



# El Amigo

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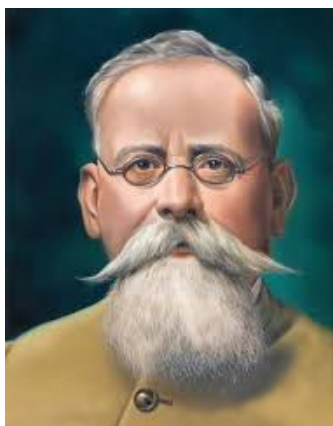
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Venustiano Carranza

Venustiano Carranza was born in Cuatro Ciénegas, Coahuila, on Dec. 29, 1859. He began his political career during the dictatorship of Porfirio Díaz, serving as municipal president, local deputy, and senator of his birthplace.

He was born into a wealthy cattle-ranching family, and he followed in his father's footsteps and joined the Mexican army. He became a supporter of Francisco I. Madero in Madero's efforts to overthrow the dictatorship of Gen. Porfirio Díaz. When this proved successful, Madero appointed Carranza as Secretary of War and Secretary of the

Navy. However, soon after assuming the presidency Madero was assassinated in a coup masterminded by Gen. Victoriano Huerta, forcing Carranza to flee.

He organized an army to fight against Huerta, and allied his forces with those of rebels (and former bandits) Pancho Villa and Emiliano Zapata. The combined rebel army encircled Mexico City--Huerta's base--and fought their way to the city's gates. They soon took the city, forcing Huerta to flee, and Carranza, Villa and Zapata took over the government. Soon, however, Carranza and Villa locked horns and in the ensuing power struggle, Villa was driven from Mexico City and retreated back to his headquarters in Durango.

In 1915 Carranza assumed the presidency of Mexico and set about to make many needed reforms. He introduced an independent judiciary, instituted land reform, decentralized government power and called for a Constitutional convention, which was convened in 1917.

The years 1913-1917 were characterized by uneasy relations with the United States. Initially, the problem was President Woodrow Wilson's opposition to the Huerta government and the resulting occupation of Veracruz by United States troops. Subsequently, Villa's raid on Columbus, New Mexico brought the Pershing Punitive Expedition. Carranza's neutrality toward the Germans during World War I added to the difficulties. The grounds for differences shifted when the Constitution of 1917 was adopted, with its implied threat to American interests in Mexico.

A new constitution was written - which is still used today - and he was elected as the first president under this constitution. However, many forces were arrayed against him, including his former allies Villa and Zapata, who thought his reforms

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didn't go far enough, and many wealthy landowners and the Catholic Church, who thought that his reforms were too radical. Carranza placed a bounty on Zapata's head, which eventually resulted in his assassination, and Carranza's army hunted down Villa in northern Mexico. As his presidential term drew to a close, he offended several powerful military and political leaders.

Carranza made a serious political error seeking to impose little-known civilian Ignacio Bonillas as his successor instead of the popular Obregón. Under the plan of Agua Prieta of April 1920 the Sonoran triumvirate of Obregón, Plutarco Calles, and Huerta rebelled. In 1920 an alliance of these leaders, headed by Gen. Álvaro Obregón, led the rebellion against Carranza. His forces were defeated and he fled Mexico City. He headed toward Vera Cruz to reorganize, but on May 21, 1920, he stopped in a house in the town of Tlaxacalantongo to spend the night. Obregon's spies learned of his whereabouts, and later that night the house was attacked by Obregon's men. Carranza was shot and killed betrayed by the forces which had joined his escort.

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## September Ways & Means



SEPTEMBER 16 hau 'oli hola 6:30

JOURNEY THROUGH THE ISLANDS

APPETIZERS

MAUI MEATBALLS

KAUAI CHICKEN

DINNER

KALUA PULLED PORK

OAHU SWEET POTATOES

HAWAIIAN FRUIT PLATTER

WAIMEA ROLLS

DESSERT

LANAI PINEAPPLE UPSIDE

DOWN CAKE

\$18 Per Person

BOBBIE'S "i ka hale" 20939 Lanark Street, Canoga Park

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

reservations please Lynne Davies 818-341-3032

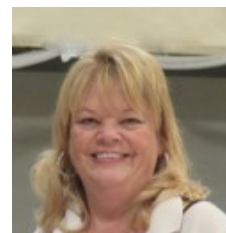
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## **President's Article**

August 2017

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Membership matters. Our Board set a goal this year of \$1,300 in dues for membership. I am excited to report as of June 30<sup>th</sup> we have exceeded our goal – we are currently at \$1,407! Thank you for renewing your membership and welcome to the new members! For the 5 months (Jan-May) we are at just shy of 40% of our Ways and Means goal. In June, we held the Fiesta Fling in conjunction with our delegation visit. Our commissary is rolling along very nicely. What does this mean?? It means our members and their guests are turning out for our events and having a good time buying drinks! Our momentum is great and it will continue through the balance of the year!



Jo Lamoreaux

People join organizations for a variety of reasons. In a smaller organization such as ours- we are 'resource-challenged'. Volunteers are an essential resource. Let any of our Board members know if you can help. There are always projects to be done!

As our organization continues to grow- it is important we continue the 'sociability' of the group. Our monthly programs offer opportunities to meet & greet and sometimes to learn a bit! We have an authentic chuckwagon in July featuring the great music of the Watsons, August follows with a culture and education program, September is a luau with all the trimmings, and October we are working on a trip to Santa Anita for the horse races. Check the website for the latest information!

Make the most of your membership – join in the fun!

Stay as cool as possible...

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## **Join Us At Santa Anita**

**Complete Details Forthcoming**

**Travel will be provided**

**We will rent a trailer to bring back  
our winnings if necessary!**

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**You Can't have more fun than this  
doing anything...**



***FOT Is Going to Santa Anita  
October 14th***



## July Chuck Wagon Dinner

And the lights went out.....

32 minutes into the chuckwagon event on Saturday July 8<sup>th</sup>. It did not stop us - we partied on until 11PM - the lighting provided by a Coleman lantern and every candle I could find in the house! Given that it was chuckwagon event - the lighting seemed appropriate! We were cooking in the chuckwagon pots and on the grill - so lack of electricity was no problem for the food! Music was provided by the Watson's - they brought acoustical instruments - no need for electricity there. The weather cooled off and a good time was had by all.

My thanks to Bobbie (we had the tables outside, moved all my living room furniture out of the way and moved half of them inside with heat concerns, then with no air conditioning, we moved them back outside again!), Bill – great bar tending, Bruce - he had the pots flown in from Colorado where he used them on a cattle drive for years. His grandmother handled the chuckwagon kitchen and taught Bruce all he knows. To Chad and Pam Watson - musicians for the evening, thanks for rolling with the flow. They used small flashlights to see their music and when the cherry cobbler was late - they continued to play on! We laughed, talked, ate, drank, sang and watched the black plume of smoke from the Northridge sub-station as they let the white gas burn off. Making the best of a great evening!

Fire Photo courtesy of Kelsey - “No this wasn’t the chuckwagon BBQ!”  
All other pics from Matt--



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**FOT Future Events**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 10, 2017**

**TGIF W/ FOT**



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*LIVE  
ENTERTAINMENT*

*STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION*



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**US/Mexico Sister Cities Annual Fund Raiser**

**Sunday - August 13th**

11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

At Hermosa Beach Kiwanis Club House  
2515 Valley Drive - Hermosa Beach

***Tickets \$25.00 per person***  
***\$5.00 - 12 and Under***



Call Randy Lewis for Information (818) 998-0983  
I can take a few in my car or we can carpool



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## August General Meeting

**WHAT DO THE *FOT* GENERAL MEETING AND  
"FAUVE" ART HAVE IN COMMON?**

**WHAT DO VAN GOGH, GAUGUIN, CEZANNE  
AND GALEANA HAVE IN COMMON?**

**ONE THING:  
A PRIVATE SHOWING OF OBDULIO GALEANA'S WORK!**

Luncheon  
Only  
\$10.00 Per Person



August 6<sup>th</sup>  
General Meeting  
1:00 PM

**JOIN US AUGUST 6<sup>th</sup> AT 1:00 PM  
CANOGA PARK WOMEN'S CLUB - 7401 JORDAN AVE.**

**GUEST SPEAKER *OBDULIO GALEANA* WILL DISCUSS HIS ART,  
MARY, HIS ASSISTANT WILL ALSO BE ON HAND**

**RESERVATIONS PLEASE!! LYNNE DAVIES 818-341-3032**

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## Calendar of Events 2017

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| <b>August 6</b><br>\$10.00     | <b>General Meeting - 1:00 PM - Luncheon</b><br>Canoga Park Women's Club - 7401 Jordan Ave. |
| <b>August 26</b>               | <b>Board Meeting - 10:00 AM - No Brunch</b><br>Ceci Gomez Home                             |
| <b>September 16</b><br>\$18.00 | <b>Luau Party - 6:00 PM</b><br>Strelow "I Ka Hale" - 20939 Lanark St.                      |
| <b>September 23</b>            | <b>Board Meeting - 10:00 AM - Potluck Brunch</b><br>Ana Bonilla Home                       |
| <b>October 14</b>              | <b>Santa Anita Trip</b><br>Details to Follow   |
| <b>November 10</b>             | <b>TGIF</b><br>Location TBD - Save the Date  |



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