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The Hispanic Society of Victoria's 60th Anniversary Gala Night

Celebrating 60 Years of promoting Hispanic culture



Saturday 13th October, 2012

6:15 till 12 Midnight

Golden Sands Receptions,
399 Blackburn Road, Burwood East
Melway 61 K8



Tickets: \$65per head (Includes three course meal, tea, coffee, beer, wine and entertainment. Other drinks available at bar prices)

Please contact our Treasurer Gloria Madrigales on 0400157353 for purchasing your ticket. Payment accepted by Cheque or Electronic Transfer

Electronic transfer account

Bank: Westpac

BSB: 033-050

Account number: 143190

Account name: The Hispanic Society of Victoria

E-mail to: societyhispanic@gmail.com for details.

**Don't miss the Harp concert
starting at 6:15 pm**

Bar also opens at the same time

Message from the President

The expected night is only two weeks away. The night of the 13th of October is the moment when our Society celebrates its 60 years of existence. The Hispanic Society of Victoria was founded in 1952 by a small group of volunteer Australians, Spaniards and Latin American who were interested in promoting and learning more about the Hispanic culture.

Not many cultural organizations last that long! It's an achievement that should make us proud. During those 60 years of evolution, the HCSV has experienced key transition moments. For instance, the Tertulias were initially held at different homes for many years until the number of financial members increased to a figure that it was necessary to have a more established venue like the Box Hill Hall which has been our meeting place for several years. The Society also became incorporated.

But in the last couple of years the HCSV has been interacting in an even more dynamic and competitive environment. There are several reasons to explain this trend: Our Hispanic culture is more popular in Australia than before with more and more Australians learning Spanish and travelling to L. A.; the HCSV Website has been the key communication tool which has allowed us to interact with similar Hispanic cultural organisations and well established charity groups working in partnership with communities in Latin America; in the last 10 years this country has experienced a larger influx of Latin American professionals in particular from Mexico, Venezuela and Colombia. They are very competitive professionals looking for cultural organisations like ours. Some of them are even creating their own associations with great enthusiasm and vision. These facts and others not mentioned here have made that our familiar Box Hill Hall seems now insufficient to entertain larger audiences. In response to this necessity, this Committee has taken the necessary steps to have a new home with better facilities for our Tertulias from next year.

The night of the 13 of October will be the night to see in retrospective how far we have gone in 60 years, where and how our group is currently positioned within the Australian society and mainly a moment to visualise the immense set of opportunities the HCSV, as a cultural organisation representing more than 20 countries, has in the future.

Nos vemos en la fiesta!

Luis Alban

Perú/Ecuador Tertulia

Hugo Otálora, committee member of the Society, presented a very entertaining, informative and high quality Tertulia on Machu Picchu and the Galápagos Islands. For those who missed Hugo's talk a brief summary of these two fantastic South American places is presented here.

Machu Picchu stands 2,430 m above sea-level, in the middle of a tropical mountain forest, in an extraordinarily beautiful setting. It was probably the most amazing urban creation of the Inca Empire at its height; its giant walls, terraces and ramps seem as if they have been cut naturally in the continuous rock escarpments. The natural setting, on the eastern slopes of the Andes, encompasses the upper Amazon basin with its rich diversity of flora and fauna.

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The Galápagos Islands are situated in the Pacific, some 1,000 km from the South American continent. These islands and the surrounding marine reserve have been called a unique 'living museum and showcase of evolution'. Located at the confluence of three ocean currents, the Galápagos are a 'melting pot' of marine species. Ongoing seismic and volcanic activities reflect the processes that formed the islands. These processes, together with the extreme isolation of the islands, led to the development of unusual animal life such as the land iguana, the giant tortoise and the many species of finch that inspired Charles Darwin's theory of evolution following his visit in 1835.

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The menu consisted of cocktail pisco sour, the typical Peruvian soup "aguadito" and for dessert, "quimbolitos" from Ecuador. Live entertainment was according to the night: "Marinera" dancers from Perú and Andean music.

New Members

On behalf of the HSV I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members Antonio Florez and his wife Maria and Nancy Destouesse. The Hispanic Society has now 79 financial members.

Calendar of HSV Events 2012 – 2013

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| 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 | 3:00pm |
| Saturday 16 March | Uruguay | 7:00pm | 10:00pm |
| Sunday 14 April | AGM | 12:00 pm | 3:00 pm |

Tickets Sale – Gala Night

More than 200 members and friends of the Society are expected to attend the 60 Anniversary Gala Night. There are 20 tickets still available. If you don't want to miss this wonderful night, this is probably your last opportunity. Please contact our Treasurer Gloria Madrigales on 0400157353 and get your ticket.

Special Offer for New Members

If you have not been member of the Society for the current period 2012-2013 and are considering joining our Association for 2013-2014, we are now presenting an attractive proposition: Pay your annual fee during 2012 until the December Christmas BBQ (Sunday 9th December) and you don't have to pay for the BBQ billed at \$20. Current members don't pay. The selected venue has excellent facilities with private parking area. Enjoy a fantastic summer afternoon in an attractive open space!

Annual fees are \$29 for family and \$23 for single.

September Tertulia - Saturday 8, 2012



Other Events of Interest

melbourne filmoteca

Latin american, spanish and portuguese film group

Porfirio

2nd October
7:30 pm, ACMI


Director: Alejandro Landes
Country: Colombia/Spain/Uruguay/Argentina/France
Year: 2011
Running Time: 101 mins
Language: Spanish with English subtitles




Unclassified 18+

Tickets: Full \$15
Concession & Latin Lover Members \$12
Groups of 8 or more \$10.50
On sale at ACMI Box office: 8663 2583
or online at: www.acmi.net.au/ticket

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