



Kickoff Meeting

Fall Orientation/Reunion Meeting

Friday, October 18, 2013

10:00 to 12:00

**R. H. Johnson Sports Pavilion in the Shuffleboard Room.
Renew your membership, select your classes,
and meet your teachers and fellow students.**

FYI: *Class schedules and descriptions are now available on
the Club website: <http://spanish.scwclubs.com>*

After the business meeting there will be a PowerPoint presentation
(in English) on the cultural aspects of the "Day Of The Dead"
that is celebrated in the Spanish speaking world.



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THIS LADY LOVES TO LEARN!



Club Español members are as varied and interesting as the colors of the rainbow.

But few folks can match the "multi-colors" that are in Claire Fowler's pallet. She retired to Canada, but is not from Canada.

Born in CA, went to nursing school at 17, and met George while there (get her to tell you THAT tale!)

She spent 40+ years

working in hospitals, raising a family, and going to school - constantly. She had studied Latin, French and Spanish in high school but would take two decades to get a degree in Nursing Administration with a minor in Spanish? No - in French!

Her mother was a nurse, as is one of her sons (that, too, is an interesting story.)

When she and her George moved to Sun City West almost 8 years ago, Claire joined Club Español, took five years of classes and then plunged into teaching. This will be her third year of withstanding the antics of some in her class. (You gentlemen know who you are). They love her and her methods of teaching Spanish all the more for it! *¡Una Maestra muy popular!*



START YOUR ENGINES! ACTIVATE!



Do you love the fiestas more than anything else? Do you know what makes them so much fun? Sure, the food, of course. But some very dedicated folks make it come together - and they need YOU!

It's time for folks to jump in and make 2014 as great a year as 2013.

Ideas, as well as set-up and break-down help are needed!!

Contact Coleen Dawson
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Participation enhances the experience! Work up an appetite!



BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP BEGINS THIS FALL

Our Spanish Club is offering a new opportunity for involvement this fall! We'll be hosting book discussion groups - non-fiction, fiction, history, biography, and memoirs - all with a Spanish theme. Book selections will be in English so all interested members can take part.

Groups will meet once a month. Discussion group facilitators (volunteers) will come from within our club. We hope those of you with backgrounds in literature, education, and travel will find this an opportunity to share your talents with the club. Mary Ann Jasken is our contact for this activity. If you think you'd be interested in facilitating one of these groups, contact her at majasken@hotmail.com, or 701-866-9460. If there's enough interest, we'll begin in November.

MaryAnn is currently preparing the offering In The Time of Butterflies by Julia Alvarez. This choice is historical fiction. The setting is the Dominican Republic under the tyranny of

Trujillo and the underground resistance group that struggled for freedom. If you'd like to join this November discussion, contact MaryAnn using her contact info above.



*The more you read, the more you will know.
The more you learn, the more places you'll go.*
-Dr. Seuss

Did You Know?

The first people to make chocolate were the ancient tribes of Mexico and Central America, including the Incas, Aztec and Mayans. They mixed ground cacao seeds with various seasonings to make a spicy, frothy drink which they called "chocolatl."

Despite Christopher Columbus bringing the cocoa bean back to Spain, the King and Queen never realized

how important cocoa beans would become.

It was left to the Spanish explorer, Hernando Cortez, to recognize the commercial possibilities of this 'Food for the Gods'.

During his conquest of Mexico, Cortez noticed that the Aztec Indians used cocoa beans in the preparation of the royal drink of the realm,

chocolatl, meaning "warm liquid." It was reported in 1519, that Emperor Montezuma, who drank 50 or more portions daily, served chocolatl to his Spanish guests in golden goblets, treating it like a food for the gods.

Montezuma's chocolatl was very bitter, and the Spanish did not appreciate its taste.

To make the drink more to the liking of the Europeans, Cortez and his countrymen sweetened the Aztec Chocolate with cane sugar.



HISPANIC CHILDREN COULD USE YOUR HELP

This can be a great experience for those who don't speak Spanish as well as for those who do. Except YEC will ask that you NOT speak



Spanish during the time

you spend with children.

YEC is associated with Hands on Greater Phoenix and is looking for volunteers to help children 3rd to 6th grade at various schools with reading, writing, math. Teaching experience is not required.

This is a fascinating organization and well worth your while to investigate. If you are

interested, contact Michael Beardslee, Educational Programs Manager/YEC to begin the process. The Office Number is 602-973-2212 x 239. but you can e-mail mike@handsonphoenix.org.

The minimum requirement is only 2 hours per week and of course you can give more.



(Thanks to Anna Scheidt for this article.)

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DON'T FORGET THE SERIES: "Latino Americans" (Tuesday at 7 p.m., PBS): Benjamin Bratt narrates this well-done documentary series that chronicles the rich history and experiences of Latinos who have helped shape North America over the past 500-plus years.

This is the first major documentary series for television to chronicle the varied history of Latinos who have become, with more than 50 million people, the largest minority group in the U.S.

Immigration is at the heart of the American experience and the series intersects much that is central to the history of the United States. The story includes expansionism, Manifest Destiny, the Wild West, multiple wars (Mexican-American, Spanish-American, World War II), the rise of organized labor, the Great Depression, the post WWII boom, the Cold War, the Civil Rights movement, globalization, and the effects of multiple kinds of technologies – from the railroad and barbed wire to the internet and satellite television.

Despite such familiar landmarks, this history goes to places that standard U.S. histories have largely ignored and details the human dramas of Latino struggles and triumphs, successes and disappointments.

The series chronicles Latinos in the United States from the sixteenth century to present day. It is a story of people, politics, and culture; one of immigration and redemption, of anguish and celebration, of the gradual construction of a new American identity. Only one two-hour episode left! Download the series on iTunes.

Articles and photos for the Nov-Dec issue can be submitted to JBNovyaz@gmail.com. Please send them by mid-October.



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THURSDAY, NOV 7
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CLUB WEBSITE AS IT BECOMES
AVAILABLE.
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