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## Patriots Mariano Jimenez and Mariano Abasolo



Jose Mariano Jimenez

This is the third article in the series about the individuals who started and played a large part in the Mexican Revolution of 1810. In this piece we will learn about two more Mexican Patriots Jose Mariano Jimenez and Jose Mariano Abasolo Outon who were instrumental in the Revolution.

Jose Mariano Jiménez was born in San Luis Potosi on August 18, 1781. His parents were José Román Maldonado Jiménez and Josefa Zapata. He was born into a very wealthy family and he was an excellent student. He entered into the School of Mining of Mexico, where he graduated in 1804.

In September 1810, upon learning of the Grito de Dolores, Mariano Jiménez appeared before Miguel Hidalgo to offer help to the emancipatory cause. His intelligence, courage and mastery of Mining and Explosives allowed him to reach the rank of Colonel in a short time.

He excelled in the victorious battle of Monte de las Cruces and tried to secure the peaceful surrender of Viceroy Francisco Venegas at the battle of Mexico City. The Viceroy refused attacking and defeating the patriots in the battle of the Calderon Bridge. This forced Jimenez and his fellow soldiers to take refuge to the north. Upon reaching Acatita of Baján they were captured by the Spaniards.

Jimenez along with Hidalgo, Allende and Aldama, were taken to Chihuahua, where they were tried for treason and sentenced to death. Mariano Jimenez was shot on June 26, 1811.

Mariano Abasolo was born in 1783, in the town of Dolores, state of Guanajuato, Mexico. His full name was Jose Mariano Abasolo Outon and he was the son of Joseph Abasolo and Mariela Outon. His father was a large landowner and very wealthy which allowed Mariano to live a childhood of luxury. He began his military career as a Captain in the Spanish Army. He was influenced by Ignacio Allende to join the conspiracy and overthrow the government.

In 1809 he belonged to one of the first conspiracy groups located in Valladolid (today's Morelia). The conspiracy was discovered but Ignacio Allende and Abasolo were not imprisoned. Immediately they joined another conspiracy group in Queretaro at the home of the Councilman Miguel Dominguez. The meetings were conducted and sponsored by his wife Josefa Ortiz de Dominguez. (featured in our next issue)



Mariano Abasolo



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Abasolo was rich; mainly he economically supported the independence movement and was not involved in very many military actions. At the beginning of the war, on 15 September 1810, he was ordered by Hidalgo to seize all the weapons and munitions that were kept in the arsenal of Dolores. In 1810 he went with the independent army to San Miguel el Grande (today's San Miguel de Allende), Celaya, where he was named captain of the Dragones de la Reyna regiment. On September 30, 1810, Guanajuato was taken, they went to Valladolid (today's Morelia) but the army did not take the city. The insurgents began to leave for Mexico City, the independent army having 80,000 soldiers. For an undocumented reason Hidalgo chose not to attack the city. In Acámbaro, Abasolo was named field marshal and took place in the battles of Monte de las Cruces, Aculco and Calderón Bridge.

On March 21, 1811, in Acatita de Baján, Abasolo, Jimenez, Allende, Hidalgo and others were taken prisoners by the Spanish. Hidalgo, Allende, Jimenez and several others were sentenced to death in Chihuahua. They were shot but Mariano Abasolo was spared his life due to the strong influence his wife had with the Spanish, and by paying large amounts of money to them. He was sent to Spain and imprisoned in Cadiz. He was held there until he became ill with tuberculosis and died on April 14, 1816.

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## Delegation Visits Anatola Elementary School

On the morning of October 11, we had a delightful experience visiting the kindergarten class of Claudia Ruiz at the Anatola School in Van Nuys. The hosts and guests of the official yearly Taxco visit were entertained by the adorable youngsters doing a dance of "The Days of the Week". The children later excitedly received individual letters and pictures sent to them from school children in Taxco.

Adults from Taxco attending were: Chave Bustamante, Alba Rosa Bustamante, Alexia and Roberto Gomez, Elvira Antunez, Enrique Quaas, and Antonieta and Manuel Carbajal. Hosts were: Howard Joseph, Adela Bonilla, Ed and Jane Stauss, Randy and Linda Lewis, and Warren and Ruth Bromund.

Barbara White, who has been responsible for the success of this wonderful exchange throughout the years, was on hand making sure all went well.



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## Canoga Park & Taxco

Did you know that Canoga Park has a sister city? It is Taxco, Guerrero, Mexico and has been since 1963. Our yearly sister city exchange took place this October and we hosted 8 visitors in our homes. Their visit this year included a trip to Las Vegas and a Hollywood Tour along with parties at the Canoga Park Women's Club and the Canoga Park Elk's Lodge. We had a great time and renewed old friendships and made some new friends as well.

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## Message From The President

*“The greatest gift of life is friendship, and I have received it.”*

A quote from Hubert Humphrey seems appropriate after the wonderful visit we just experienced with the delegation from Taxco.

Alba, Alexia, Antonieta, Chave, Elvira, Enrique, Manuel, and Roberto - what a wonderful diverse group. Alexia just out of college graduating with a degree in architecture to Elvira, a retired school teacher who was visiting Canoga Park for the 5th time to Chave and Alba who came for the first time without their mother Inez. Roberto who has many pictures of himself sitting on a Harley Davidson - he was thrilled with the time spent at the Harley dealership on Sherman Way. Toni, Manuel and Enrique who hung out at the Lewis home - watching the Japanese Grand Prix starting at 11PM. It is a Formula One race with speeds as fast as 219.78 miles per hour - the question is were the speeds exciting enough to keep Randy and Linda awake??



Jo Lamoreaux

A huge thank you to Ceci for organizing the visit and to the families who hosted-the Bonilla’s, Bromund’s, Lamoreaux’s, Lewis’s and the Stauss’s. We each had the opportunity to form friendships that will last across the miles.

The activities were diverse - thank you to the members and their guests for turning out and participating. From the Mob Museum in Las Vegas to the symphony at Disney Hall to the Japanese Gardens to the Getty Villa to a tour of Hollywood - our guests had a chance to do things together as well as having free time to do something special with their host family. Thanks to Barb White for organizing the welcome reception - our guests had a great time. Thanks to Bobbie Strelow for the decorations - the only lady I know with 54 fall placemats to decorate for the farewell party! We had a lot of fun as we attended the Hippodrome Race Track cheering on the ‘horses’ after a great Italian meal.

At the Joint Board meeting the Taxco delegation provided a detailed summary of the Taxco gift project that we funded this past year. In the next Bulletin - I’ll provide the details. They were extremely thankful for our support. We have tentatively set the 2017 dates for the FOT delegation to go to Taxco as Friday October 27th through Sunday November 5th. This will allow the delegation to experience one of the largest festivals held in Taxco - Dia de Muertos - where those that have passed are remembered. The Taxco delegation is excited and will welcome us with open arms and homes! Les and I have a bedroom ready for us at Elvira’s home!

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## November 6th General Meeting & Installation of Officers

### We’re Combining Two Great Things in November

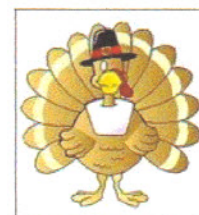
This year we are combining the November General Meeting and the Installation of Officers into one great afternoon - Sunday November 6th from 1 to 3 pm. Lunch is catered, please see the flyer. When you make your reservation, we’ll need to know if you would like the roast beef dip sandwich or the lemon thyme chicken. Both will feature a Caesar salad with ice cream and cookies for dessert.

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### 2017 Slate of Officers



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| President                | Jo Lamoreaux |
| Vice President           | Barb White   |
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| Recording Secretary      | Ana Bonilla  |
| Treasurer                | Linda Lewis  |





## Holiday Card Signing and Gift Exchange

Join us for the 2016 Holiday Card Signing at the home of Bobbie Strelow. We will be having appetizers prepared by your Board of Directors along with libations for all to enjoy. The cost will be \$5.00 and the card will be sent to our family in Taxco. We hope you will plan on attending on December 4th starting at 2:00 PM and help us all celebrate the Holidays. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange (*this is really fun*) bring a \$10.00 (or so) wrapped gift.



*RSVP Fayleen Harmon at: graphfx1@earthlink.net or (818) 259-2866*

## FOT Fundraising Event at BJ's Restaurant



## Wednesday - December 7th

**6424 Canoga Avenue - Woodland Hills**

**11:00 AM to 10:00 PM**

***BJ's Will Donate 20% of your Food and Soft Beverage Bill***

Meet your Friends & Family at the Restaurant and Have Fun!

***Flyers Must Be Presented to the Server for FOT to Receive Credit***

## Calendar of Events 2016

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| November 6<br>\$18.50 | <b>General Meeting &amp; Installation of 2017 Officers - 1:00 PM</b><br>Canoga Park Women's Club - 7401 Jordan Ave. |
| November 19           | <b>Board Meeting - 10:00 AM - No Brunch</b><br>Lamoreaux Home   |
| December 4<br>\$5.00  | <b>Holiday Card Signing - 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM</b><br>Bobbie Strelow Home   |
| December 10           | <b>Joint Board Meeting - 10:00 AM - Potluck Brunch</b><br>Lewis Home - All 2016 & 2017 Officers and Chairmen        |
| January 21            | <b>Ways &amp; Means Event</b><br>Location TBD   |
| January 28            | <b>Board Meeting - 10:00 AM - No Brunch</b><br>Location TBD   |



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*FRIENDS OF TAXCO GENERAL MEETING  
& INSTALLATION OF 2017 OFFICERS*

**Sunday - November 6, 2016**

1:00 - 3:00 PM

Canoga Park Women's Club  
7401 Jordan Ave., Canoga Park

*CATERED by BJ'S BREWHOUSE & RESTAURANT  
CHOICE OF*

LEMON THYME CHICKEN W/FRESH TOMATOES, BROWN RICE,  
ROASTED BRUSSELS SPROUTS, LEMON THYME SAUCE  
Served with Caesar Salad

ROAST BEEF DIP, SWISS CHEESE, CARAMELIZED ONIONS,  
ROASTED GARLIC AIOLI, CREAMY HORSERADISH  
Served with Caesar Salad

HOME MADE CHOCOLATE COOKIE/ICE CREAM

*\$18.50 per person*

Reservations by November 1<sup>st</sup> please

*PLEASE PLACE YOUR ORDER  
WHEN MAKING RESERVATIONS*

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Join us for

*a delicious way to*

# RAISE MONEY!

**Date:** Dec 07, 2016

**Time:** 11:00AM to 10:00PM

**At this BJ's location:** 6424 Canoga Avenue  
Woodland Hills, CA 91367  
818-340-1748

Enjoy delicious food in a fun atmosphere along with your family and friends while earning funds in support of:

## Friends of Taxco

With each flyer presented during this **FUNDRAISING EVENT**, BJ's will donate **20% OF FOOD AND SOFT BEVERAGE SALES** to the designated organization!

Valid for dine in or take out. Not valid towards alcoholic beverages or Happy Hour specials. Please do not distribute flyers on-site during the event. Flyers must be printed and presented to the server.



BJ's Favorite Deep Dish Pizza



Crispy Fried Artichokes



Crispy Jalapeño Burger



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