



Tropical Topics

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The Monthly Newsletter of the International Women's Club of Cancun

Happy New Year Ladies, I hope you all enjoyed your holidays. We have a lot of things planned for the 2007 calendar year. We are hoping that, in addition to these projects, we will also be able to welcome new and past members to the club to help us make this a successful fund-raising year. I hope to see a lot of the members at the meetings so that we can organize many successful events this year!

Thanks, Nancy Myers- IWC President

Christmas Visit to the Old People's Home ~

On Thursday 23rd December a group of members of the club met at the California restaurant to go and give the gifts collected at the Xmas Tea to the residents of the Hogar de los Ancianos. Those who participated were Rosa Maria Marquez and her daughter Margarita, Cynthia Davis, Ellinor Hansen, Carmelita Jimenez, Jane Acosta and her daughter Rebecca and two guests from Playa del Carmen, Thomas Esakin and Walter Lopez who brought clothes from Walter's store to give to each of the women in the home.

Before the event, the gifts for the men were divided into packages so each individual received a similar parcel. The man who plays the guitar was under the weather and didn't feel like playing, so he got the dominos, which cheered him up immensely. Carmelita shared out the women's gifts well, and the shawls, blouses, pants and skirts from Walter and Thomas came as a wonderful extra bonus.

Cynthia led the group in singing Mexican and American carols. One of the ladies sang Peces en el Rio with great joy and all present clapped enthusiastically. Madre Irma gave me a letter thanking the club for all the support and for the magnificent industrial refrigerator that sits proudly in the front of the kitchen. Rosa Maria and Ellinor put hours into



Ellinor Hansen with a resident of Hogar de los Ancianos

investigating the best deal and getting that refrigerator. The club owes a lot to their dedication, thank you so much ladies!

The success of this event depended on the enthusiastic response we had to the gift donations at the Xmas tea. It was beautiful to see how club members contributed generously with well-chosen gifts. Thank you each one for your support and my best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

~ Saludos, Jane Acosta

Visits to the Home for the Elderly

Please remember that IWC members visit the home for the elderly at the Ciudad de la Alegría on the first and third Thursdays of each month. We meet at Restaurant California on Kabah, next to Costco and we car-pool from there.

Our Next Visit: Thursday, January 18th - 9:30 am

Good Stuff



Giving the new refrigerator to the Hogar de los Ancianos

Reflections on 2006 ~

In 2006 the International Women's Club of Cancun supported the Hogar de los Ancianos, the home for the elderly at la Ciudad de la Alegría. Dedicated IWC members visited the home twice a month every month.

The IWC was also able to raise money to buy a new refrigerator for the Hogar de los Ancianos. The funds raised at our Halloween Party went to this cause.

And at our traditional Holiday Tea IWC members donated Christmas gifts for the residents of the Hogar de los Ancianos. On December 23rd those gifts were distributed to the residents. See Jane's account of this special day on the front page of this issue.

Also in 2006 the IWC was able to help APAFDHEM, a charity for children with Down's Syndrome. We were able to buy them a much-needed new computer.

We are also proud that we were able to help the La Casita home for children in 2006. We bought them a washing machine and we paid for repairs to their roof, windows and mosquiteros.

Thanks to everyone who helped make 2006 a great year!

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Poetry Corner ~

Twas the month after Christmas,
and all through the house
Nothing would fit me, not even a blouse.
The cookies I'd nibbled, the eggnog I'd taste
At the holiday parties had gone to my waist.
When I got on the scales there arose such a
number!
When I walked to the store
(less a walk than a lumber).
I'd remember the marvelous meals I'd prepared;
The gravies and sauces and beef nicely rared,
The wine and the rum balls,
the bread and the cheese
And the way I'd never said, "No thank you, please."
As I dressed myself in my husband's old shirt
And prepared once again to do battle with dirt---
I said to myself, as I only can
"You can't spend a winter disguised as a man!"
So--away with the last of the sour cream dip,
Get rid of the fruit cake, every cracker and chip
Every last bit of food that I like must be banished
"Till all the additional ounces have vanished.
I won't have a cookie--not even a lick.
I'll want only to chew on a long celery stick.
I won't have hot biscuits, or corn bread, or pie,
I'll munch on a carrot and quietly cry.
I'm hungry, I'm lonesome, and life is a bore---
But isn't that what January is for?
Unable to giggle, no longer a riot.
Happy New Year to all and to all a good diet!
~ author unknown

Member Birthdays

~ January 2007 ~

11th - Helen Pappas

21st - Pierre Loving

If I missed your birthday please let me know,
thanks!

Thank You To The 2006 Board

During 2006, the International Women's Club depended on the support of the Board, because, being fully employed, I needed their help with the running of the club. Ladies, this is the way a club should operate because we represent individuals from very different backgrounds and harmony can only be achieved if voices are heard and issues are discussed before decisions are taken.

Each person on the Board has a role, and three of them have a legal status: the President, the Treasurer and the Secretary; it would be a good idea to review these roles at the first meeting of the new Board.

My Treasurer, Liane, was a huge help in supporting me when attending local social events. She was concerned that the club hadn't participated in several annual events organized by the DIF: the distribution of toys on Children's Day and El Dia del Anciano. I appeared on a radio program with the Margarita Vasquez, the Director of the DIF, and re-established contact. Liane and I attended the birthday party for Narcedalia Gonzalez, the wife of the Governor, and she attended the party for Rubi Alor, the wife of the local Mayor with other members of the club.

Cynthia had to spend time in the States supporting her brother who, sadly, died in November. My apologies, Cynthia for not sending out a message to the club at that time. Thanks for all your support.

Rosalinda also attended most of the social events and was a huge help as Membership Coordinator, working with Liane to welcome members to the meetings.

Pam was very supportive until family obligations intervened. She helped enormously by taking minutes of the Board Meetings which proved valuable for reference. Indra also had strong family obligations, but provided good suggestions for speakers.

Martha was the voice of wisdom who reminded us of past activities and worked as a moderator. Thanks Martha!

My stars were Rosa Maria and Ellinor who took time to investigate, find options and visit organizations. They have been a wonderful source of information and positive input, and they have shown a genuine interest in the Casa de Anciano. Bless you two for making such a difference.

Kim has done an excellent job on behalf of the club checking that information gets out on time. The preparations for the Halloween Party were organized by Liane, Janet and Kim, and I think the meetings will be remembered for those moments of fun and friendship. Thanks to ALL who participated, especially Rosalyn Dumont who supported us from start to finish.

Someone I mustn't forget is Anita. She is a great organizer and worked very efficiently on the preparations we made for the Halloween party and the framework for a fashion show. She is a prime example of someone who is fully occupied, but has found time to help the club.

I would also like to thank the members of the board in 2006 for their generosity. Many expenses were absorbed by members of the board and that way we didn't increase the price of the breakfasts, except on the occasion when only 20 members showed up and we had a collection to pay the hotel for 25 breakfasts.

Thanks Everyone, Jane Acosta

IWC Meetings

Our general meetings take place on the first Saturday morning of each month. Our board meetings usually take place the Monday before.

Member Services Directory

Restaurant & Nightclub

My Place offers 15% off for IWC members. Open for lunch & dinner. Come for the food, stay for the fun! Hotel Zone KM. 9 Plaza Zocalo, across from McDonald's. Janet Cerutti, owner Tel: 883-1300

Money Exchange

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Web & Graphic Design

Magnolia Web Studio caters to expats doing business in Mexico. We offer a 15% discount for IWC members & their families. Tel: 848-1369 www.magnoliawebs.com Kimberley Rivero, owner

Cancun Rental

For rent in Bellamar, located in the Hotel Zone, behind the Costa Real hotel. Beachfront, pool, 2 BR, fully equipped kitchen, A/C, security, sheets & towels. Store on premises. Tel: 887-5760 Nancy Myers

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Mexican History Courses

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Car Repair

Automotriz Cancun 10% off for IWC members on services (not on parts) including paint jobs, tune-ups, oil changes & more. Maximo Rios: 884-5686, Lopez Portillo #142, SM 63, 1½ blocks from Uxmal. Indra Rojo

Real Estate Broker

Buying or selling real estate in Cancun or the Riviera Maya? **Carmen Bianca** has over 20 years of real estate experience in Mexico. Cell: 044-998-874-0177, Tel: 880-9445 Email: carmenbianca@hotmail.com

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