



Tropical Topics

March 2007

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

Celebrating Our 24th Year ~

March 2007 marks the 24th anniversary of the founding of the International Women's Club of Cancun. When the club started in 1983 the founding members wanted to make Cancun an easier place to live in through making new English-speaking friends. The first IWC meeting took place at the home of Debbie Urioste, who was the U.S. Consular Agent at the time.

The first board of directors for the IWC included Debbie Urioste, Gennie Valdez, Carrie Hancock and Nancy Marroquin (who remains a member to this day).

Welcoming newcomers to Cancun has always been part of the IWC's mission. In addition, the club has always welcomed and promoted the formation of small groups of members who share a common interest. Over the years these different groups have ranged from book groups to cooking clubs to children's play groups, garden clubs, game-playing clubs, German-speaking clubs, Latin dance groups, bible study groups, spiritual growth groups and much more.

One of the longest lasting groups to arise was the Social Service Committee, which is the root of today's Community Service board position.

In addition to fostering common interest groups and social service the IWC has also held numerous events in it's 24 year history. The Christmas Tea is a long-held tradition, as is the Fashion Show and its accompanying Hat Contest. The IWC also holds at least one used book sale each year. Other semi-regular events have included the Woman of the Year award, Spring Tea, the Oktoberfest, Halloween parties, Thanksgiving dinners, social breakfasts, lunches and dinners, and dances.

In addition to our regular events the IWC helps the Cruz Roja with their Spring Fund Drive each year. IWC members volunteer their time to help collect money from motorists in Cancun.

For many years the ladies of the IWC would take a weekend retreat together, usually in November. The early retreats were organized by Janet Jones, who made sure there all kinds of activities to participate in (or not participate in). Activities included cooking classes, yoga, bonfire-gazing and others.



Celebrating 24 Years!

Another past yearly tradition was the joint meeting with the IWC of Merida. Once a year the ladies from both clubs would meet halfway between Cancun and Merida, in the city of Valladolid and have a luncheon meeting together.

On a side note the current IWC logo was designed in 1989 by Carmen Bianca and works so well that it promises to last us well into the 21st century.

The IWC is a club with a long, interesting and colorful history, and a very bright future. Thanks for being part of it!

Member Birthdays

~ March 2007 ~

As far as I know there are no members with birthdays in March.



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Community Service

Ciudad de la Alegría ~ City of Joy

Hogar de los Ancianos: Resident Spotlight ~

Full name: Ignacio Trejo Munive (aka Nacho)

Age: 88; but we don't know when his birthday is exactly.

Born in: México DF

Family situation: Don Nacho was one of the first residents of the Home for the Elderly. He was brought to the Home by a son, but his family circle was very disintegrated as Nacho had had many children with different partners over the years and as a result was close to none of them, finding himself alone at this advanced age.

Time in the Home: 2 ½ years.

Likes: Nacho is a simple being and appreciates the good things in life, especially food. Don't be put off if he ever mentions that he doesn't have enough – that's the dementia talking!

Dislikes: The end of mealtimes; being alone.



Ignacio Trejo Munive (aka Nacho)

Why the IWC ladies should visit him: If you catch Nacho in a lucid moment, his memory and opinions on the golden age of Mexican cinema, as well as Mexican history is fascinating. He also requires help walking, and appreciates those who are patient enough to help him.

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 Two Visits: March 15th & April 5th - 9:30 am

IWC Meetings

Our general meetings take place on the first Saturday morning of each month. Our board meetings usually take place the Monday before. We set the agenda for our general meeting at the preceding board meeting.

Fashion Show

Anyone interested in helping with the Fashion Show is asked to attend an organizational meeting next week. We will meet at Nancy Myers' house on Tuesday March 6th at 7 pm. THANKS!

Events

Valentine's Day Lunch ~



The IWC celebrated Valentine's Day at Dolciment. The above photo was printed in *QueQui*. Attendees: Pam & Lucille LaLande, Alyce Drimmer, Dori, Karen & Coli Metres, Mary Commager, Nancy Myers, Linda Rotberg, Angie Worton, Carmen Bianca, Cristina Bain, Kiki Guajardo, Rosalyn Dumont, Carmelita Jimenez, Rosalinda Cahill Terri Littlewood and Rita Lorenzo.

3rd Sunday Brunch ~



Members of the IWC met at Marakame for Sunday brunch. A good time was had by all. Attendees included: Mary Commager, Anita & Mario Gallagher, Terri Littlewood, Rosalyn Dumont, Janice Osterman & Kimberley Rivero.

Upcoming Events

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Tues. 6th - Fashion Show Meeting

7 pm - Members willing to help with the Fashion Show are asked to attend. Meet at Nancy Myers' house on Tuesday March 6th.

Thurs. 8th - Women's Day Lunch

3 pm - Members and spouses meet at Lucky Luciano's. Lucky Luciano's is located on Avenida Quintana Roo, on the south side across from the new Paseo Cancun mall.

Sat. 10th - Annual Book Sale

9 am - Noon - El Meson del Vecindario, corner of Avenida Nader & Uxmal. Meet at 10 am for breakfast with other members.

Sun. 18th - Sunday Brunch

Noon - 2 pm - Members, spouses & guests meet at The Cove restaurant, which is located at Playa Langosta, next to the Casa Maya.

Every Friday - Friday Night Out

8 pm - Members and spouses meet at El Pabulo, inside the Xbalamque Hotel on Yaxchilan Avenue.

Our calendar is on the web at:
<http://www.iwccancun.com/events/>

Notice: Date Change ~

The April General Meeting date is being moved to Saturday, March 31st!!

2007 IWC Board

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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

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American Smile Clinic - General, endodontic (root canal), surgical & pediatric dentistry. Relaxing massage & speech therapy. IWC members receive 20% off on massage. Calle Nance #17, SM 25 Nancy Myers Tel: 887-4521

Travel Services

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Mexican History Courses

Carolyn Valero offers a course, in English, on 19th & 20th century Mexican history.. This class meets every Tuesday from 11am to 1pm. Join anytime, \$100 pesos/class! Call 887-0114 or cell: 044-998-830-0593 or 044-998-131-6018.

Puerto Morelos Rentals

Beachfront condos for rent in Puerto Morelos, weekly, monthly or long-term. Also a 3 BR house, fully furnished, all amenities, sleeps 4-6 people. Rentals rates start at \$850 usd/week. Call 871-0162. Martha Uscanga.

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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

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