
Tropical Topics

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

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General Notes

Our Valentine's Brunch and Bingo was a big success. We sold 64 tickets, 25 were members and the others were guests. Our profit was \$8,249.34 pesos, much more than I expected we'd make. My goal was to sell 50 tickets. We gave four prizes to each of the five games we played which included (two breakfasts at Pok ta Pok, two different pieces of jewellery, bottles of wine, two certificates for Jadell beauty salon, a Carrera's sun glasses from Sun Island and china wear from Bancomer. We also gave many door prizes and raffled the centrepieces that Hilda made. Some of the other prizes consisted of barbecue set, one beautiful tea box, two teddy bears with chocolates and five shoe cases.

We received a lot of positive feedback about our Valentine's Day Brunch. Maybe we should have another one soon. It proved to be a great fundraiser. Thank you all for participating. IRC

We have begun receiving gift donations for upcoming events. So far we have been offered the following:

- ❖ A cake for 30 people from Pasteleria Boutique (www.cityofcakes.com) - de pasteles originales para fiestas y eventos
 - ❖ General Check-up for a man or woman from Laclicsa Laboratorios
 - ❖ Piensa Piensa (www.piensapiensa.com.mx) makers of fantastic wooden puzzles have also decided to donate some gifts for our events
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John Gray's Downtown - Avenida Xpuhil

Every Sunday - beginning February 14 - Chef John Gray invites your family to spend Sundays in John Gray's Downtown. Guests - big and small - will enjoy a variety of timeless favorites from his "Domingos Familiares" menu and more importantly, Downtown's younger clientele will be treated to the fully supervised 20 VAROS KIDS artistic workshops developed to stimulate children's creativity and imaginations.

While parents enjoy Sunday brunch, children will be entertained with a variety of talleres that include mask making, storytelling, art with recyclables, bracelet making, children's introduction to theatre and painting.

March & April 2010 Meetings

March General Meeting

Saturday March 6 - 9:30am - 11:30am

At Hotel Oasis America

This meeting is open to all members, guests and newcomers.

The cost to attend is \$130 mxn and includes breakfast.

April General Meeting

Saturday April 3 9:30 am - 11:30 am

At Hotel Oasis America This meeting is

open to all members, guests and newcomers.

The cost to attend is \$130 mxn and includes breakfast.

March Board Meeting

Tuesday March 30

It's open to all IWC members.

Board Meeting

Tuesday April 27

Open to all IWC members.

Upcoming Events

The Fifth Annual Puerto Morelos Music Festival

The entire community is cordially invited to the 5th Annual Puerto Morelos Music Festival. Events are Friday nights beginning in January and ending in March and take place at Central Park in Puerto Morelos from 7pm to 10pm. The remaining dates are as follows: March 5 and March 18

FANTASTIC NEWS! The very talented ecological artist, Alan Vázquez, is organizing a collective art exhibit on March 8 at 8:30 p.m. at the Sens Pop/ Art. It will feature the work of 12 women artists and himself to celebrate International Women's Day. He would like the members of the IWC to be the event's official 'godmothers'.

AUDITORIO CASA DE LA CULTURA DE CANCUN

Jueves 11 de marzo de 2010 a las 8pm Prolongación Yaxchilan s/n Frente a la Salle.
Un abrazo afectuoso y los esperamos!!! Laura Chuc (www.laurachuc.com)

Book Sale - April

Hat Contest - May

Mother's Day - May

July 4 Picnic - July

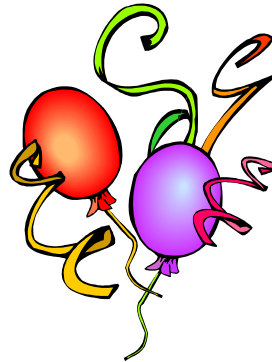
Member's Birthdays



Happy Birthday to you! Happy Birthday to you!
Happy Birthday dear IWC Member. Happy Birthday to you!



Krista Watson - March 2
Marlo Heresco - March 11
Grace Hafner - March 20



Carmen's Corner



Hi all! Well Carmen's Corner is back!!! I was talked into doing it yet again and will gladly do so, BUT need input from YOU!!!! I can only mention things I know, so, either tell me, send me an e-mail, call me or put in on Facebook!!!! I had gotten complaints from IWC'ers who were not mentioned before, but I cant know what's going on in everyone's life (I am nosy, but not THAT bad) unless you let me know, ok?

*We had a visit from former IWC member Ellinor Terry in February; she is happily living in the U.S. near her children again.

*A Valentines concert was held at Casa De La Cultura in Feb by our very own Cynthia Davis and Caroline Valero along with Rudy Garcia, a long time IWC friend and collaborator.

*Louise (forgot last name!!!) had visit from both her kids from Canada for the holidays and had a blast running all over the Yucatan with them, then hosted a nephew in Feb also.

*Our globetrotting Mary Commager is off yet again, on a very long cruise that takes her to China!!!! Wow!!! and she actually stopped in a Kmart on Hawaii to do some shopping on the way!!!!

*Anita Gallagher had a visit from her sister from Scotland. And her darling little girl, Caitlyn turned one year old in Feb, congrats.

*On a sadder note, Maja Kreso lost her Dad recently, he was almost 90 years old and had a full life, may he rest in peace.

* Hilda Navarro is going to have a hip operation soon, we sure hope it works great and she can be back on her beloved golf course very soon!!!

*We see on Facebook that Bertha Castillo has a new relationship, but don't know yet with who.....????

*A good time was had by all who attended our Valentines Day breakfast and BINGO, thanks again to Hilda Navarro for organizing!

* Would like to say a special thanks here to Tom and Karen Knorr for schlepping down the huge BINGO set we ordered online, it was greatly appreciated.

* On April 1st, I am celebrating a VERY big birthday, don't know where yet, but definitely plan on celebrating in a huge way.....

*Nancy Myers daughter Lizzy is back in Cancun after a year in New York City, happily being a Cancunense again.

Ok, that's all for now, don't have much this time, but hope to get better, juicier gossip for the future!!! ha ha

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Hybrids - What's the buzz about?

Heather Spence: info@heatherspence.net

With the recent hubbub about recalls of the hybrid Toyota Prius perhaps we could use some perspective on what hybrid technology is, and what it offers as a green transportation solution.

The first hybrid gas-electric car was invented by Victor Wouk in the early 1970s to meet low emissions standards set up by the Clean Air Act. The focus at that time was on all-electric vehicles, but Wouk was an expert in electricity and recognized that this pursuit was futile due to limitations in battery technology and the need to recharge them. However, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which had originally approved his proposal for developing the hybrid, controversially blocked the hybrid from passing the tests necessary to approve financing its production. The U.S. continued to pursue all-electrics, but the Japanese car industry became interested in Wouk's work and recognized the value of hybrid technology. So while the U.S. had the first chance it was Japanese company Toyota that first mass-produced a gas-electric hybrid in 1997, with availability in the U.S. in 2001.

Hybrid technology draws on differing strengths of gasoline and electric power, reducing pollution and gasoline usage while maintaining performance. Because the gas engine shuts off when the car stops, and only starts when the car accelerates to a certain speed, hybrids are especially effective at reducing pollution in cities. A special aspect developed by Wouk and implemented in hybrid cars today is that when the car breaks, that energy is used to recharge the battery. All-electric cars still have small ranges due to battery limitations. Also, while all-electric cars draw power from the grid, hybrids allow for the phasing out of the grid system in favour of more localized power generation and usage. Localized power generation saves energy over the grid system, because the farther energy has to travel, the more of it is lost before it even arrives where it will be used. Hybrids are the most credible and commercially successful alternative to gas-powered vehicles.

For further reading - "Victor Wouk: Father of the Hybrid Car" by Sean Callery, Crabtree Publishing Co. 2009 (Voices for Green Choices series).

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Acopio de materiales reciclables

- Plásticos 1 y 2**
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- Aceite Vegetal de Cocina**

ENERO	9
ENERO	30
FEBRERO	27
MARZO	27
ABRIL	24
MAYO	29
JUNIO	26
JULIO	31
AGOSTO	28
SEPTIEMBRE	25
OCTUBRE	30
NOVIEMBRE	27

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- * Puerto Morelos

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Please remember that if you have a business and would like to donate any type of good or service for our fundraising events, raffles and auctions. TIME IS QUICKLY RUNNING OUT! We need all the help we can get!

Cancún, Q, Roo, febrero de 2010

NAME OF THE PERSON

NAME OF THE ESTABLISHMENT

Presente:

EstimadA/O LAST NAME OF THE PERSON,

El International Women's Club of Cancún, también conocido como el Club Internacional de Damas de Cancún o IWC, que esta año tengo el honor de presidir, celebra 27 años ayudando a los miembros más desprotegidos y vulnerables de la comunidad: mujeres, niños, discapacitados, personas de escasos recursos económicos y de la tercera edad.

Año con año hemos contado con la generosa participación de diversas empresas y negocios que han donado productos o servicios para las subastas y rifas que llevamos a cabo durante los numerosos eventos y proyectos de caridad del IWC. La totalidad de los fondos recaudados durante dichos eventos han sido dirigidos hacia organizaciones tales como: Años Dorados, APAFHDEM, ASTRA, Banco de Alimentos de Cancún, Cancerológica de Q. Roo, Cáritas, Casa Hogar, Ciudad de la Alegría, DIF Municipal y Estatal, Educación Especial Luis Pasteur, Fundación Pro-Síndrome de Down de Cancún, FUNDAGEN, Grupo Arcoiris, Hospital General, Instituto de Mujeres de Q. Roo, La Casita, La Casita de la Esperanza, MESE, Niños Excepcionales, RAP, Ruta de Mil Amores, Voz y Fuerza, entre muchos otros, con el fin de cumplir y continuar con los objetivos de ayuda del IWC.

Hemos comenzado la organización de nuestro evento principal, Gran Subasta y Concurso de Sombreros 2010. Le fecha y lugar están en espera de ser confirmados. Este año, nuestro beneficiarios serán: Save The Children I.A.P, como beneficiario principal y el Hogar de los Ancianos de la Ciudad de la Alegría y La Casita a quienes hemos apoyado continuamente con alimentos desde hace ya algunos años.

Atentamente solicitamos contar con su generoso apoyo con la donación de alguno, o varios, artículos o servicios para que forme parte de alguna rifa o subasta dentro de alguno de nuestros eventos para poder recaudar recursos considerables para nuestros beneficiarios.

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