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Autumn classes will be published in the first post-summer issue.

Time was when summer meant that members frolicked in the parks and took romantic drives into the desert. In fact, they still may...

However, Curriculum Director Mary Ann Jasken announces a summer schedule that other clubs merely dream about.

In addition, Mary Ann introduces a Minnesota Immersion plan for late summer. Check them out.



MINNESOTA'S IMMERSION PROGRAM
Autumn, 2019

MEMBERS' MEXICO TRIPS (SEE PHOTOS THIS ISSUE!)

Club members have checked in with some fine pictures of their Mexican adventures!

Eleine's Spanish Immersion group to Oaxaca concluded study on March 30. Some of her members joined Jim Khami's Mexico City group, which more recently returned.

Many members covet the *name badges* seen at fiestas/events. The particulars for acquiring one are found in previous newsletter(s). Check it out at our club website Spanish.scwclubs.com (scroll to: December, 2018, page 9)

HURRAH FOR SIX SPANISH SUMMER CLASSES!

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Thanks to Brenda and Mary Ann, we are truly fortunate to have our Spanish fun, friendships, and learning continue through the summer. All summer teachers are fluent in Spanish, which adds to the excitement. This summer there are a number of options for continued fun. There are classes for all levels of learning: 6 different classes.

Three classes have *unlimited enrollment*. The other 3 are in-home classes, and they are each *limited* to 7 students for space reasons. These in-home reading classes make great discussion groups as well as increase our vocabulary.

Classes offered with unlimited enrollment:
Bill's Conversation group. Bill continues to offer us his comfortable and educational Friday morning Spanish. **Gloria's friendly social group** continues through the summer as well. Another new addition is our review of Chapters 1-8 of **Spanish is Fun** taught by **Dolores Hudson**. Dolores will ensure that you don't forget your beginning Spanish before you return for fall sessions.

For more information about these classes, go to our website:

<https://spanish.scwclubs.com/>

If haven't yet registered for summer classes, you can register for any of these through melcherbrendal@gmail.com

Here's wishing you the best summer ever!

SUMMER SESSION IN-HOME CLASS SELECTIONS ANNOUNCED

We have 3 great books scheduled for our summer in-home reading sessions. All books are read in Spanish. Questions on the text and/or book discussions will also be in Spanish. These classes all have limited enrollment because they are held in the comfort of the teachers' homes. To prevent over-enrollment, registration will be done through Brenda at, melcherbrendal@gmail.com. Books will cost from \$8-\$9 and will be purchased the first day of class. Classes will fill quickly, so register soon.

The first book is *Don Quixote*, a Spanish classic. (A simplified version, of course). This is appropriate for *Beginning Level 2*, Brenda's and Eleine's students. Don Quixote is a middle-aged gentleman from the region of La Mancha in central Spain. Obsessed with the chivalrous ideals touted in books he has read, he decides to take up his lance and sword to defend the helpless and destroy the wicked. This class begins Wednesday, May 29, 2-4 pm.

At *Level 3* for Jim's and Joyce's students, we have *La Hija del Sastre*. The setting for this book is the Spanish Civil War. It follows the war's impact on a family who supported the anti-Franco regime. Suspense abounds in this story. You won't be able to stop at one chapter per week. This class meets on Thursdays, 2-4pm, starting on May 16.

At *Level 4*, Joyce's and Keka's classes, we have *Nuestro Mundo: Una colección de cuentos cortos y artículos*. This book will utilize all the verb tenses, so a good background in verb tenses will be helpful. The short stories center on global citizenship, lifestyles, social consciousness, well-known people, literature, and innovative technology. Lively discussions are sure to ensue in this group. This class is held on Tuesdays beginning May 14 from 2-4.

A big thanks goes to Dora Gruber and Lola Crilly *who are opening their homes* for these reading/discussion groups! –Brenda & Mary Ann

Spanish Club – Summer Classes

For students from Beginning Spanish 1 (Mary Ann's and Rosemary's classes)

Review of Ch. 1-8 (Taught by Delores Hudson)

Mondays June 3 - July 22 9-11 Chicory Room

This class will consist of basic workbook handouts and reading following the same chapters as Spanish is Fun Lessons 1-8. This will be large group teaching only.

(Attendees not limited)

For students from Beginning Spanish 2 (Brenda's class); Beginning Conversation (Bill's class); and Reading for Vocabulary and Fluency (Eleine's class)

Level 2 Reading: Don Quijote (Taught by Dora Gruber)

Wednesdays May 29 start 2-4 Dora's home - 17422 N.123rd Drive

The class will be assigned one chapter a week to read. Reading aloud for pronunciation and meaning can be included at students' request. Discussion of the chapter using Spanish. *(Limited to 7 students)*

For students from Intermediate Spanish 2 (Jim's class) and Situational Spanish Conversation (Joyce's class)

Level 3 Reading: La Hija del Sastre (Taught by Lola Crilly)

Thursdays May 16 - completion 2-4 Lola's home - 15402 W. Sky Hawk Dr.

The class will be assigned one chapter a week to read. The book contains all tenses. Vocabulary is repeated to help master the new vocabulary. Discussion of the chapter using Spanish. Grammar will not be addressed except to explain meaning. *(Limited to 7 students)*

For students from Structured Conversation (Keka's class)

Level 4 Reading: Short Stories in Spanish (Taught by Lola Crilly)

Tuesdays May 14 - completion 2-4 Lola's home - 15402 W. Sky Hawk Dr.

The class will be assigned one chapter a week to read. The book contains all tenses. Vocabulary is repeated to help master the new vocab. Discussion of the chapter using Spanish language only. Grammar will not be addressed except to explain meaning. *(Limited to 7 students)*

For students from all classes:

Conversations with Bill (Taught by Bill Price)

Fridays June 7 thru July 26 9 – 11 Chicory Room

Find a group of 4 from your classes and sit with them to work together on a variety of topics. There can be tables for beginners through advanced. Seating with others from your own classes will keep you at the difficulty level you need to be. Bill will address grammar points as needed. *(Attendees not limited)*

For advanced students:

Social Conversation (Taught by Gloria Mamola)

Thursdays Ongoing 9 – 11 Chicory Room

(Attendees not limited)



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Spanish Immersion Program in Minnesota

slated for Club members...No passport or pesos needed!

This is a nationally acclaimed Spanish Immersion Program sponsored by Concordia College. It's in the lake country of Minnesota.

MaryAnn Jasken, Fred and Arline Foster have the highest praise for the program. Registrations are being taken for the immersion weeks of Sept. 1-10 and Sept 29-Oct. 5. The cost is \$890 for a week, which covers lodging, meals, entertainment, classes, and materials (no hidden costs).

The closest airport is Bemidji, Minnesota. Minneapolis would be the cheapest airfare, but you'd need transportation to Bemidji from Minneapolis.

From the Concordia website:

“Whether you encounter the Spanish language or Hispanic culture at work, are curious about the Spanish language, or hope to travel to a Spanish-speaking country, the intensive immersion environment at *El Lago del Bosque* will help you improve your Spanish language skills by expanding your vocabulary, improving your grammar and providing ample opportunities to practice conversational skills in real-life situations.

“Not only that, but the high instructor to learner ratio, the fact that most instructors are native speakers, the focus on experiencing the culture and learning about cultural nuances, and the isolated setting away from distractions of daily life, all will help you focus on really, seriously and playfully learning grammar and vocabulary.

“Immersion at *El Lago del Bosque* is not only fun, creative, and engaging, it also helps you deepen your cross-cultural awareness and understanding and respect for other people around the world, giving you the courage to actively use the language independently to build relationships, be they related to professional engagement or personal friendships.”

website: <http://www.concordialanguagevillages.org/adult-programs/detail/spanish-adult>

Should you wish to attend, see essential elementary knowledge needed before your Minnesota arrival (page 5).



Real Minnesotan, *ready* for Spanish Immersion

Not Minnesotan, *unready* for Spanish Immersion

BOTH IMMERSION AND TRAVEL PROMOTE LEARNING!

****Oaxaca and Mexico City trips broaden members' perspectives.****





Volunteer Teaching Assistants: Steve “Huckleberry” Moyher, Karen Brown and Arline Foster (Spanish 1 Saviors)



Dolores Hudson, Summer Teacher, Teacher Assistant, Club Treasurer

Jim Khami sends this along...

Seen in a restaurant in Mexico City:
En caso de incendio o temblor, favor de despertar a su camarero.
(- In case of fire or earthquake, please wake up your waiter.)

Cada hombre debe aprender tres idiomas:
Francés para hablar con las mujeres,
Alemán para hablar con su caballo,
Y español para hablar con su dios.
Carlos V, Rey de España
(-Every man should learn three languages:
French to speak with the ladies,
German to speak to his horse,
And Spanish to speak with his
God.

Charles V, King of Spain)



SCW CLUB MEMBERS ENJOY MEXICAN DESTINATIONS!

Two groups of SCW Members packed their bags and flew to two separate Mexican destinations recently. The Mexico City group (with Jim Khami) departed March 29. Eleine Greene's, Oaxaca Spanish Immersion group took flight on April 24. Some of her students participated in *both* trips.



PHOTOS FROM RECENT MEXICO TRIP...

photos by Harry Thompson, Jim Khami, Maryann Jasken, Jerry Johnson, Rhondy Voorhees and possibly others whom the editor forgot.



BIRTHDAY GIRLS: Left, Eva T; Right, Gloria M (in white)



Come on up and join the fun!



Pretty music, but don't ask her to sing!



the long walk...no elevator!



Dave Porter, dwarfed by history



Inside the pyramid



Note column at right, leaning from quake





SCW Gringo exits Mex-cab (front seat removed and driver closes passenger door with an attached rope). Harry T. sent a photo of this set-up but we lacked room to include it.



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



at left, The question remains:
Is this Sue's Fiesta costume? Or
is she posing in Mexico City?



at right,
Mary of Guadalupe
appears to Juan
Diego

2019 OFFICERS AND LEADERS

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John Anderson's Spring Fiesta Photos

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