

## Jannette Carolina Valdez BIO

Ms. Jannette Carolina Valdez is from Maracaibo, Zulia State, Venezuela. She is educated as an Industrial Engineer with Master of Science in Industrial Administration Management from the University of Zulia and a second Master of Science in Industrial Maintenance and Human Resources from the Universidad Nacional Experimental. Ms. Valdez also holds certifications in Total Quality Management, Industrial Project Management Control, and Neurolinguistics.



She began her career working at the state-owned oil, and mining company PDVSA (Ped-a-vey-sa). In addition, she has spent time as an industrial maintenance consultant, as well as an academic consultant. She has spent the last twenty years of her professional career as a university professor at Belloso Chacín University. Jannette is a cancer survivor and is now residing in Plano Texas where she is working on developing a digital education and recording studio focusing on educating Latin entrepreneurs on social media marketing.

Ms. Valdez has been and continues to be a political activist in against the Socialist Dictator Nicolas Maduro in Venezuela. As a result of her political activism, and status as a university professor, she has been targeted and threatened by the Cuban Government Intelligence Services (G2) and survived an assassination attempt by the “Los Colectivos” (The Collectives, a government armed paramilitary criminal gang used to rob, intimidate, and kill decenters). As a result, Ms. Valdez is now seeking affirmative asylum in the United States America.

Ms. Valdez has been a member of Rotary since 2011. She was selected as for the GSE (Exchange Study Group) from West Venezuela district 4380 to travel to Punjab, Haryana, and Rajasthan India district 3090, as a good will ambassador for Rotary. Jannette has been director of the New Generations Committee, and President of her club from 2014 to 2015 where she began initiatives in primary school and geriatric support services as well as working on initiatives with the indigenous tribes along the Venezuelan and Colombian border. Between 2015 and 2016 Ms. Valdez served as Assistant to the Governor and is now a member of the East Dallas club since February 24, 2020.

Jannette is developing on initiative to create a Hispanic club in the Dallas - Fort Worth area, it will be the second satellite club under the support of R. C. East Dallas. This will be for those former Rotarians and potential Spanish speaking members, who do not currently speak English.