

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

July 2014

July Tertulia

Saturday 12th July, 2014 @ 7 pm



You are invited to our Tertulia
Madrid, My City, Your City

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

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

Booking

HSV is proud to present Mr. Miguel Gomez de Aranda, Consul General of Spain in Melbourne, talking about "Madrid, my city, your city".

After his presentation enjoy typical Spanish cuisine. The night will be complemented with fashion parade, elegant clothes imported directly from Spain, music and dancing

Please contact -
Our Secretary Genevieve Archer on 9561 2935 and
Esther Gomez on 0437 745358

Or by email to societyhispanic@gmail.com by
Wednesday 12th June 2014.

Message from the President

Dear members and friends of HSV

The Committee has been working very hard to provide the best possible outcomes for this society. Each event involves an extraordinary amount of work and planning. The Social Gathering in June was an example of this. It was a fantastic evening with great entertainment but sadly we did not get much support by way of attendance by members.

We have commenced the preparations for our tertulia on 16th of August 2014, the main feature of which will be a presentation on El Salvador by Mr Ernesto Antonio Duenas Azucena from the Salvadorian Consulate. Following this event we have our annual celebration The Hispanic day on 18th of October 2014. The venue will be Box Hill Golf Club and it will be an exciting night! We have booked the fabulous Band Banana 6, professional dancers and more entertainment. Cost is \$45.00 for members and \$55.00 non members.

Tickets on sale. Get in early as they will go quickly! To buy your tickets or pay your Membership please call our Treasurer Luis Alban. (You can pay via credit card or EFT).

If any of your details are incorrect please email or contact our secretary, Genevieve Archer to adjust your membership details.

For the August event the menu will be decided by the committee at the next meeting. However, I can confirm it will be authentic food from El Salvador.

We ask you to make your reservation as soon as possible so we can get an idea of how many guests will be attending in order to start organising catering.

Finally, thank you to Olga Marangio for sharing precious words about your experience with the Hispanic Society.

*Un Abrazo
Gloria*

Olga Marangio's Experience in HSV

It seems impossible to believe that it is 44 years ago since I was first introduced to the Hispanic Society by Geoffrey Moylan and his mother Emma. This is how I met my first friends who spoke Spanish. What a joy to be able to speak in my own language, even though it was only once a month, especially as a newcomer who had arrived alone in Australia and was sent to the WMCA in Richmond. Different members helped me to find work and accommodation and they supported me through difficult times. Thankfully many of these people are still around today.

Initially the meetings were held at members' houses where we were able to chat in English and help anybody interested in the Spanish language. Usually we had a coffee or a glass of wine and some snacks. It was all very homely and you were able to feel warmth and brotherhood with each other, no matter what country you were from. There was always a helping hand.

After some years the Society introduced cultural activities which were both interesting and educational and included typical dishes, music and dancing from various countries. The highlight of the year was a Ball, held in a reception centre, which was well attended by members. There was music, dancing and a banquet. Also we were able to get together with other groups like the Peruvian Club. At the Anderson family home we had a pachamanca. It was a great experience with music and dancing. Once a year, Geoff prepared an asado. He had to get up at dawn to have the food ready by lunch time. Another time a member, who was originally from Spain, prepared paellas.

I was able to give my services as Treasurer for 10 years and my husband and I catered for the Society over a long period of time. Also we held many enjoyable tertulias at our home in Vermont South. We all have happy memories of the culture, music and loyal friendships we have established over many years. I am so happy that the HSV is continuing with the involvement of the younger generation who have new ideas that move with the times without losing the fundamental principles of the Society.

Olga Marangio

Membership Renewals

We are in the process of receiving payments for annual membership renewals for the period 2014 – 2015

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**

NB: Joining fee no longer applicable

On behalf of the HSV I would like to extend a warm welcome to the 40 former members who have already renewed their membership.

Save These Dates

Sat 12 July	Spain
Sat 16 August	El Salvador
Sat 13 September	To be confirmed
Sat 18 October	“Hispanic Day” Party Celebrating Hispanic Culture in Victoria

Reports 2014 – 2015 AGM

Complete reports can be seen or downloaded from the website:

<http://www.hispanicsocietyinc.org>

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