

SPANISH CLUB NEWS...



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IF YOU THOUGHT LAST YEAR WAS *GREAT*, WAIT UNTIL YOU READ ABOUT THIS YEAR'S PLANS!

Membership Privileges:

Interaction with a vibrant group of SCW residents in the following ways:

Many Spanish Classes on many levels-taught by experienced teachers who bring quality that is second to none...

Fiestas bring the finest culinary & social faire to our members-

Book Club with Spanish Related topics-

Travel Opportunities to memorable places with memorable people-

Cooking Classes held periodically-

Movie Night brings Club members together for Spanish language/culture-

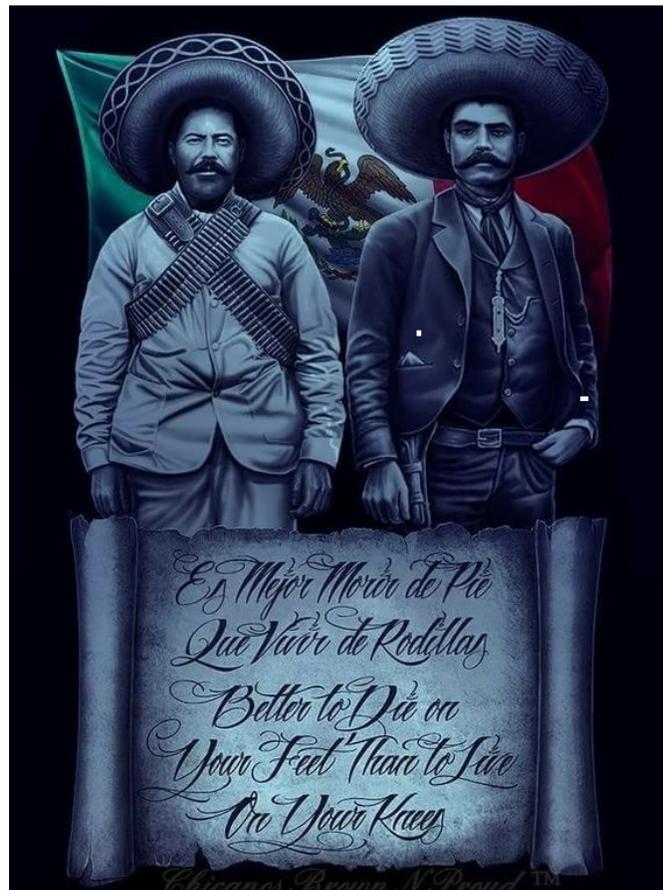
Spanish Board Games (Mexican Train!)

Spanish Related Entertainment exclusively with (and for) our members-

Volunteer Opportunities within our club and in our community

CLUB INFORMATION:

spanish.scwclubs.com



MANY OF OUR ALUMNI HAVE GONE ONTO EVEN GREATER THINGS.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

Lee Howard

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Palabras del presidente.

Well, here we are getting ready for another year of classes, fiestas, socializing, travel and meeting old friends and making new ones. Where did the summer go? And where did you go? It seems that many of us elected to test the temperatures of the summer months here in Sun City West. I'm not so sure it needed to be as long a test as it turned out to be, but we survived.

With the growth of our membership creating more demand for classes we have been fortunate to expand the number of our great cadre of teachers who are prepared to meet the needs of those of you who want to improve your abilities to speak and/or read Spanish. As always, class space is still an issue. Your vice-president, Mimi Williams, has worked long and hard with the Rec Center scheduling office to meet the needs of our classes. This has been an enormous challenge and Mimi has done an outstanding job. Hopefully we should experience a minimal amount of adjustments with our classes.

The Rec Centers consider us a "social" club and we *are* a social club - with benefits far beyond most social clubs. We have developed an amazing learning environment in which to socialize. The classes are a large segment of getting our members together. But we also have many more opportunities with our book club, films, fiestas, travel and small group gatherings.

As always, we can use more volunteers to help in a variety of ways. Most of you are aware that every program, event, or gathering of any kind only happens because of volunteers. That is always a good way to get involved and help out. You will be hearing lots more of what is going on with our club starting with our Reunion & Registration meeting, October 11 at Palm Ridge - Hasta luego!

WHAT'S UP, DOC?

October 11, 1pm, **FALL REGISTRATION AND WELCOME** (Palm Ridge)

Oct 16, 2pm: **BOOK CLUB** Driving Over Lemons (Stewart) host: Laura Johnson

Oct 21, 9am-11am, **CLASSES BEGIN!** See class placement guide on website.

Oct 24, 1pm-2pm, **TRAVEL PLAN MEETING** (R.H. Johnson Lecture Hall)

Oct 25, 7pm, **MOVIE NIGHT**, Spanish not required. (R.H.J. Lecture Hall)

OUR WEBSITE IS **YOUR INFORMATIONAL MOTHER** FOR DETAILS ON THESE AND

100'S OF OTHER INTERESTING FACTS. **spanish.scwclubs.com**

(Once there, choose applicable category at page top.)

2019-2020 FALL CLASSES!

Classes are listed within each day in order of difficulty. More info? Check our website.

Textbook	Level	Teacher	Day	Room	Time	Start
Sp. Is Fun Bk 1 Lessons 1-8	Beg. 1	MaryAnn Jasken	Mon	Chicory	9-11	Oct. 21
Sp. Is Fun Bk 1 Lessons 9-16	Beg. 2	Brenda Melcher	Mon	Mesquite	9-11	Oct. 21
Sp. Is Fun Bk 1 & Basic Sp. Conv.	Beg. 3	Joyce Lusty	Mon	Ocotillo	9-11	Oct. 21
Reading for Vocab & Fluency	Beg. 2 & 3	Eleine Greene	Tues	Chicory	9-11	Oct. 22
Destinos Audio-Visual	Int. & Adv.	Lola Crilly	Tues	Porcelain Room	11:15 – 1:00	Oct. 22
Sp. Is Fun Bk 2 Part 3 of 3	Adv.	Jim Khami	Tues	Mesquite	9-11	Oct. 22
Sp. Is Fun Bk 1	Beg. 1	MaryAnn Jasken	Wed	Chicory	9-11	Oct. 23
Sp. Is Fun Bk 1	Beg. 2	Brenda Melcher	Wed	Mesquite	9-11	Oct. 23
In-Home Reading Group	Int & Adv	Dora Gruber	Wed	In-Home	2-4	Oct. 23
Guided Conversation	Hi-Int. & Adv.	Keka Wessman	Thurs	Mesquite	9-11	Oct. 24
Social Conversation	Adv.	Gloria Mamola	Thurs	Chicory	9-11	Oct. 24
Sp. Is Fun Bk 1	Beg. 1	Rosemary Bossert	Fri	Mesquite	9-11	Jan. 10
Conversation	Beg. & Int.	Bill Price	Fri	Chicory	9-11	Oct. 25
In-Home Reading Group	Int & Adv	Lola Crilly	Fri	In-Home	2-4	Oct. 25

Our website: spanish.scwclubs.com

NEXT YEAR'S TRAVEL DESTINATION ANNOUNCED page 4
ARE YOU READY FOR US, CUBA?

2020 promises to be exceptional for many members of the Spanish Club who enjoy travel with friends. Former President Paul Voorhees is happy to announce that, in keeping with past educational visits to Spanish-speaking countries including Spain, Peru, and Mexico, the club will be traveling to Cuba next spring for a 15-day/14-night tour of the island through Locally Sourced Cuba Tours.

The land tour will begin in Havana on March 16, 2020, and return to the U.S. on March 30, 2020. The tour has a maximum of 12 participants but there is a possibility of adding additional groups, if necessary.

Cost of the land portion will be \$1,360 per person double occupancy/\$1,495 single occupancy, plus airfare and miscellaneous out-of-pocket expenses, which are estimated to add approximately \$1,500 or more per person to the total cost. Lodging will be in Casas Particulares (private homes) with travel between cities by air-conditioned bus and English-speaking guides. Daily breakfast, one lunch and one dinner will be included. The tour price does **not** include air travel to and from Havana, visas, 13 lunches and 13 dinners. Check website and upcoming informational meetings.

Physical requirements will be moderate but participants must be prepared to load and unload their baggage from the bus and may also have to carry them up and down stairs. The itinerary will include several walking tours over uneven surfaces and is not recommended for those with mobility issues. A deposit of \$136 per person will be required to reserve a spot on the trip. Full details are at <https://locallysourcedcuba.com/tour/15-day-cuba-group-tour/>.

The trip will be briefly presented at the October 11 reunion in Palm Ridge. A more specific discussion with questions and answers will be held at a special travel meeting on October 24, 2019 at 1:00 pm in the RH Johnson Lecture Hall. Interested parties should be prepared to pay their non-refundable deposit by check as soon as they are sure they will participate.



“Do I have to enroll in class(es) if I become a member?”

-Certainly not. Many of our members enjoy the Spanish-themed Fiestas, travel, study and interaction with other like-minded individuals. Spanish remains a most significant theme in world history, politics, colonization and our club. Over 400 million of the world’s people claim Spanish as their primary language (2nd only to Mandarin).

Come join our vibrant group.

THOUSANDS AWAIT SCW SPANISH CLUB MEMBERSHIP CARDS

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Ever since the SCW Spanish Club was listed by the Guinness Book of World Records as *The Best Membership Deal in America*, thousands of inquiries have been received. Club officers report they have begun the overwhelming vetting process, having gone through nearly twenty of five thousand applications at this printing.

Guinness points out that, for a measly fifteen bucks, one is encouraged (but not *required* to) enjoy at least three *fiestas* annually and attend free classes (11 levels to choose from!). In addition, they point out, the quality of the Club teaching staff would make some small colleges envious!

Surprisingly, international Spanish related travel and attendance and many more Spanish focused activities go with the membership.

The awarding committee also noted that this club’s members often hang together, fulfilling a higher level of intellectual and conversational experience not generally found in a social club setting. Rumor has it that at least three deposed Spanish-speaking dictators are amongst the new applicants.

As with many successful SCW clubs, volunteers are at the heart of vibrant growth. Our Spanish Club proudly rests on the backs of dozens of unpaid enlistees (including teachers!). Their only wage is our *thank you*.

TOP NON-SPANISH NATIVE LANGUAGES SPOKEN IN MEXICO... (2010 SURVEY)

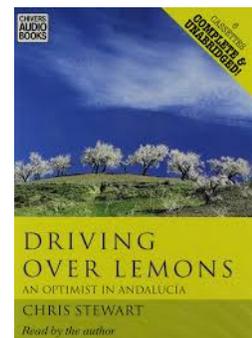
Top 25

	Language	Speakers
1	Náhuatl	1,544,968
2	Maya	786,113
3	Mixteco	471,710
4	Tzeltal (Tseltal)	445,856
5	Zapoteco	425,123
6	Tzotzil (Tsotsil)	404,704
7	Otomí	284,992
8	Totonaca (Totonaco)	244,033
9	Mazateco	223,073
10	Chol (Ch’ol)	212,117
11	Huasteco	161,120
12	Mazahua	135,897
13	Mixe	132,759
14	Chinanteco	131,382
15	Purépecha (Tarasco)	124,494
16	Tlapaneco	120,072
17	Tarahumara	85,018
18	Zoque	63,022
19	Tojolabal	51,733
20	Chatino	45,019
21	Huichol	44,788
22	Amuzgo de Guerrero	43,644
23	Popoluca	41,068
24	Mayo	39,616
25	Chontal de Tabasco	36,810

Read the full article: “Do Mexicans Speak Spanish?” at www.SpeakingLatino.com

<http://www.speakinglatino.com/do-mexicans-speak-spanish/>

OUR BOOK CLUB SELECTION FOR OCTOBER 16TH!



2019 OFFICERS AND LEADERS

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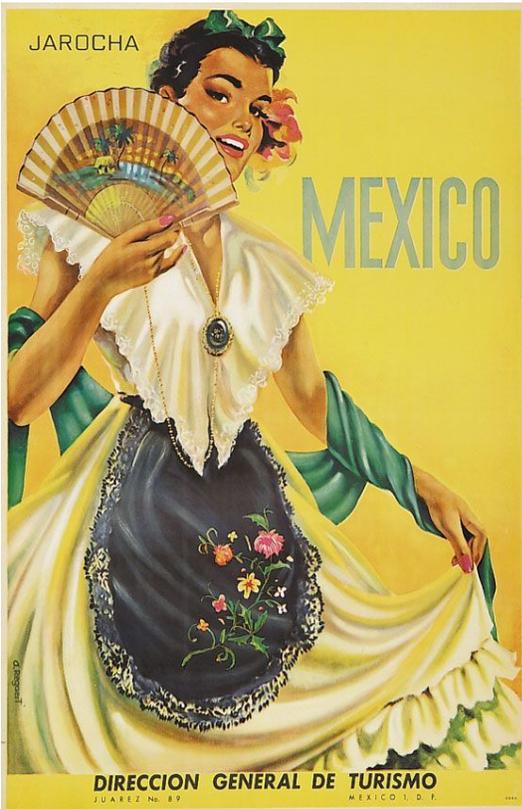
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NAME BADGES ARE A GREAT AID TO GET TO KNOW YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS!

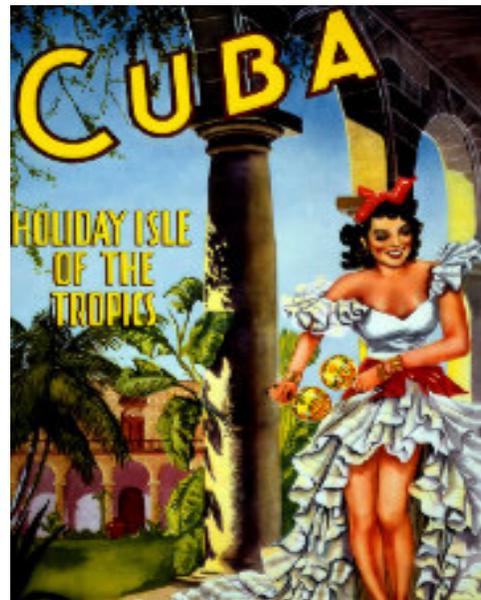
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If you'd like to order a [Spanish Club \(magnetic\) name badge](#), email **Jamie Phillip** at the address above, reference order #258768, provide the name(s) to be inscribed on the badge and the shipping address. You will then be sent an email invoice to pay on line. The cost for each badge is \$8.35, including shipping.



LATINO ARTS & CRAFTS

The Educational Committee is currently working to structure another exciting learning opportunity for our club. Each class will be limited to 12 participants in order for fun and learning to take place. If you are interested in being part of this planning committee contact Donna at donna.howardsupt@gmail.com



SPANISH CLUB NEWS SEEKS PHOTOGRAPHER!

We are in urgent need of a member who just might enjoy taking photos of our periodic activities. This position pays nothing, there are no health benefits, no free trips, pays no mileage and you still have to pay for your fiesta food.

Come share your talent with us! The editor just might buy you an introductory breakfast.