

THE HISPANIC SOCIETY OF VICTORIA INC. (ESTABLISHED IN 1952)

December 2014

March Tertulia "History of the tango"

Saturday 14th March 2015 @ 12:00pm



The exact origins of tango—both the dance and the word itself—are lost in myth and an unrecorded history. The generally accepted theory is that in the mid-1800s, the African slaves who had been brought to Argentina or their descendants began to influence the local culture. The word "tango" may be straightforwardly African in origin, meaning "closed place" or "reserved ground." Or it may derive from Portuguese (and from the Latin verb tanguere, to touch) and was picked up by Africans on the slave ships. Whatever its origin, the word "tango" had acquired the standard meaning of the place where African slaves and free blacks gathered to dance by the time Argentina banned slavery in 1853.

Light Supper will be provided

Box Hill Community Arts Centre
470 Station Street, Box Hill 3128
Melway reference 47D11

Members \$ 15 Non-Members \$ 20

Please contact -
Juan Carlos Guzman on 9886 1353
Our treasurer Luis Alban on 0432 410321

Or by email to societyhispanic@gmail.com
by Thursday 13 November 2014.

Message from the President

Dear members and friends of HSV

On Behalf of the HSV committee we want to thank you all, members, friends and our Sponsors for your great support throughout the year which was really appreciated. Now we finish the year 2014, with our traditional Christmas BBQ at AMWU 251 Queensberry St Carlton South, our special guest performer is our great friend Jose Rodriguez.

Reflecting back on each event during 2014 we can safely say it was a successful year each tertulia was informative and entertaining culminating in our Gala night which was enjoyed by all.

I would like to thanks all member and friends, our sponsors for all the support and of course all the volunteers' help us in every event.

I would like to extend a Warm welcome to new members Anita and Fernando Mateos. Make yourselves known to Anita and Fernando.

Thank you Graeme Walter for sharing some precious words about your experience with HSV, we have taken the liberty to publish his words.

I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year

*With kindest regards,
Gloria*

Letter of the month

In 1997 Mary and I went on our first overseas trip to Argentina. From our base in Trelew we travelled around the country side and thoroughly enjoyed our adventure, however we would have liked to have some Spanish vocabulary.

Back in Melbourne Mary completed a course in Spanish at Monash and I started taking lessons with a teacher in Noble Park. Then in 2001 we went back to Argentina and worked in a museum in Buenos Aires for a few weeks, and our limited knowledge of Spanish made our trip more amenable.

Then back in Melbourne we found our lost cousin Peter Stewart and his wife Juanita who live in Syndal. Juanita then encouraged us to join the Hispanic Society. At this stage the tertulias were held in members' houses and the president was Dick Dickson who was born in Quemada Argentina.

In the next ten or so years the society has grown a lot with many new members and the venues were able to cater for better entertainment. Present members Juan Carlos, Silvia, Alan Mee, Olga, Rita, Anna Strzelicki, were some of the members when we joined. I remember taking my cousin Frank and his wife from NSW to a gala a few years back and Frank still remembers the occasion well. And just recently I brought a friend Babak, who comes from Teheran, and he was impressed by the way we greet and farewell one another.

For myself I really enjoy the speakers, the entertainment, the variety of cuisine and of course the members' companionship. I was also fortunate to have shared some time on the committees and presented a few talks on our travels at the tertulias.

Graeme Walters

Membership Renewals

We are in the process of receiving payments for annual membership renewals for the period 2015 – 2016

The benefits of being a financial member include:

- Discount (\$10) for the “Hispanic Day” Party
- Reduced prices to attend monthly Tertulias
- Free entry to December event and AGM (both including lunch)

The current prices for annual membership are:

Single: **\$23**

Family: **\$29**

On behalf of the HSV I would like to extend a warm welcome to members who have already renewed their membership.

Save These Dates

Sat 14th March History of the Tango

Sat 11th April AGM

<http://www.hispanicsocietyinc.org>

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