

**From:** Gil Rios <[REDACTED]>

My name is Gildardo E. Rios { Gil }

Former migrant worker from Texas. We followed crop season from the Rio Grande Valley in Texas to Florida, Mississippi Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois and back to Texas. We picked cotton, tomatoes, cucumbers, melons, apples, cherries, and asparagus. Graduated from Oswego High School and attended Aurora College.

Past president of Bristol Grade School PTA. Founded Bristol Cub Scout 334 and served as Cub Scout master. President of Bristol baseball Little League. With help of many I spear headed the building of the baseball diamond.

Worked at Western Electric/ATT in Montgomery, IL for 30 years. Worked up to management and supervised up to 100 employees in my dept. Managed the receiving and shipping dept. and product store room with product up to 10 million dollars. Ideas that I submitted saved the company over \$1 million yearly. Also was a leader in the Jr. Achievement program at ATT.

Helped my brother through college. My brother and I founded Rios Pharmacy on the east side of Aurora to serve the Hispanic/Latin Community. I was active in the pharmacy for 25 years.

Owner of Los Rios Restaurant in Yorkville, IL for 19 years. During that time I ran the concessions at the Phillips Park Aquatic Center, Splash Country and Blackberry Farm for 6 years. employing over 80 high school students and 8 adults. Also set up food booths at festivals during the summer for 25 years.

I served in the WCC steering committee with Shorty Dickson to expand WCC in Kendall county.

Served as Executive director, treasurer in the Yorkville, IL Chamber of Commerce.

Served as Executive director, treasurer of the Aurora Regional Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Organized 2 fiesta Patrias festivals at the River Edge and organized 2 Estrellas awards dinner;dances for the AHCC at the Arista Hotel. I volunteered for 4 years prior to becoming an AHCC member.

I have volunteered at the Paramount Theatre for the past 8 years.

I received my certificate from United States Golf Teachers Federation as a golf teaching professional.

I am a member of Pueblos Unidos de Durango Club and organized golf outings for 8 years.

I founded the Polar Bear golf outing to raise funds for scholarships 4 years ago to be awarded to students in need at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic church in the back of the yards area in Chicago. Also to promote their Marimba music program..

Member of the Knights of Columbus through St. Katharine Drexall Catholic Church in Sugar Grove, IL.

Member of Quad City African American Chamber of Commerce. Campaigned for Ron Ford, Kane Co. Board and Sherman Jenkins, Alderman @ large.

Sherman Jenkins asked me to help organize the QCAACC golf outing in July 2020. I have either organized or helped organize golf outings for several groups including Cinco de Mayo golf outing for Simply Destiny.

I feel that I can be an asset in the Aurora Hispanic Heritage Advisory Board.