



Club Español Launches Newsletter

*When all other means
of communication fail,
try words.*

-Anonymous

So we decided to give it our best shot!

To try out a Club Newsletter to see if it fits; to hope it is meaningful; to work to make it useful, interesting and informative, or just nice with a morning cup of coffee.

We trust you will give this first issue a read. Then let us know what you'd like to share through it. It is meant to be YOURS!

So many of us in the Club really know only those we are in class with or have met across the table at a Fiesta. It is just amazing to discover where people have been, what they have

done, what they are reading and thinking. This is your chance to tell everyone.

And if you don't like the newsletter, please let us know WHY. We have thick skins. Really.

DON'T MISS IT!

Fri. Oct. 18th

**KICK-OFF OF SPANISH
CLUB SEASON**

SHUFFLE BOARD ROOM

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Meet Our Newest Facilitator

Club Español offers language classes every day but Friday in the rooms at Beardsley Rec Center. Classes are included in the Club's annual membership fee of \$10.

The volunteer members of the club are referred to as Facilitators; Maestras or Teachers but no matter what term is used, they are dedicated, helpful, experienced, and enthusiastic about

the Spanish language and culture.

The newest member of the team brings the number up to nine. Meet **Maureen Ball**.

She has an interesting, and quite eclectic background. A Canadian by birth, **Maureen** taught French in grade school and high school and English as a second-language to adults as well. Where's the "eclectic" part, you ask?

Well, many lawyers become teachers but not many teachers become lawyers. And that's exactly what **Maureen** did! She went to law school and practiced law until retirement.

This sharp mind is attuned to nuances and reasoning, and is gifted with a great memory. Her beginners class will be open to those who have never had any Spanish at all.



When Nobody Else Would



Perhaps every club in SCW has gone through transitions and obstacles, but there is no graver situation than that of needing a President and not finding one.

Dan Mesch stepped up to the plate when nobody else would. He finished out **Don Monroe's** term and has stuck with it for his own two year

term. He literally saved the Club from "dismemberment" and went on to attract many new members.

Dan put new life into the fiestas and introduced the wildly popular "Tapas Fiesta." Each of his years as President found him twisting arms to fill out the Officers' seats on

the Board; cajoling teachers to remind members about upcoming events; ensuring use of Rec Center facilities for Club events and who knows what else!

"Dan the Man" deserves our gratitude and thanks as he finishes out a grueling time as President.

Ideas, Innovations, Imagination and Inspiration

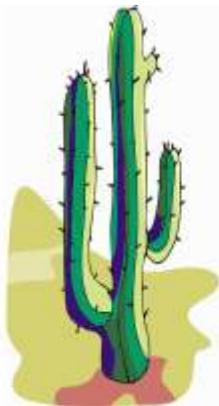
Whatever you call it, we want them all and are hoping that members are willing to share their stories, recipes, book suggestions, travel tips and whatever else they have found wonderful in their lives.

Everybody has a unique take on things and while discussions

of a religious or political theme are "off limits," there remains a HUGE range of interests to share.

You may receive an invitation soon to suggest what you would like the Club to offer; whether you want to join a class or

just come for the fun and food of fiestas. Are you interested in having a Book Club? Want to car pool somewhere in AZ to discover the state's heritage? We want to hear from you! Contact Mary Ann Jasken (701-866-9460) or Joan Novy (623-271-7689) who will pass on your ideas.



Keeping up on the News

If you haven't yet checked into the Club website recently, you've missed some great photos of past events as well as announcements of new ones coming up. You will find a list of class programs being

offered with a recommended level of language experience suited for each; materials to be used and interesting biographical write-ups on the facilitators along with their photos. The website

is updated as needed by our dedicated team of "web wizards" **Carole Williams** and **Margaret Rauch**. Keep these wizards' cauldrons well fed with kudos! They're our lifeline!

*Check out our website:
<http://spanish.scwclubs.com>*

Did You Know?

Spain's famed **tapas** (from the verb *tapar*, to cover) were first developed in southern Spain in the 19th century (or earlier). According to the story, drinkers in the local taverns took to placing a slice of bread atop their glasses between sips to keep the flies out.

Some enterprising

bartender then put a piece of sausage or ham on the bread. Soon tiny plates were being used as covers and a variety of food was spooned onto them and the habit spread throughout Spain.

Virtually anything can be a *tapa* and it is bar food without

equal. To nibble tapas without a glass of wine or beer would be unthinkable to a Spaniard.

The *tapa* ritual demands hours of relaxed conversation, punctuated by food and drink; usually consumed in a succession of places.

-From *Joy of Cooking*



Spotlight on Club Travelers

Ed and Ellen Zacko have traveled to many wonderful places on their Sailboat, *Entr'acte*, and share their voyages and photos on their website: enezacko.com.

Spain (and France) were destinations for them this summer. In preparation, **Ed** "drowned" himself in

the language classes offered by the club. He took them ALL as many weeks as he could, determined to dazzle and amaze the many friends they have made over the years in Spain.

Ed also produced a fascinating CD on "La Semana Santa" in Seville - an awesome visual look into a

cultural slice of life in Spain.



And Where in the World has **Jerry Jallo** gone in his lifetime? Believe it or not - every single country in the world! Yes, even South Sudan!



Survival Spanish Summer 2013

As many as sixteen residents braved the Arizona summer heat to study Survival Spanish with Sue and Mike Ward.

Survival Spanish is a 36-lesson AV course

designed to introduce conversational Spanish and is divided into topics such as Retail Sales, Food Services, Health, Travel and other situations. The lessons aren't designed

to make one fluent in Spanish, but rather to familiarize students with the sounds of spoken Spanish.

¡Bravo Susana y Miguel -
Los Facilitadores!



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Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor at the October 18th Membership Meeting.

Floor nominations must have the prior consent of the nominee.

About Our Organization...

Club Español is a Chartered Social Club organized in 1980 by residents interested in sharing the enjoyment of the Spanish language and culture. Many club members are learning Spanish for the first time. Others have

become quite comfortable speaking Spanish. The Spanish classes offered by the club are a fun way to learn something new and keep one's brain active! check it out on the website! Or call one of the officers.



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