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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

OUR WISHES TO ALL OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF HOUSE OF SPAIN/CASA DE ESPAÑA IN SAN DIEGO



Adoration of the Shepherds (Bartolomé Murillo)

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Once again, I want to thank you for having put your trust in me and re-electing me as president of our organization. Last month during the General Assembly, I mentioned to you that many of you have known me for more than thirty-five years when I was president of the Casa de España in San Diego. Some of you know me from five years ago when I was elected to be president of the *House of Spain*, Casa de España in San Diego.

I would like to thank all those people that since the middle of the 1970s have been working, supporting and helping the organization. From the beginning our journey has not been easy, but we have always continued to push forward and we have overcome on this path of ups and downs in our organization. I personally think that our Casita is one of the best in Balboa Park. Many of the visitors who come here on Sundays have congratulated us on the decoration and information that we have and we explain to visitors and to the community.

In the past five years the Board of Directors has managed to change and fix many things and we have become a strong organization. This progress has been made possible thanks to the fact that we have had good directors and continuity on the Board of Directors. We have been able to speak, to reason and implement good decisions of where we want to lead our organization. The Board of Directors has taken seriously the fiduciary responsibility to put the interests of the organization ahead of personal interest. I think this has been the main reason why our organization is running better than ever. Continuity on the Board of Directors is a critical element and planning this continuity is what I think will keep our organization growing.

To continue on this path of growth, the organization will have to take steps forward and make it an organization of the 21st century. For this reason, we must: seek professional persons to help us, to find ways to attract money from donors interested in history and culture and collaborate more in our community, maintaining a positive and excellent image of Spain and our common history with the United States and this community.

Again thank you very much for your confidence in me.

I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Jesús Benayas

Executive officers - Board of Directors for 2015



Bob Williams, Jesús Benayas, Nina Yguerabide, and Penelope Bledsoe

ACTIVITIES OF NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 9: General Assembly and Elections of the Board of Directors for 2015

With a large attendance, the Annual General Assembly and the election of the new Board of Directors for next year was held. At the beginning of the meeting, some amendments to the bylaws were voted on. Later, in an environment of friendship and camaraderie, the reports of the secretary, treasurer were given, and then the election of the new Board of Directors was held. The results were

Elected by acclamation: Jesús Benayas, President
 Nina Yguerabide, Vice President
 Bob Williams, Treasurer
 Penelope Bledsoe, Secretary

And the three advisors elected were:
 Dr. Bayardo Murgia, PhD
 Asunción Lusti
 Puri Rodriguez

The remaining three advisors will be elected by the new Board of Directors at its first meeting in January. Here we have some photos:



Jesús Benayas , thanking Angeles Leira for her aid as a member of the Board of Directors in previous years



Sagrario Din received a special award for her constant dedication to our Organization



A partial view of the attendees



Cecilia Anguera receiving a recognition

ACTIVITIES OF NOVEMBER (Continued...)

Tuesday, November 18: *Films from Spain.*

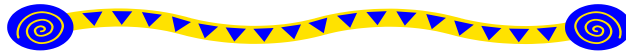
This month, the film VOLVER was presented. Before the exhibition there was a "Happy Hour". Thanks to the volunteers who helped us to organize this activity.



Puri and Noalia, selling tickets



Enjoying the "Happy Hour"



FILMS FROM SPAIN

Tuesday, December 16, 2014

Museum of Photographic Arts (MOPA)

In the center of Balboa Park

Price: \$7:00 per person

MATARHARIS:

Is a Spanish film

Director: Icíar Bollaín

100 minutes, in Spanish with English subtitles

2007: Goya Awards: 5 nominations including best director

Synopsis: Carmen, Inés, and Eva are private detectives but do not wear a hat or gun, but do the shopping, change diapers and trying to keep their partner. While working discovering secrets of others, the three will discover that their own lies they have failed to see and truths that it is better not to reveal. (FILMAFFINITY)

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Rincón del Socio



CELEBRATION OF THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to our good friends and members of the Board of Directors, Maruja and Bob Williams, for having reached 50 years of marriage.

They were married in the Church of San Lorenzo, in Seville, Spain on December 19, 1964.

The HOS/CDE in San Diego gives them congratulations and wishes them many more years of health and happiness.



INVITATION TO THE BAR-MITZVAH

Our friend and member Ronnie Morales invites us to the celebration of the Bar-Mitzvah of his two sons Alan and Alexander. Here they send us their family history and invitation:

"We are Sephardim ancestry, my family is Andalusian Ladino from the Iberian Peninsula; came to America early 16th Century with the Spaniards. We are keeping our ancestry traditions like music, food, outfits etc. I hope you can come to my boys Bar Mitzvah. On this religious event we are not playing any music because is on Shabbat. If you have any questions please contact me at: ronniemorales4u@yahoo.com."

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Alan and Alexander Bar-Mitzvah
Kabbalat Shabbat service on Friday December 26th at 6:15PM
Shabbat Morning Shaharit Bar-Mitzvah Saturday December 27th at 9:30-12:00 noon
Kiddush Lunch Bar-Mitzvah following.

There is a parking lot entrance on 3rd Ave. between Maple and Nutmeg St. at St. Pauls Comm. Care Ctr. lot. We are allowed to park during services.

Regards,
Ronnie Morales



Feast of the Kings - Canceled

As many of you know, several months ago the City of San Diego started doing some work on the *Hall of Nations* in Balboa Park, that all the casitas use for different meetings and events. Unfortunately, while they were fixing up a few things they found many other things that have to be fixed in order to be habitable. Because of this the City of San Diego has banned the use of the *Hall of Nations* until they can fix it and to be habitable. The bad thing is that they have no date of when they think that will be completed, at first they said that would be completed by December of this year, then they said by early 2015, and then have stated that they do not have a date of when it will be completed. Due to not having access to the *Hall of Nations*, the Board of Directors has decided to cancel the Feast of Kings, and Valentine's Day 2015.

OPENING OF THE CASITA

We thank

Maruja Williams, Mary Goldbeck, Susi Lusti, Puri Rodríguez, Bayardo de Murgia, Penelope Bledose, and Laura McWhorter who as "ambassadors" attended to the large audience that came to our casita during the month of November

DECEMBER NIGHTS IN BALBOA PARK

December 5 and 6, 2014

This is a very special celebration of the city of San Diego, is the one that attracts more visitors to the park. There are many cultural associations that offer to share their traditions and the Christmas spirit with visitors on these two days. *House of Spain/Casa de España* also will be present serving their traditional paella. It is good to remind members that this event is very important for our Organization because the funds raised will depend on the economic performance of next year.



Bayardo, the chef of the paella...



The volunteers: serving our delicious paella



Dinner and Dance of the Queens of HPR

Like every year, the Queens of the HPR had their gala evening. We take this opportunity to thank our Queen and Princess Paula and Tico Conde-Porto for all the work that they do for the benefit of our institution.



Jesús with the Queen and Princess



Attendees to the event

SPECIAL THANKS

We give our thanks to the Dr. Lazo Garcia family, owners of the Hospital México, for their generosity and goodwill.

They have offered to print this monthly bulletin in color, at no cost for the *House of Spain/Casa de España*.

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