

# LA SOCIEDAD HISPANICA DE VICTORIA INC.

(ESTABLECIDA EN EL AÑO 1952)

Volume 3, Issue 7

NON-POLITICAL: NON PROFIT ASSOCIATION

July 2012

## The Hispanic Society of Victoria

Cordially invites to celebrate

### Christmas in July

Hispanic style

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July @ 12 noon

Enjoy a Hispanic menu and join us singing

Christmas songs in Spanish



**Venue** – Lions Club Hall – Corner of Riversdale Road and Station Street, Box Hill South, Melway 61 C3

**Members: \$15 Teens: \$ 10 Non Members: \$20**

### Bookings

For catering purposes, please let us know if you are attending our tertulia

### **Please contact:**

Genevieve: **9561 2935**

Esther: **0437 754 358**

### *Gala Night – HSV 60 Anniversary Dinner Dance*

- Tickets are now on sale
- Venue: Golden Sands Receptions
- Date: Saturday 13 October 2012
- Live entertainment
- Orchestra: Del Barrio
- Cost: \$65
- Early bird: \$60 before 8 September
- Contact: Juanita 0422862205, Esther 0437754358, Gloria 0400157353

## Message from the President

*Dear members and friends of HSV,*

*We all know that the Cuban Tertulia was a great success. I have decided to be less formal this time and describe how the HSV Committee has been organising monthly Tertulias, in this instance, the Cuban Tertulia.*

*The idea was born last year when **Eliana Jones**, then President of the Society, contacted Dr Carlos Uxó and both agreed to run the Cuban event in 2012.*

*Just after the Honduras Tertulia, also remembered for its quality, the Committee was truly engaged with the Cuban Project. **Eliana Jones** from Brisbane designed the flyer. The President was preparing the June newsletter with important topics and also advertising the June Tertulia. At the same time, **Eliana Jones** updated the HSV website with Cuba as the country of the month.*

*The Cuban menu was carefully decided by the Committee. **Esther Gomez** was in charge of the entertainment and contacted Manuel from Candela Dance and José Rodríguez who both accepted to perform that night. Carlos sent his power point presentation and was downloaded in the desktop.*

*The newsletter was sent to members and friends of the Society and the booking process started. **Genevieve Archer** and **Esther Gomez** contacted people by email and phone calls inviting them to attend the Tertulia. Normally the process is slow but becomes very busy during the last three days.*

*The day has arrived! It is all activity from morning. **Liliana** and **Denis** from Antena Hispana will attend and record the event. **Coryne Briceño** decorated the tables. **Juanita Stewart** as coordinator, **Gloria Madrigales**, **Esther Gomez** and **Genevieve Archer** brought from home the prepared ingredients for our main dish "Moors and Christians". **Maribel Gomez** prepared the delicious Mojitos, **Hugo Otálora** was the official photographer, **Graeme Walters** in charge of the screen, **Isabel Alban** of IT facilities and sound. **Elvira Cifaretti** coordinating the raffle. **Octavio Martinez** with the music. **Gloria Madrigales** in charge of the finances. Definitely an event like this requires coordination, cooperation and intense and efficient communication. In addition to the monthly meetings, the Committee is now in continuous contact with Yammer, an enterprise network developed by **Octavio Martinez**. Thanks to the HSV Committee members and friends for their continuous support.*

*Hasta Pronto  
**Luis Alban***

## Cuban Tertulia

The Cuban Tertulia was an amazing experience. The talk, delivered by Dr Carlos Uxó, was focused on “Santería”. Santería is an Afro-Cuban religion famous for its “magic”. This magic is based on knowledge of the Orishas (emissaries from the god Olorun) and how to interact with them to better our lives and the lives of those who come to us. This religion is also common in other American countries such as Brazil, Haiti, Trinidad and Puerto Rico.

<http://www.orishanet.org/santeria.html>

The event was great! The best way to describe the level of satisfaction of the attendance is to present the comments sent to the committee by Sylvia Wright-Davies, former President of the Society

*“Que hermosa tertulia! It was brilliant - an entertaining speaker and an interesting topic, great Powerpoint with beautiful pictures, superb entertainment and music. The food was absolutely delicious! What more can a person ask for?”*

*I fully appreciate the amount of work that would have gone into making the evening such a success. To all the committee, that was a great effort and I'm convinced everybody there had a superb time.”*

## Calendar of HSV Event 2012 – 2013

Sunday 15 July	Christmas In July	12:00pm	4:00pm
Saturday 11 August	Mexico	7:00pm	11:00pm
Saturday 8 September	Machu Pichu and Galapagos Islands	7:00pm	11:00pm
Saturday 13 October	Gala Night “60 Years Celebration HSV”	6:15 pm	12:00 am
Saturday 17 November	Venezuela	7:00pm	11:00pm
Sunday 9 December	Christmas Lunch	12:00pm	4:00pm

## New Members and Renewals

On behalf of HSV I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members Liliana Chaya, Denis Keating, Raul Martin, Lucero Barreto, Camilo Martin, Flavio Valderrama, Alex Salcedo and Paola Zuluaga. The Society has now 73 members! But more important than this milestone is to see how a high percentage of financial members attend now the Tertulias without the necessity of recurring to visitors to reach the full capacity of the Hall as it happened in the past.

## Light in Winter

Some members and friends of the Society attended the Light in Winter Festival as part of the Solstice Celebration at Federation Square. We participated in the “Words Unite Worlds” activity; a way of visualising that the union of individuals creates sense, just like the words and phrases we use every day. It was a great night!



## IT in the Society

### By Octavio Martinez – HSV Vice-president

The Hispanic Society website has been undergoing some changes to make it easier to navigate and to present relevant information in a more organized

way. The web site will be extended to display plenty of photos and videos of each Tertulia so you might spot yourself in our web site!

As part of our modernisation strategy, the Society has incorporated the use of **Yammer** for our internal communication. This enterprise social network service will enhance our own organisation tasks and scheduling of activities as being a central place of information retrieval. **Yammer** is used extensively throughout the world by many companies such as Cisco, BBC, Cap Gemini, Deloitte, Digital Australia, Fox channels, LG, Schindler Elevators, Sun Corp among others.

Finally HSV has gone twitter! If you have a twitter account please follow us at [twitter.com/HSV\\_Inc](https://twitter.com/HSV_Inc) or simply read about our events!

Cuba's Tertulia - Saturday June 16, 2012



## Other Events of Interest

**melbourne filmoteca**  
latin american, spanish and portuguese film group

### Amateurs

3rd July  
7:30 pm, ACMI

Director: Gabriel Velázquez  
Country: Spain  
Year: 2008  
Time running: 92 mins  
Language: Spanish and French with English subtitles

Unclassified 18+

Tickets: \$15, \$12 -Concession  
On sale at ACMI Box office: 8663 2583  
or online at:  
[www.acmi.net.au/ticket](http://www.acmi.net.au/ticket)

WHAT IF NIEVES TAKES HER IN TO EASE THE PAIN OF HIS OWN SOLITUDE?  
HOW FAR CAN PEOPLE GO TO AVOID BEING ALONE?  
Melbourne Filmoteca and the Spanish consulate invite you to reflect on this question through the lens of Amateurs, a Spanish fiction.

HOW FAR CAN PEOPLE GO TO AVOID BEING ALONE?  
Melbourne Filmoteca and the Spanish consulate invite you to reflect on this question through the lens of Amateurs, a Spanish fiction.



Blanca, a French 16 yo girl is decided to start a new life beside her lonely father who lives in Spain and has never seen before. He is 65 and retired, but at that point of his life he is not convinced if welcoming Blanca to his place would be a good idea after all, especially because he is not sure if he is actually her father.

However, he decides to take the risk and let her in as he has not had the chance to have kids before. The starting of their relationship is the beginning of their new lives.

**FESTIVALS**

-FESTIVAL OF NEW SPANISH CINEMA

<http://www.melbournefilmoteca.org/next.html>

## A Salsa Explosion in the Heart of Fitzroy



**Every Thursday, starting May 31, 2012**  
**First Floor, 393 Brunswick St, Fitzroy**

Cruzao Arepa Bar is thrilled to present the Salsa Explosion in the Heart of Fitzroy: a new event in the already broadly multicultural and vibrant

<http://www.cruzao.com.au/news/a-salsa-explosion-in-the-heart-of-fitzroy/>

## HSV Sponsors

