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Temple Ex-Convent of San Bernardino of Siena



Temple Ex-Convent of San Bernardino of Siena, was built in 1592 by the Franciscan Francisco de Torantos, along with the order of the children of San Francisco. Designed from simple proportions, this building has a neoclassical facade and inside you can see several wonderful and very popular images of devotion from Taxco including the Christ of the Silversmiths and the Lord of the Holy Burial.

The Convent was named after the Saint, San Bernardino of Siena who was born in 1380 in Tuscany, under the Roman Empire. His mother died when he was 3 and his father when he was 6. He was raised in the home of his aunt. After his

basic education he cared for the sick in the hospital of Santa Maria della Scala during the plague of 1400. He continued his education in Siena where he studied Civil and Canon Law. After his death in 1444 he was Canonized by Pope Nicholas V in 1450. He is known as the Saint of Advertising, Communication, Gambling and problems with Breathing.

This Convent is undoubtedly one of the oldest in America, and was constructed originally of adobe. It was almost completely destroyed in a fire that occurred and was reconstructed in the same location in 1804 in the neoclassical style as we know it today. In January 1821, the Iguala Plan or as it is commonly known the "Three Guarantees" was drafted by Agustin de Iturbide. Then on February 24, he and Vicente Guerrero, of Iguala, signed the historic document at the Temple and established the independence of Mexico from Spain unifying the rebel armies.

In general, this Temple is where most of the revered religious images of Taxco are kept including the Virgin of Sorrows, the Christ of the Entombment, Christ of the Silversmiths, Our Lady of the Assumption, Father Jesus, and St. Faustina Kowalska, which is the most esteemed. The Statues behind the Ex-Convent were added in 2007. At the right, Ruth Bromund views them during the 2013 Adult Exchange program.





FRIENDS OF TAXCO



Fiesta Fling

Saturday, May 21st

To be held at:

Canoga Park Elk's Lodge

20925 Osborne St., Canoga Park

6:00 PM - \$25.00 per person in Advance *

* \$30.00 If You Purchase At The Door With No Reservation

Dinner - Dancing - Prizes

Your choice of Mahi Mahi or Prime Rib Dinner
includes shrimp cocktail appetizer, salad, dessert
no host bar featuring special Margaritas

Live Band "The Generation Gap" for dancing

For Tickets Contact Mary Esquibel

(818) 884-8087 maryesquibel@yahoo.com

Mail RSVP & Checks to:

8537 Eatough Ave., West Hills, CA 91304

Make Checks Payable to "Friends of Taxco"



President's Message

May rolls in with Cheers and Changes as April exits. Did you hear that big sigh of relief- it came from the Historical Society building on April 16th as FOT celebrated with a Tax Relief party. With 31 in attendance, we ate, drank, did an IRS cake walk, looked at the amazing pictures of Canoga Park (originally Owensmouth), did a Tax Pasta Pass, and thoroughly enjoyed the homemade desserts by Linda Giacomuzzi. Our 50/50 winner for the evening was Joe Lecce walking away with \$60! What a great way to end tax season- thanks to everyone who made it happen!



Jo Lamoreaux

May Changes- for many years Canoga Park has had an adult exchange to Taxco in June. Our friends in Taxco welcome us with open homes and plan a wonderful visit for us. This year the unrest and drug cartel violence has raised a heightened concern about travel to Mexico. The U.S. State Department has issued a Mexico Travel Warning citing Guerrero and specifically noting Taxco in the warning. The cuota (95D toll road) between Mexico City and Taxco has been subject to armed members of self-defense groups creating roadblocks. Although not considered hostile to foreigners, they are to be considered volatile and unpredictable. In speaking with Jorge Sierra, he said he has concerns about safety at this time. The Board voted to suspend the exchange this June and to reconsider it for October.

May Cheers-our annual Fiesta Fling is almost here. The work and planning has been great. The event should be stellar- how can you go wrong with a wonderful margarita to start, followed by a shrimp cocktail? And that's in the first hour! Please plan to join in the fun at our largest fundraiser of the year—Saturday, May 21st. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. Note a reservation made is a reservation paid. See the flyer for all the details.

Ways N' Means



Linda Lewis

Our Income Tax Party with a "Rich Man/Poor Man" theme was a blast. The Historical Society's hall was perfectly decorated with newspaper tablecloths, phony money, green napkins and green frog banks. Many thanks go to Linda Giacomuzzi and the Historical Society for allowing us to use their facility. This was a first time visit for some at the Museum and all enjoyed viewing the many displays. There were many helping hands who pitched in and helped cook, set-up and clean-up. The food was outstanding with a variety in each course. Our entertainment for the evening was a good old fashion "Cake Walk" and "Fiesta Fling Quiz Game." Jo Lamoreaux had many prizes for the winners, including 100 Grand Candy Bars.

Saturday, May 21st is the date for our famous "Fiesta Fling" Fundraiser. This is going to be an exciting evening and I encourage you to bring your family and friends. Arrangements can be made for you to reserve a table for 8 or 10. A fantastic menu has been planned including a Shrimp Cocktail, Salad, your choice of Prime Rib or Mahi Mahi with Sides and Dessert. We will be entertained by the Generation Gap this evening with a chance for a lot of dancing and music that will bring us down memory lane. The ticket price for the evening is only \$25.00 per person in advance. Please call our Vice President, Mary Esquibel and make your reservations and see her article for more details.

The Ways and Means Committee has started plans for our June Event, which will be on Saturday June 18th. We will be firing up the grill in honor of National Steak and Steakhouse Month. Sunday June 19th is Father's Day, so instead of dealing with crowded restaurants and spending major bucks, come out for a relaxing evening with the Friends of Taxco. We promise you, this steak dinner will have everything a steakhouse does minus the \$20 Martinis.

Vice President's Report



Mary Esquibel

Happy Spring! The weather is warming, the birds are nesting and Friends of Taxco are getting ready for the BIG Fling Fiesta!

We are so excited to hold our biggest fundraiser of the year on Saturday, May 21st, 2016 at the Elks Lodge, 20925 Osborne Street, Canoga Park.

Let's get our friends and family together for a fantastic night of fun, food, music, dancing and raffles.

Please send your checks to Friends of Taxco, c/o Mary Esquibel, 8537 Eatough Avenue, West Hills, CA 91304. See our Flyer for more details.

National Steak Celebration

CALLING ALL OUTLAWS

We'll Be Meetin' Up On
June 18th - 6:00 PM

\$15.00 per person

LEWIS SALOON & HIDEAWAY

21305 Chase St., Canoga Park



RSVP to: "Madam" Fayleen - (818) 882-8838

Calendar of Events 2016

May 14	Board Meeting - 10:00 AM - No Brunch White Home
May 21 \$25.00	Fiesta Fling - 6:00 PM Canoga Park Elk's Lodge - 20925 Osborne St., Canoga Park
June 18 \$15.00	Ways N Means Event - 6:00 PM National Steak Celebration - Lewis Home
June 25	Board Meeting - 10:00 AM - Potluck Brunch Stauss Home
July 17 \$15.00	Picnic in the Park - Temptations Revue - 4:30 PM Warner Park - 5800 Topanga Canyon Blvd.
July 23	Board Meeting - 10:00 AM - No Brunch Esquibel Home
August 14 \$12.00	General Meeting - 1:00 PM Canoga Park Women's Club - 7401 Jordan Ave., Canoga Park



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