

SPANISH CLUB NEWS...



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WHAT DOES THE CLUB DO WHEN ALL THE *SNOWBIRDS* ARE GONE FROM ARIZONA IN THE SUMMER?



WHY...THEY HAVE FUN!



Are

You

Kidding

Me?

Bill Price's summer class "out on the town"!
(Pam Watson photos)

The mission of the Spanish Club of Sun City West is to learn the language and appreciate the Spanish culture through classes, cultural events, fiestas and travel.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS, PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS, VETERANS...
THE GOOD SHIP ESPAÑOL IS ABOUT TO EMBARK ON A SUPERB YEAR,
 All Aboard!

LANGUAGE CLASSES – TRAVEL – GAMES – MOVIES – ACTIVITY CLASSES – FIESTAS
 With NEW FRIENDS, AND OLD (and much more!)

SPANISH CLASS SCHEDULES FOR 2018-19*
Spanish Classes Begin the Week of October 22.

Mondays: Beginning **Sp. is Fun Bk 1-Level 1**
 Beginning Reading for Discussion
 and Vocabulary High Beginners+
 Joyce's Adv. class using Subjunctive

Tuesday: Intermediate **Sp. is Fun Bk 2-Level 2**
 Beginning **Sp. is Fun Bk 1-Level 2**

Wednesday: Beginning **Sp. is Fun Bk 1-Level 1**
 Beginning **Sp. is Fun Bk 1-Level 2**

Thursday: Adv. Open Social Conversation
 Adv. Structured Conversation

Friday: Conversation for High Beginner/Int.
 Beg. Sp. in Fun Bk 1-Level 1 (January)

SEE page 8 for
 Spanish Club
 progression cart. This
 will enable you to
 view our entire
 learning scheme and
 personnel.

All classes are held at
 Beardsley
 Recreation Center in the
 mornings, 9 am-11am.



CLUB MEMBERS
 TAKE A BREAK
 FROM CLASSES IN
 PLAYA del CAR-
 MEN, MEXICO,
 SPRING 2018

1. Registration and Reunion Meeting

October 11, 2018

This is going to be another exciting year for Club Español; a growing membership, more members taking classes, and exciting travel opportunities just to start. The Registration and Reunion Meeting is the time for current members and those interested in joining the club to come and hear what's already planned for the year, and register for a Spanish class at any level of experience. New and returning members are encouraged to print and fill out the registration form from the website at <http://spanish.scwclubs.com/sample-page/1353-2/>. Be sure to check our website (spanish.scwclubs.com), for all our activities, especially our fiestas which combine great food, fun and socializing.

2. Travel Talk!

Also coming up on Tuesday, October 16th, at 9AM in the Mesquite Room at Beardsley, there is a meeting to explore club travel interests for the next 12 months. Jim Khami has tentative plans for a trip to Mexico City in the spring, and any who would like to share his or her travel ideas are welcome. The club travel policy is to encourage travel to Spanish speaking countries to learn about their culture, customs and history. The club's full travel policy is on the website

at <http://spanish.scwclubs.com/sample-page/board-travel-policy/>. All club members and potential members are welcome.

The club has been very successful due to the active involvement of the membership, and needs your help to continue this tradition. Many folks have a wealth of experience which is directly applicable to club needs. If you would like to help with any of our activities, please indicate your interests on the registration form. See you in October!

-Paul Voorhees, President



editor's note: See page 7 for a *local* educational opportunity related to the planned **Mexico City** adventure (that will be discussed by Jim Khami at the October 16 meeting.)

CLUB ADDRESSES STUDENT AND CURRICULAR NEEDS

(-editor)

The tremendous growth of our Club's educational demands required a major re-evaluation of structure. Whereas one volunteer was once in charge of most of the Spanish Club's classroom concerns, three will now assume these critical roles.

Going forward, **Donna Howard** will be the Language Class Administrator and Educational Representative. Her experiences include positions as a teacher, principal, superintendent, Director of Professional Development, as well as Curriculum Development. Also, she has spent ten years, in and out of Honduras.

Brenda Melcher takes on the role of Student Advisor. She will head student placement and other critical issues. She has professionally taught Spanish, headed a foreign language department, been an ESL Director, and led professional development projects. In additions, she has worked as a state and national consultant in the ESL field.

Mary Ann Jasken will continue her leadership involvement as the Curricular Director. She has taught ESL, GED, English, communications, and has developed language curriculum programs. She spent several years as a state consultant in the second language field.

Not only does our Spanish Club have a superb *teaching* staff, it has a quality credentialed leadership team, one that is second to none.

NOTE FROM TRAVEL 4 CHAIRMAN JIM KHAMI... MEXICO CITY TRIP!

Next spring's **Mexico City trip** for Spanish Club members (and one guest per member who need not be in the Club) is lined up. Dates are April 1 through April 7, 2019. It will be a fully escorted 7-days/6-nights trip to Mexico City and environs and will include visiting the pyramids at Teotihuacan(1), the Shrine of Guadalupe, the Zócalo, the floating gardens of Xochimilco, side trips to Cuernavaca, Taxco, and Puebla, Chapultepec Castle, Museum of Anthropology, and an evening enjoying the world-renowned Ballet Folklórico in the Palacio de Bellas Artes.

Depending on the bullfight schedule which has not been published yet, we may be able to take in a bullfight in the Plaza México as an option. (*Jim is, at this moment, interviewing bulls* -ed). The price of the trip will be \$1,500 per person, double occupancy and \$1,900 single occupancy, plus airfare (to be arranged individually).

I'll post the full itinerary on the club's website in September. **We will have a sign-up meeting to take \$100 non-refundable deposits in late October or early November (exact date and location to be determined.)** As we did for previous trips to Spain, Copper Canyon, and Peru, we will have monthly meetings before departure to get to know each other and prepare for the trip.

See page 7 for an incredible related experience! -ed

**WELL-QUALIFIED KATHY
McSPARRAN JOINS TEACHING
STAFF, TELLS OF HER
JOURNEY**

A cute boy named Pedro at my gymnastics school first launched my interest in learning to speak Spanish. Pedro moved on, but my relationship with the language endured.

From classes in high school, to decades of self-study using just about every language learning tool in existence, I made steady, but lonely, progress. Then one day, I wandered into a small Spanish language school in Tempe to inquire about taking classes. I thought I'd be cute, and made my inquiry in Spanish.

Before I knew it, I was taking, and teaching, classes there and loving it! It's so much more fun and effective to share a learning journey with others!

Since then I've done immersion programs in Costa Rica and Mexico, spent six weeks traveling in Spain, founded the Spanish Language

Learners Club in the community of Verrado, and tutored ESL students in the Buckeye school system. Now that my husband Pete and I are SCW homeowners, I'm delighted to join the community of adventurous language learners at Club Español!

(editors note: Our staff continues to be second-to-none in qualifications, experience and teaching aptitude!)

**RUSSIANS HACK CLUB
WEBSITE (Is nothing *sacred*?)**

In an apparent attempt to unlock the secret of the incredible success of the Sun City West Spanish Club, Russians have been busy studying our communications.

Rumor has it that their attempts are mostly focused on the superb Spanish teaching and incredible volunteerism we experience.

However, one unidentified news source claimed that the Russians heard of the vibrant *Club socialization* experienced here, and mistook it to mean a form of socialistic government.

OUR WEBSITE:

<http://spanish.scwclubs.com>

NOTE: If you are in need of Club information please check our website rather than call our already "too busy" volunteers.

**EL OBJETIVO DEL CLUB
ESPAÑOL**

El objetivo del Club es aprender el idioma español y apreciar la cultura hispana a través de clases, juegos, eventos culturales, y fiestas.

EDITOR'S CORNER...

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-Jim Jasken

As I sit here in Minnesota, admiring mid-summer festivity photos at a local Spanish eatery, I am drawn to contemplating the Club's past year. Bill Price's class typifies the togetherness and special relationships that the Club fosters. Call it that special *Spanish attitude*.

Since I am on the sidelines (watching the show, so to speak), several areas shout to be recognized. If you are a veteran member, you may stop here, since you already know and have told others about us. But for our new and prospective members, allow me to carry on.

1. **What a staff of teachers...** whose bios read like those of a college faculty. We recognize that, just because one has Spanish-speaking ability alone, is *not* a credential to teach it. Our staff is trained and/or experienced in *adult* education. Our curriculum coordinator is an experienced state-level adult learning specialist.
2. **Club Español is a social club!**
Many members are active only in the social aspect of our Club. Fiestas, dinners, classes in cooking, trips, Spanish related movies, games, local adventure only begin the list; this is a great place to enjoy old and new friends. Members are not required to enroll in classes.
3. **Volunteerism reigns.** Many organizations struggle to find good members "stepping forward". In fact several clubs have *vanished* due to the lack of volunteer leaders.
In every area (and new areas each year) our Club is blessed with competent unpaid assistance. This includes our professional teaching staff.

You are welcome to join us!

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-Jim Jasken, editor

***Please continue to save the [Box Tops for Education seals](#). Jo Keitges will collect them at our October registration.

***Vases for our [Valentine Fiesta](#) are always appreciated. Contact: Jo K.

Oct 11- Fall General Meeting
Oct 26- Movie night 7 pm
Nov 8- Fall Fiesta
Nov 16- Movie night 7 pm
Nov 20- Mexican Train Board Game
Beardsley Chicory Rm 1-3
Dec 7- Holiday Fiesta
Dec 21- Final day fall class

Board of Directors:

Paul Voorhees, President
Lee Howard, Vice-President
Olivette Miller, Treasurer
Jim Dodson, Secretary
Tish Iwaszuk, Member-at-large
Dianne Heisner, Public Relations
Jo Keitges, Fiesta Chair
Donna Howard, Language Class Administrator, Ed Rep to Board

Others:

MaryAnn Jasken, Curriculum
Brenda Melcher, Student Advisor
Jim Jasken, Newsletter Editor
John Anderson, Photographer
Jan Gameros, Proof-reader
Margaret Rauch, Proof-reader
Stephen Hohl, Movie Night
Paul Voorhees, Book Club
Jim Khami, Travel Coordinator
Dave Porter, Tech Support
Karen Brown, Cooking Classes
Dianne Heisner, Website
Arline Foster, Mexican Train

Club Members, Consider this!

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Exhibition PHOENIX ART MUSEUM (1625 N. Central Ave.)
OCTOBER 6 THROUGH JANUARY 27

Location: **Steele Gallery**

TEOTIHUACAN: CITY OF WATER, CITY OF FIRE

Exhibition Preview October 5, 2018 6 pm	Members' Morning October 6, 2018 9:30 am	Members' Reception October 11, 2018 6 pm
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Teotihuacan was the first, largest, and most influential metropolis on the American continent. In its heyday between 100 BCE and 650 CE, the city encompassed an area of 20 square kilometers with a population of more than 150,000. Both the inhabitants of Teotihuacan, its original name, and why the city was abandoned around 650 CE are still unknown. When the Aztecs, coming from the north in the first half of the 14th century, discovered its abandoned ruins on the Mexican Central Plateau, they named it Teotihuacan, the place where gods were born, and used it as the setting for their own creation myth.

Teotihuacan: City of Water, City of Fire is a major traveling exhibition organized by the de Young Museum in San Francisco in collaboration with the National Institute of Anthropology and History of Mexico. With more than 200 outstanding objects from the National Museum of Anthropology in **Mexico City**, *Teotihuacan: City of Water, City of Fire* will provide a comprehensive insight into the art, everyday life, and religion of Teotihuacan, and its influence on other regions of Mexico. The exhibition will explore the archaeological history of the city through sculptures, friezes and murals; domestic objects including vessels and figures, stone carvings, masks, statues of gods and representations of animals; and extraordinary objects crafted out of precious materials including jade, obsidian, greenstone, and onyx.

Seniors \$20 Group rate, call 602-307-2090

2018 – 2019 SPANISH CLASS PROGRESSION

