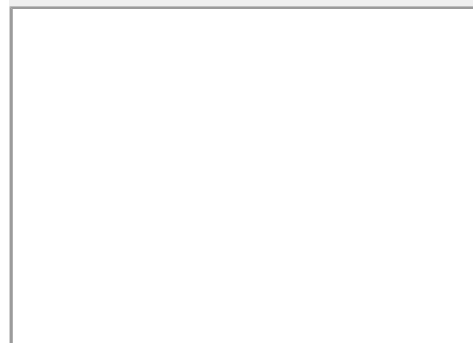
## Follow Us On Twitter

---

Tweets from <https://twitter.com/BrownsvilleNews/herald-newsroom>

## Today's Edition

---





## Online Features

### Online Features

#### Real Estate



**Create a 'wow-worthy' home entry usin...**

Brandpoint (BPT)



**2 expert tips for selecting the best ...**

Brandpoint (BPT)



**Design the perfect deck: 5 must-ask q...**

Brandpoint



**7 easy tips to create the serene bedr...**

Brandpoint (BPT)

1

2

3



Site Web

**Advertising**

Place an Ad  
Co-op Advertising  
Commercial Print  
National Advertising


**Archives**

Story Archives  
Obituaries Archives

**Subscriber Services**

Subscribe  
Services

**Online Services**

RSS Feeds 

**WebSites**

ElNuevoHeraldo.com  
RGVSports.com

Copyright © 2016

The contents of this website may not be reproduced without written permission from The Brownsville Herald. All rights reserved.  
1135 E. Van Buren St, Brownsville, TX 78520 | (956) 542-4301  
Careers | Autos | Homes | Jobs | Classifieds



AIM Media TX LLC