

SPANISH CLUB NEWS...



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CLUB SEES RECORD YEAR!

If just having fun and meeting new friends were not enough, our Spanish Language Program broke all attendance and class offerings records! In addition, add foreign and local group travel, games, movies, and even discussion classes in homes and rocking fiestas, and you've got a phenomenal *growing organization!* Thousands of student hours (140 students per week average) of classroom learning activities were charted by volunteer teachers and teaching assistants during the year.



President Lee Howard with Fiesta Coordinator Jo Keitges

April fiesta planned! Our Board members will be serving a taco bar of great food! Palm Ridge Center, April 11, watch your mail!

Set your computer screen size to 150% for easy reading of this edition.

The Fiesta Dancers from El Mirage Entertain Valentine Fiesta guests...



125 ENJOY VALENTINE FIESTA

There were singles and sweethearts (and a predominance of happy couples!) at the Club's February Fiesta. The usual special fare was highlighted by the Mexican Dance Troupe from Thompson Ranch School; the children presented a series of varied dances to a very appreciative audience of members.

President Lee Howard presented flowers to Fiesta Coordinator Jo Keitges and Club Icon Olivette Miller for their service.

Our next fiesta will be another great event! See details at left.

CLUB COLLECTS BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

The Thompson Ranch School is the beneficiary of our Club's box top collecting. If you need particulars, contact Jo Keitges. 623-215-2072

LOST AND FOUND

If you happened to lose an item at the last Fiesta, Jo will have a box at the Spring Fiesta, or you may contact her for specific inquiries, 623-215-2072.

There are no husbands (or even male attendants) in the box.

IF you have vases or baskets ...

that could be used at the next Holiday or Valentine Fiesta (2020), please bring them to the Spring Fiesta. It will make Jo's job just that much easier next year.

WATCH FOR A SELECTION OF DONATED SPANISH LANGUAGE BOOKS AND MAGS (from birdbooks to cookbooks!) AT THE SPRING FIESTA.

One does not have to take classes to be a Club member...



Watch for news of Minnesota summer immersion and AZ summer classes.

Who was the first non-human to win an Academy Award?(see bottom p. 4)

TRAVEL PLANS COMPLETE FOR MEXICAN ADVENTURE, SCHOOLING

Our Spanish Club travel plans for two spring trips are set. Approximately three dozen members are involved. Elaine Greene will be taking her group to Oaxaca for language immersion, while Jim Khami is setting his sights on a Mexico City excursion.

In addition, some of the immersion students will join the Mexico City group for *double* Club destinations!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

- Lee Howard (541-815-8025)-

Fellow members,

It is difficult to quantify the tremendous enthusiasm in our Club this past year! Suffice it to say that our classes have grown in number and size, even to the point of volunteers leading special sessions in homes!

This growth brings special needs for more space, and has the attention of our Board. Watch for progress reports in our next edition.

We have seen growth in our participation of travel and Spanish related games, local trips, extra-curricular classes (like cooking) and Fiestas. Enthusiasm for Spanish Club and classes is at an all-time high. A special thanks to our many volunteers!



L to R: Judy Garland, Wild Bill, Calamity Jane, W.C. Fields... (actually: Marie, Jac, Pam, John!)

**See you at the Spring Fiesta
APRIL 11, 2019!**

Hey you, yes, YOU!

(-ed.)

There is word on the street that you are considering dropping your Spanish class next year...just a rumor, you understand.

It is true that our Club is overflowing its assigned current classrooms; a crisis that our Board will work to solve. That doesn't mean that your seat should go to someone else in the future.

Face the facts, you didn't sign up for Spanish in the first place to become a diplomat to Venezuela. Nor to join a cartel. You bought into the notion that your class work would ward off the onset of dementia. Research says that is one of the *proven ways* to prevent early brain deterioration.

And those friends you made in class or Club activities? Some are true "keepers." Right?

If you are contemplating the path of lesser resistance, conventional wisdom says that you maybe should "reconsider!"

EDITOR'S FREE OFFERINGS TO MEMBERS

1. THE MAYA (M.D. Coe)
 2. Machu Picchu, A Civil Engineering Marvel (K.R.Wright)
 3. THE CROWN OF MEXICO, Maximilian & His Empress Carlota, (Haslip)
 4. THE SACRED WELL (May), Mayan archeological ruins of Chichen Itza, historical fiction
 5. THE ANCIENT CIVILIZATION OF PERU (J.A. Mason)
- sugarbushwordshop@hotmail.com deadline: midnight March 13 (1 per member, per edition)

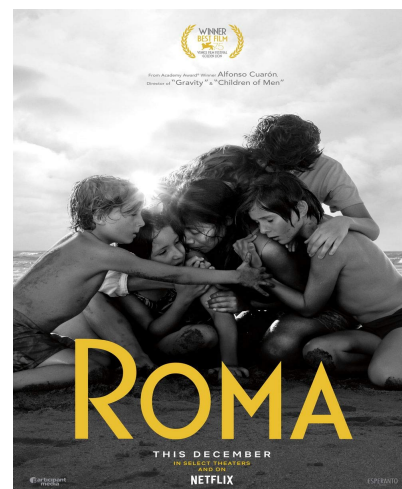
Spanish movie night draws crowds! (March 22 is next presentation.)

Austin McGearry reports that more than thirty-one Spanish Club members attended the January Movie Night at the Johnson Lecture Hall. Blasted by February rain and cold, twenty-two brave souls attended.

ROMA, a 2019 Academy award Winner will be the feature on March 22.

One attendee suggested that movie night for the Club be called **Austin's City Limits**. Of course, that would require Board action.

Many have found the Lecture Hall to be a very comfortable movie venue.





There are those who say that Mary Ann's class is getting out of hand...

MEXICAN TRAINS ROLL INTO THE BEARDSLEY STATION ON MARCH 12!

If you have been a past participant of MEXTRAIN in the Chicory Room, you know that you can expect welcoming smiles and a very meaningful, enjoyable Spanish (and English) afternoon. You will meet old and new friends, some you will even like for years to come.

Action begins at 1pm for two hours. Arline and Fred are great hosts! Give it a try-



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

Karen Brown (of culinary renown) will surely enhance (or at least maintain) a coy romance with the ambiguous plantain.



Plantains Never Did Get No Respect

Well, you can forget about that, Jack. **Karen Brown** will see to it! Karen's class, **COOKING AND PREPARING PLANTAINS**, will be held on Sunday, March 17th, at 11a.m. in the Ocotillo Room at the Beardsley Center.

How do these sound: Patacones, Bean Burgers, Salad, Lentejas (Mexican Lentil Stew), Dessert (Mexican Crack) all with plantains (dairy and grain free)?

The class will be limited to twenty members, so call in your reservation (now!). 480-399-9515, leave a message

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