

FBG's 2010 Employee of the Year



Cleaning Specialist Erika Trevino

Each year, it is our challenging task to choose one team member who has truly embodied FBG's values and highest standards for the year, consistently demonstrating the highest levels of character, performance and excellence.

It is with great pleasure that we present FBG's Employee of the Year for 2010—Erika Trevino, from our Cedar Rapids District in Iowa.

Erika has always volunteered to help out whenever and wherever she was needed. When she was first hired, she traveled to Iowa City to help at an account. Her desire to learn more about the account and about FBG's cleaning methods led her to

become team leader at Verizon. She accomplishes all of her work to the high expectations of the customer and within the hours allotted to her. She also agreed to do extra work at Truck Country on the weekends.

Despite receiving offers for better-paying job opportunities, Erika has consistently chosen to stay with FBG where she feels at home. She likes that FBG is employee-owned because it makes her feel she is important and can make a difference to the company. Since she began in 2007, she's only missed one day of work.

From the moment she started working at FBG, Erika made sure she is always one step ahead of her supervisor. She constantly anticipates what needs to be done and finishes it without being asked. Whenever problems arise, she finds creative ways to solve them. On one occasion she discovered that a sink was leaking water and was able to fix it herself without having to call her supervisor. On another occasion, after receiving complaints regarding lights being left on, Erika, convinced there was another explanation, took it upon herself to discover the source of the problem. She found that after frequent power outages, the lights were automatically turning on by themselves. Case closed!

When new employees come on board, Erika looks out for them. She becomes their mentor teaching them how to fulfill the customer's needs, ensuring that nothing is forgotten and that the facility is cleaned properly. She is an excellent trainer for new employees at our medical facilities and helps them become successful employee owners.

Erika is an active volunteer working closely with the Hispanic community at her church. As an example, she volunteered to host a Mariachi band to sing at an important fundraiser for the community. She collected \$1,050 within six weeks thanks to her hard work. Erika also worked in her hometown of Puebla, Mexico, as a volunteer cleaning up the environment.

Erika is part of a large family. She lives in Cedar Rapids with her brother, sister and a niece and supports her parents back home in Puebla. Her personal interests include volunteering in the community and cooking delicious Puebla-style tamales.

Thank you, Erika, for all your hard work and congratulations on this well-deserved honor! ■



Happy New Year! Though it's only just begun, 2011 will no doubt present unique opportunities for our company and our owners to grow. Our focus this year can be summed up in three simple goals: efficiency, education and excellence.

Efficiency, Education and Excellence

Efficiency Doing more with available resources is an ongoing challenge but something FBG has always done very well. One change you will see this year is in our Spotlight schedule where we are moving to a bimonthly newsletter beginning this month - Jan/Feb, Mar/Apr, etc. This change not only supports our sustainability effort, it will also allow us to focus on developing other tools needed for growth. You will also see us continue moving toward more progressive communication methods. In October 2010, all FBG employees were impacted when we moved to an electronic paystub. We now retrieve our paycheck information from MyPortfolio. This change freed up dollars as well as time. Coming soon, you will see FBG's 50th Anniversary video available for viewing online through a link on our website homepage.

Education Increasing the number of training opportunities is another focus for 2011. FBG University provides a wide range of courses relevant to each role in the company. In the summer of 2008, we rolled out our first FBG-U Online Teleconference called Basic Supervision 101 – a 24-session series – allowing us the opportunity to centralize our training efforts and bring together new and aspiring supervisors from across the country. Since then, over 125 employees have been actively engaged in increasing their supervisory knowledge, skill and experience. In addition, FBG is actively recruiting Management candidates internally as well as externally. Pictured here are William Reyes and Michael McAfee, two recent graduates of our Management Training Program in Omaha.



New this year is a collection of training sessions designed to help employees at all levels use our technology tools. Taking advantage of Microsoft's Live Meeting technology, multiple modules will be offered through one-hour training sessions and provide a hands-on method for getting the most from MyPortfolio, Outlook, and our VEKTR inspection tool. These sessions will begin in February. Check with your District office to learn more about when they will be offered and how you can get involved.

With all the training opportunities available to FBG employees, let's devote 2011 to our personal development so that we are all well prepared and can step up to the opportunities that come our way.

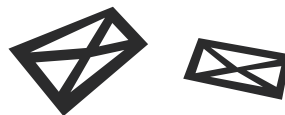
Excellence Recognizing excellent performance has always been an important part of FBG. We want to step it up a bit by introducing something new for 2011: *A Moment in the Spotlight*. With the many employees we have, we wanted to shine the light on some of our unsung heroes. Those people whose community work, along with their FBG work, are making a difference. Anyone may submit a nomination to their District office. The Employee Owner Committee will review all entries and select a featured employee. We start this month with a Colorado Springs employee, Evelia Blake. ■



A Moment in the Spotlight: *Evelia Blake*

Evelia works at the Synthes Distribution facility. The manager of this facility states that Evelia always greets each employee with a smile and bends over backward to meet any last minute request and is helpful in all areas including catering, organizing and decorating. She also assists the leaders of her church with collections and organizing food drives for the poor and homeless. Thank you Evelia, you make the world a better place.

From the Mailbag



To: Joe Carey, Omaha District Operations Manager

From: Olivia Heard, Kaplan University, Council Bluffs, Iowa

Subject: Wednesday Evening

I just wanted to email to get the name of the gentleman that was here last night. Apparently one of our instructors left her purse here and didn't realize until she got all the way home. She immediately came back and the gentleman who was cleaning let her in and walked her around until they found her purse and then he walked her safely out. She was extremely thankful and would like to be able to give him a thank you card, but she didn't get his name. We are very impressed with the cleaning and happy with your company's services, the gentleman cleaning is always very personable and friendly to all. Thank you for your assistance. ■

The individual being referred to is James Palis. Thank you James!

To: Laurie Eichthaler, District Operations Manager, Western Nebraska

From: Dayle L. Wallien, Esq., Executive Director

Subject: Thank you

Dear Laurie and Staff: On behalf of the Western Nebraska Community College Foundation, please accept a heartfelt thank you for your assistance with the inaugural WNCC Foundation Fall Frolic 5K and 10K. We greatly appreciated you helping set-up and tear-down equipment for the event. The event was a success because of the contribution of time by

each of you and our other volunteers.

You helped us to raise funds for and awareness about the WNCC Foundation, so that we can make the dream of quality higher education and advanced training opportunities a reality for western Nebraskans. Thank you again for your assistance. ■

To: Bill Evans, Colorado Springs District Area Manager

From: Pat Ridge, XIOtech

Subject: Thank you to Jutta

Alive Team and Jutta: Thanks to all of you for your help in the Harvest Potluck! Everything was yummy! Many hands made the work go quickly. A special thank you to Jutta Hutchings for her help in getting things warmed and set up too. We appreciate our Jutta. Nothing could have been pulled off without your help and it was greatly appreciated! Next --- the Holiday Party followed closely by the Cookie Fest --- Yum...COOKIES! ■

To: Julie Nelson, Administrative Services Supervisor

From: Denise Edmiston, Heartland MP&I/Finance, State Farm

Subject: FBG Cleaning Employee

Julie: I just want to let you know what an honest cleaning employee Chris Davis is. Today when Chris was emptying the trash cans he asked me if I would tell Julie Corr (she was away from her desk) that he found money on the floor under her desk and was putting it on her desk. I was very impressed that he was honest and would do this. I think he needs to be commended for this. Thanks and have a great evening! ■

To: Bill Wilson, Facilities Director, Level 3 Communications

From: Leslie Lawanna, Executive Administrator to Andrew Crouch, President, Sales, Level 3 Communications

Subject: Ralph Medina

Hi Bill - Just wanted to write a quick note on Ralph Medina. I made a mistake and never submitted a 3help ticket for an Event Center room set up this morning at 10:00. Ralph was so professional and easy to deal with. He dropped everything and took care of it immediately. It is nice to deal with someone that is as helpful and courteous as he is.

To: Ralph Medina; Penny Johnson, FBG Denver Operations Manager

From: Bill Wilson

Subject: Ralph Medina

Ralph - Great job taking care of this request. Please pass this along to your team as well! We appreciate your attention to our end users and the extra steps and effort that goes into these compliments Thanks again! ■

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR!



HARRY FLORES SAEZ – COLORADO

Harry has been with FBG for three years since moving to Colorado from Puerto Rico where he was an industrial machine repairman. Harry is always the first to volunteer for extra work. He'll perform any assigned task that will benefit FBG. He quickly responds to any and all requests.

As a floor tech he is trusted with keys to several highly secured buildings; but because Harry is courteous, truthful and respectful, we have never received a complaint. Harry has taken it upon himself to learn the proper way to operate and repair the truck mount system and has taken the Floor Care Training Program with Diversey. He also worked with another employee to develop a system to dispense stripper so that it saves on the amount of chemical used. He is open to new ideas and shares his knowledge with others. *Thank you, Harry, for always contributing to a positive work environment.*

GIOVANNI MARTINEZ – MINNESOTA

Giovanni has been highly committed to FBG for four years. As the district "floater" he not only does custodial work but also provides lighting maintenance and other support services. Giovanni comes to work with a positive can-do attitude, can cover nearly every position and is knowledgeable about every account. He recently helped us reorganize the cleaning routes by providing input on the amount of time needed to service the customer sites. This was an important part in the effort to reduce the travel time between the sites. He also has also taken over the responsibility of managing the lamp recycling program for our Qwest customer, which is a very important environmental program. Giovanni has exhibited exceptional leadership ability and is a great role model to the other team members. *Thank you for giving us all your best Giovanni!*



VALERIA HUNT – LINCOLN

Valeria is an Area Supervisor and is extremely committed to the success of FBG as a company and it shows in everything she does. She is always available to her clients, as well as to her staff; she doesn't quit until the job is done and done correctly. She is honest and expects the same from her staff and she takes full responsibility for their performance. She has great employee morale and has earned the respect of her staff as well as her peers. Valeria is an employee who exemplifies our bill of rights. She is the Right Person, doing the Right Things, in the Right Way, for the Right Reasons at the Right Times. She has done an outstanding job this last year, accepting new responsibilities that have allowed her to grow both professional and personally. *Thank you for your outstanding service Valeria!*



TONYA LE WEAVER – DES MOINES

Tonya is an Area Supervisor and manages the largest portion of our Education market for this district. Tonya always gives 110% to any assignment she is tasked with. She continues working even when “off the clock” answering calls and emails for her staff. She does this due to her drive to make all things she is responsible for “a success.” She lives by the words of FBG’s Quality Policy and she will quote it chapter and verse to inspire and teach her staff and peers. She is the one that everyone goes to when they want to know how to do things in the real world of custodial work. She is always a positive force for the good of both our internal and external customers. Tonya’s manager, Larry Karlofsky said that “FBG gave her the first real chance to prove herself in life. It has been her foundation and her purpose for all of these years. Besides her children, it is the most important thing in her life, and the one sure thing she could always count on.” *And we count on you too Tonya, we are thankful to have you in the FBG family.*

VANESSA VIGO RODRIGUEZ (5 years) – QUAD CITIES

Vanessa takes great pride in what she does and it shows in her job performance, quality and conduct. She is always willing to help cover for others even when her plate is full. She takes on additional tasks, helps train other employees and is always trying to find ways to complete the work more efficiently. Vanessa, who works on a team of two, was without a partner for a few weeks and not only did she not complain, she delivered the work beautifully. She works closely with her supervisors and keeps them informed of any issues, like needed floor or carpet work. She also took the initiative to learn how to use a buffer & carpet equipment so that we wouldn’t have to call in a separate floor crew.

Thank you for your dedicated service Vanessa!



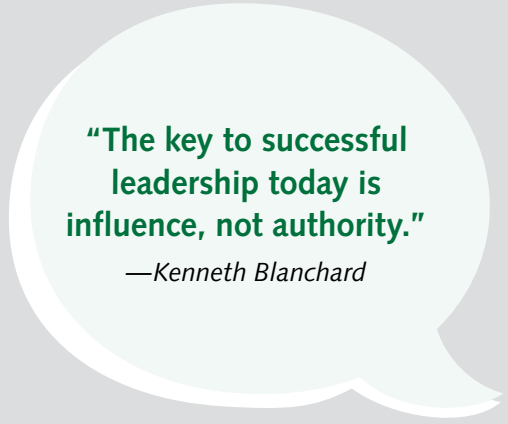
ANA GARCIA – OMAHA

Ana has given FBG four years of perfect attendance. With Ana, you know you are going to get good quality work from her every time because she takes pride and ownership in her work. Ana has taken on challenges of many special projects, from

floor maintenance to window cleaning to the restoration of a large lobby water fountain. She has demonstrated her flexibility in her outstanding willingness to fill absentee positions on short notice. Ana is very creative in resolving issues using her experience and skills. You can always count on Ana to do what is initially requested in a timely manner with outstanding results. You can count on Ana to do the right thing for the right reason at the right time. She became a US Citizen in January 2008.

Congratulations Ana and thank you from all of us at FBG. ■

It’s Quotable:
A collection of thoughts
for our *Spotlite* readers.



“The key to successful leadership today is influence, not authority.”

—Kenneth Blanchard

FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS (By Date)

- 1** Rosa Aguirre De Rosas
Davenport
Paladin Gordon *Colorado - South*
Lanora Muhammad *Omaha*
John Risuglia *Omaha*
- 2** Lynn Boddicker *Cedar Rapids*
Karen Butler *Davenport*
Candelaria Lopez *Omaha*
- 3** Dominic Duran *Colorado - North*
Larry Nicholson *Omaha*
- 4** Jose Garay *Cedar Rapids*
James Swift *Omaha*
David Villamar *Davenport*
Tonya Weaver *Des Moines*
- 5** Spencer Gonzalez *Lincoln*
Kimberly Johnsey *Lincoln*
Sherman Jones *Colorado - South*
Geovanna Mora *Lincoln*
Mark Wahl *Omaha*
- 6** Regina Maes *Colorado - North*
Danielle Shelman *Davenport*
Keith Stork *Des Moines*
- 7** Luciana Espinoza-Meza *Lincoln*
- 8** Heather Booze *Omaha*
- 9** Mary Holland *Des Moines*
Norma Peacock *Davenport*
- 10** Deanna Davidson *Des Moines*
Angelica Ramos *Omaha*
- 11** Claribel Moreno *Omaha*
Philip Murphy *Colorado - South*
Michael Snoddy *Omaha*
Lilian Urbina *Omaha*
- 12** Relisa Hall *Colorado - South*
Angienette Jones *Omaha*
Juana Rodriquez De Luna
Cedar Rapids
- 13** Larry Barajas *Omaha*
Marjories Grant *Omaha*
Julio Lopez *Colorado - South*
Michael Newson *Minnesota*
- 14** Charles Berner *Omaha*
Dan Hester *Cedar Rapids*
Agusta Kruger *Cedar Rapids*
Melanie Ryan *Omaha*
- Darla Tolbert *Omaha*
Richard Williams *Lincoln*
- 15** Emily Avant *Omaha*
Susan Axtell *Davenport*
Richard Sears *Des Moines*
Angela Skipton *Davenport*
- 16** Paul Montes *Davenport*
Fred Northway *Des Moines*
Darrell Pettit *Des Moines*
Arthur Scigliano *Des Moines*
- 17** Renee Huskey *Colorado - South*
Charles Perrin *Davenport*
Sherie Russell *Des Moines*
- 18** Anne Arredondo *Omaha*
Zaklina Djuric *Des Moines*
Ana Garcia *Omaha*
Lou Obrien *Des Moines*
Siaka Sanneh *Lincoln*
- 19** Kenneth Emge *Omaha*
Ada Murillo *Omaha*
William Van *Colorado - South*
- 20** Mary Butler *Omaha*
Miguel Hernandez Cedillo
Minnesota
- 22** Laura Brown *Lincoln*
Joe Raus *Omaha*
Rafael Rogel *Cedar Rapids*
- 23** Edmund Algien Jr
Colorado - South
Annie Johnny *Des Moines*
Deanna Richardson *Des Moines*
James Strozier *Colorado - South*
- 24** Lucas Bricker *Des Moines*
Steven Crandall *Davenport*
Patricia Morales Ambriz
Davenport
Mesud Telbiz *Des Moines*
- 25** Myrene Baker *Des Moines*
Rodney Culliver *Omaha*
Nevresa Fetic *Des Moines*
Willie Frazier *Omaha*
Jericko Herrera
Colorado - South
- 26** Juanita Eliassen *Cedar Rapids*

ANNIVERSARIES (By Years of Service)

- 1** Jim Thorn *Omaha*
Isabel Ayala *Omaha*
Juanita Eliassen *Cedar Rapids*
Ray Culliver *Omaha*
Windi Thomason
Colorado - South
Regina Smith *Lincoln*
Maria Valdivia *Lincoln*
Ankica Puskar *Lincoln*
Ryan Hunzeker *Lincoln*
Nancy Kinney *Omaha*
Teresa Bressler *Omaha*
- 2** Maria Pacheco *Colorado - North*
Lance Pennington
Colorado - North
Jennifer Hernandez *Colorado - North*
Jose Jimenez Agosto
Colorado - North
Dominic Duran *Colorado - North*
Irvin Deherrera *Colorado - South*
Carlos Landaverde
Colorado - North
Maria Garcia *Davenport*
Greg Bartek *Lincoln*
Nicholas Pursell *Davenport*
Margarita Rodriguez Hernandez
Omaha
Joseph Sutton *Omaha*
Silvia Maldonado
Colorado - North
- 3** Jerardo Padilla *Minnesota*
Dennis Grovo *Cedar Rapids*
Tyler Palmer *Omaha*
Sara Inda *Omaha*
Evaristo Caraveo- Erives
Colorado - North
Maria Del Loya *Colorado - North*
Judith Gonzalez Diaz
Colorado - South
- 4** Laura Miramontes *Omaha*
Jerry Adams *Omaha*
Eva Hernandez *Davenport*
Lori Miller *Des Moines*
- 5** Ramona H De Flores
Cedar Rapids
Carol Allerheiligen *Lincoln*
Carlton Hicks *Omaha*
Angelica Ramos *Omaha*
- 6** Carol Freudenburg *Omaha*
Santiago Sandoval-Linarte
Minnesota
James Strozier *Colorado - South*
Blanca Cruz *Davenport*
- 7** Barb Kunzman *Lincoln*
Marlene Kotoski *Minnesota*
Ernesto Cardona *Omaha*
- 8** Jesus Martinez *Cedar Rapids*
- 10** Christine Barkdull *Minnesota*
- 11** Nate Frausto *Colorado - South*
Robert Rush *Minnesota*
- 12** Carolyn Jasa *Omaha*
- 14** Rande Wagner *Davenport*
- 19** Kathleen Clark *Corporate*
Robert Bartek *Colorado - South*
Tom Montgomery *Cedar Rapids*
- 24** Retha Hernandez
Colorado - South
- 29** Jim Laursen *Lincoln*
- 43** Wayne Simmonds *Corporate*

BIRTHDAYS Continued

- Ramona H De Flores
Cedar Rapids
- Eulalia Silva *Des Moines*
- 27** Kenneth Hauck *Lincoln*
Jerardo Padilla *Minnesota*
Lawrence Phillips
Cedar Rapids
- 28** Mustafa Arikan *Omaha*
Michael McAfee *Omaha*
Daniel Reed *Lincoln*
Guadalupe Vargas *Davenport*

MARCH CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS (By Date)

- 1 Steve Ziskovskya *Cedar Rapids*
Meaghan Jones *Omaha*
- 2 Trent Temple *Davenport*
- 3 Lawrence Smith *Cedar Rapids*
Charles Elmer *Minnesota*
Dion Williams *Omaha*
Karen Lawler *Omaha*
- 4 Wanda Schellsmidt *Davenport*
Chelsea Lampman *Lincoln*
- 6 Joseph Sutton *Omaha*
- 7 Mary Barry *Corporate*
Wayne Young *Colorado - South*
- 8 Kelly Day *Cedar Rapids*
Carl Becerra *Davenport*
John Deahl *Davenport*
Duane Short *Corporate*
Silvia Maldonado
Colorado - North
Adrian Martinez *Omaha*
Kathleen Shea *Omaha*
- 9 Lynn Hauser *Des Moines*
Sandra Willis *Des Moines*
Darrell Hensley *Omaha*
Tim Beezley *Omaha*
- 10 Dawn Mellon *Davenport*
Terri Gogetap *Corporate*
Ricardo Trujillo
Colorado - South
Edvin De Leon Castillo
Omaha
- 11 Dennis Bishop *Davenport*
- 12 Earnestine Albert *Omaha*
- 13 Jessica Aguirre *Cedar Rapids*
Ashley Herrera *Davenport*
Eddie Petefish *Des Moines*
Larry Schrock *Des Moines*
Laron Chatmon *Omaha*
Randall Foote *Omaha*
- 14 Maira Ochoa Manzo *Omaha*
- 15 Dorothy Champion *Davenport*
Christine Barkdull *Minnesota*
- 16 Dena Espinoza *Cedar Rapids*
Terry Mittelstedter *Des Moines*
Mary Maes *Colorado - North*
- 17 Michael Riggio *Colorado - South*
- Emily Welch *Omaha*
- 18 Gary Phelps *Des Moines*
Thomas Archuleta
Colorado - South
Justa Arroyo *Omaha*
Patricia Mcgrath *Omaha*
- 19 Francisco Montes *Cedar Rapids*
Randolph Mc Donnell
Colorado - North
- 20 Chamar Maher *Colorado - South*
- 22 Darrel O'Day *Lincoln*
Scott Swihart *Lincoln*
Larry Brittell *Omaha*
- 23 Crisanto De Leon *Davenport*
Douglas Turner *Des Moines*
Fidela Carrizales *Des Moines*
Jose Espinoza *Colorado - North*
Beverly Butner *Omaha*
- 24 Lonnie Florence *Des Moines*
Boukare Ouedraogo *Minnesota*
- 25 Louis Valenciano Jr *Des Moines*
John Moreno *Lincoln*
Yolanda Diaz *Colorado - North*
Robert Allen *Omaha*
- 26 Francisca Barrientos *Davenport*
Maria Garcia *Davenport*
Wayne Simmonds *Corporate*
- 27 Ricardo Alcantar *Davenport*
Christina Guerrero *Omaha*
Maria Martinez *Omaha*
Richard Blutcher *Omaha*
- 28 Lori Miller *Des Moines*
Maria Hernandez
Colorado - North
Barbara Williams *Omaha*
Robert Smith *Omaha*
Sherrrod Clifton *Omaha*
- 29 Jose Escobedo *Cedar Rapids*
Terry Modrell *Lincoln*
Armando Vindel *Omaha*
David Rutherford *Omaha*
Rita Magana *Omaha*
- 30 Windy Stropes *Davenport*
David Geopfert *Des Moines*
Kenneth Liverseed *Minnesota*
- 31 Luz Herrera *Davenport*

ANNIVERSARIES (By Years of Service)

- 1 Melvin Billups *Colorado - South*
Sylvia Cabbell *Omaha*
Wanda Carter *Des Moines*
Erick Castaneda Arevalo
Cedar Rapids
Chance Foerster *Lincoln*
Rina Granados *Colorado - North*
Odale Jordan *Omaha*
Ronald Matthews *Lincoln*
Sarah Miller *Des Moines*
Terry Modrell *Lincoln*
Maria Padilla Moreno *Omaha*
Amanda Pedersen *Lincoln*
Eddie Petefish *Des Moines*
Rebecca Piper *Davenport*
Benjamin Rodriguez Ramirez
Omaha
Patricia Schropp *Des Moines*
Stephanie Snyder *Omaha*
Jana Viether *Omaha*
Logan Womack *Davenport*
- 2 Debra Ball-Hammond
Des Moines
Phyllis Blankespoor *Omaha*
Nevresa Fetic *Des Moines*
Connie Jordan *Omaha*
Elizabeth Mccord *Des Moines*
David Merideth *Des Moines*
Francis Muldoon *Des Moines*
Rose Nielsen *Omaha*
Maira Ochoa Manzo *Omaha*
Hoang Pham *Des Moines*
Mevlida Telbiz *Des Moines*
- 3 Anne Arredondo *Omaha*
Ruben Bais *Colorado - North*
Carl Christensen *Omaha*
Emira Daljevic *Des Moines*
Susan Kingston *Des Moines*
Dustin Parde *Lincoln*
- Gale Williams *Omaha*
Sandra Willis *Des Moines*
- 4 Jose Garay *Cedar Rapids*
Miguel Hernandez Cedillo
Minnesota
Jamie Losch *Cedar Rapids*
Dawn Mellon *Davenport*
Joe Raus *Omaha*
RoyVan Esselstine
Colorado - South
Jonathan White *Omaha*
- 5 Joel Hunter *Omaha*
- 6 Tammi Amos *Lincoln*
Maria Ceballos *Colorado - North*
- 7 Mary Butler *Omaha*
Ramon Esparza *Colorado - South*
Margita Rosko *Colorado - South*
- 8 Elizabeth Garcia *Omaha*
- 9 Jose Hernandez *Omaha*
- 10 Ada Arevalo *Cedar Rapids*
Claudia Linares *Minnesota*
Mary Lindell *Minnesota*
Matoula Luanglath
Colorado - North
Frances Maes *Colorado - North*
Regina Maes *Colorado - North*
Jorge Murillo *Colorado - North*
- 11 Ron Maher *Davenport*
- 12 Emily Avant *Omaha*
Lena Doleski *Cedar Rapids*
Robert Ehler *Cedar Rapids*
Ricardo Trujillo
Colorado - South
- 13 Jose Garcia *Omaha*
Scott Hess *Davenport*
Clive Lockwood
Colorado - South
- 14 Maria Perez *Omaha*
- 18 Lucy Allen *Omaha*
Gladys Rogers *Omaha*
- 20 Jim Story *Lincoln*
Al Williams *Corporate*
- 21 Joseph Carey *Omaha*
Odale Jordan *Omaha*

BIRTHDAYS Continued

- Ana Torres Villegas *Lincoln*
Gary Stollenwerk *Minnesota*
Jose Jimenez Agosto
Colorado - North
Erica Stowell *Colorado - South*
Benjamin Rodriguez Ramirez
Omaha
Odale Jordan *Omaha*



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||: MUSIC REVIEW by Rodger Stroup

Last month I wrote about three of the albums that were among my favorites for 2010. Here are five more that got a lot of time in my CD player last year.

Mojo, Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers – TP and his band are excellent throughout this musical adventure. “Jefferson Jericho Blues” gets things started in an upbeat fashion. This is some of Petty’s best songwriting in some time. It’s a winner through and through.

Brothers, Black Keys – I continue to be amazed at how great these two guys sound. Their music is showing up everywhere these days, and with good reason. There’s a soulfulness tucked away amidst the grunge that really stands out.

Listening Booth: 1970, Marc Cohn– Using 1970 as his songbook, Cohn presents some of that year’s best tunes as a tribute to a decade of fine music. His selection runs the gamut from solo Beatle tunes to the Grateful Dead, and back to

the pure pop of Bread and Badfinger. If you loved these songs growing up, you’ll love the way Cohn presents them here. If you missed these the first time around, try this and see what you missed.

Imaginary Television, Graham Parker – There’s a concept at work here, but the main thing this record’s got going for it are great tunes. Sitting down with a GP album is always an enjoyable experience. This one is no exception. Radio won’t play his music, so it’s up to us to give him a listen and spread the word. Are you in?

The Promise, Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band – This very cool two-disc set is nestled in between a re-mastered version of Springsteen’s Darkness on the Edge of Town and two performance DVDs that are spectacular.

The Promise, also sold as a separate CD collection, contains the songs that Springsteen was writing following the release of Born to Run. It’s clear that these

songs were similar in theme to Born to Run, and since it wasn’t what Springsteen wanted to put out at the time, these songs got tucked away.

Several of the songs received a 2010 upgrade to finish them off for release in this collection. As a result, the songs have a fresh sound. This is Springsteen as pop songwriter extraordinaire.

Thanks to Denny Giancola, who shared his top 10 favorite albums: The Doors; Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band, The Beatles; Crosby, Stills, & Nash; Rides Again, James Gang; Are You Experienced, Jimi Hendrix Experience; Let it Bleed, The Rolling Stones; Abbey Road, The Beatles; Innervations, Stevie Wonder; Greatest Hits, Bob Dylan; Too Long in Exile, Van Morrison.

I’d love to see your list of favorite albums, so e-mail your Top 10 to me at: rstroup@fbgservices.com ■

SPOTLITE FEEDBACK

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