



A TIME TO GIVE THANKS

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH
GRANDVIEW TERRACE
BALLROOM
2014 ANNUAL HOLIDAY
DINNER DANCE

Watch for more details to come



MEET ANNA SCHEIDT



Life is like a multi-faceted diamond and one of my facets is that I speak Spanish (I also speak Lithuanian which is my native language).

I have been involved in the Spanish Club as an instructor or facilitator since about 2001 and it is very gratifying for me to see people learn this beautiful language which I learned in Colombia, S.A. where we (my parents and siblings)

arrived as WWII refugees and where I grew up and attended school etc.

Life in Colombia was very difficult and the future not very promising, prompting my parents to apply for a visa to emigrate to the US of A; the visa arrived about 9 years later.

So here I am about 40+ years later, blessed with a good family, wonderful friends and trying to pass on the joy of learning a language to

some of the nicest people that I have the honor of knowing.

I express my gratitude to everyone in the Spanish Club for adding that special shine to my diamond.

Abrazos, Anna

Un estudiante de la vida considera al mundo su salón de clase.

(See pg. 4)

The Mission of the Spanish Club is to learn the language and appreciate the Hispanic culture through classes, cultural events and fiestas.



2014 MEMBERSHIP MEETING EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS

It also exceeded the seating accommodations in the Recreation Center's Lecture Hall! Thanks to the crew that set up and worked the registration tables and book sales, the well-attended event went well. Approximately 32 new members signed up and they just keep on coming. Almost 30% of the new members indicated interest in active participation in club activities other than the classes.

¡Bienvenido a todos!

The Monday classes for beginners filled up quickly. Rather than have people wait until January when another beginners' class starts with Rosemary Bossert, interim mini-classes were organized. Starting on FRIDAY, Nov. 7th in the Chicory Room, **Tiffany Coleman** is offering two classes (No. 7th & 14th) on basic pronunciation and working with cognates. **Jim Khami's** classes (Nov. 21st & Dec. 5th) will include numbers, telling time, etc. **Joan Novy** will hold two classes (Dec. 12th & 19th) to introduce personal pronouns and common verbs and phrases. NO NEED to register for these classes – just show up by 9 am at Beardsley in the Chicory room, with pen and paper and an appetite for learning!

MAYA LECTURE

This FREE event is open to the public.
 Wednesday, Nov. 19 - 7:00 – 8:00pm
 Glendale Community College, Student Union
 6000 W. Olive Ave., Glendale

Dr. William Saturno, National Geographic Explorer who discovered the workroom of an ancient Maya record-keeper will speak as part of the Maricopa Community Colleges Honors Forum Lecture Series. Dr. Saturno is most well-known for his team's 2001 discovery of the site of San Bartolo and the oldest intact murals ever found in the Maya world.

Since then he has directed the San Bartolo Regional Archaeology Project dedicated to the excavation and conservation of these spectacular murals and to understanding San Bartolo's role in this largely unexplored region of the Maya area during the period when Maya civilization itself was just forming.

"ARMAS PARA LA VIDA" EN URUGUAY

Uno de cada tres uruguayos, en una población de 3,2 millones de habitantes, está armado. Por eso la campaña 'Armas para la vida' propone un canje: El ciudadano trae un arma y recibe a cambio otra "arma para la vida". Un arma de conocimiento, como lo es una computadora portátil u otra, para el ejercicio o el trabajo, como la bicicleta.

One in three Uruguayans, in a population of 3.2 million, is armed. So the campaign "Arms for Life" proposes an exchange. A citizen brings in a gun and in exchange receives a weapon of knowledge like a laptop computer or one for exercise or work, like a bicycle.

DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS

More than 500 years ago, when the Spanish Conquistadors landed in Mexico, they encountered natives practicing a ritual that seemed to mock death. It was a ritual that the indigenous people had been practicing for at least 3,000 years. A ritual the Spaniards would try unsuccessfully to eradicate.

Today, Día de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, still maintains the basic principles of the traditional Aztec ritual, such as the use of skulls. People don wooden skull masks called calacas and dance in honor of their deceased relatives. The wooden skulls are also placed on altars that are dedicated to the dead.

The Aztecs and other civilizations kept skulls as trophies and displayed them during the ritual to symbolize death and rebirth. These civilizations believed their dead came back to visit during the ritual. Unlike the Spaniards, who viewed death as the end of life, the natives viewed it as a continuation of life.



However, the Spaniards considered the ritual to be sacrilegious, and in order to make the ritual more Christian, moved it so it would coincide with All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day (Nov. 1 and 2), which is when it is celebrated today. Previously it fell on the ninth month of the Aztec Solar Calendar, approximately the beginning of August, and was celebrated for the entire month.

Source: *Tú Decides.com*, Oct. 31, 2014

EL TORNILLO

Se gana por lo que se sabe, no por lo que se hace.

A company called in a very experienced technician to solve a problem with their costly computer. The gentleman looked it over, got out his tools, and turned a particular screw. The computer booted right up.

-*"¿Cuánto le debo?" preguntó el dueño. (How much do I owe you?)*

-*"Mil dólares."*

-*¿Mil dólares por apretar (turn) un simple tornillo? ¿Por qué? ¡No le pagaré sin me mande una factura perfectamente detallad!*

This is the detailed invoice the owner insisted the technician provide before he would pay him:

Apretar un tornillo —————-1 dólar
Saber qué tornillo apretar————-999 dólares



Moraleja: Aprende a hacer valer tus conocimientos, y empieza a cobrar por lo que sabes, no por lo que haces.

Moral: Learn to value your knowledge and begin to charge for what you know, not for what you do.



Del Barrio

Did you know that our club secretary, **Pamela Gunyuz**, often travels to Turkey, the homeland of her husband? Her recent return trip to SCW took **36** hours of travel, getting her home at 9 PM. Nevertheless, the very next morning, Pamela was at the club membership meeting, ready to do her duty as secretary! *¡Te Saludo, Pamela!*
¡Eso es impresionante compromiso!

*Send your tidbits and kudos to
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*Memories of La Paz
Mexico, courtesy of
Dennis Staub and Gil
King, who were married
in Canada in 2012.*

La Conche Beach Resort, seen here, is about 3 miles north of La Paz. We really liked the city and its sites. Yes, I got to use Spanish, but a lot of the Mexicans understood English.

La Paz is about 90 miles north of Cabo San Lucas. It reminds me of a city yet to be discovered by Tourist.

We drove from Sun City West to La Paz, a distance of 1270 miles. We did not have any problems while in La Paz or on our way there. We only saw one person begging for money in the two months that we were there.



Con las notas de la guitarra y la marimba, el *doodle* animado de este 2 de noviembre recibe a los usuarios de Google con una calavera bien arreglada para la fiesta, como la que el pintor **José Guadalupe Posada** imaginó en su grabado que es conocido popularmente como *la Catrina*.

If you opened up *Google* on the 2nd of November, you were greeted with this graphic for *Día de los Muertos* – a skull adorned for the fiesta similar to the one the painter **José Guadalupe Posada** created in his illustration popularly known as *La Catrina*.

The Google graphic is animated and includes “*el pan de muerto*”, skulls made of sugar, fruit, flowers and paper cutouts; all elements that adorn the tombs of the deceased on this date. If you want to see (and hear) the short video, go to:

<http://mexico.cnn.com/tecnologia/2014/11/02/google-celebra-el-dia-de-muertos-con-una-portada-muy-catrina-y-animada>

SATURDAY FILM ON CUBA

Nov. 15th 7 to 8:30 PM
RH Johnson Lecture Hall
OPEN TO PUBLIC

\$1 donation at door

Brina vour friends!

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**The student of
life considers
the world his
classroom.*