



### The History of Puebla

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Seal of Puebla

Owing to the region's rich volcanic soils and strategic location, Náhuatl-speaking Indians once developed a complex civilization in Puebla; today, many monumental ruins can be found throughout the state. Puebla is also the home of Mole Poblano, a traditional Mexican dish.

#### Early History

Cholula, the most important settlement of ancient Puebla, was established between 800 and 200 B.C. and is considered the oldest continually inhabited city in Mexico. By 100 B.C., the Olmecs had developed Cholula into one of Mexico's most active cities. During that period they began building the immense monument known as the Great Pyramid of Cholula. One of the largest pyramids in the world, it stands 55 meters (181 feet) tall with a base that measures over 396 meters (1,300 feet) on each side. Similar to the fate of Teotihuacán to the northwest, Cholula was mostly abandoned around 800 A.D. for unknown reasons.

In the 10th century, Cholula was taken over by the Putún Maya, also known as Olmeca-Xicalanca. During the 12th century, a Toltec-Chichimec tribe settled in the area, and in 1292 Nahuatl-speaking tribes, including remnants of the Toltec nation, successfully invaded Cholula. They, in turn, were conquered by Huexotzingo Indians in 1359. During the 15th century, the Mexicas, or Aztecs, rose to power in central Mexico. The people of Cholula, forced to choose between resisting the Aztecs or joining them, opted for the latter. Thirty kilometers (19 miles) to the north, however, the city of Tlaxcala stood firm against the Aztecs, intensifying its rivalry with neighboring Cholula.

#### Middle History

Spanish conquistador Hernán Cortés occupied the Puebla region in 1519, killing most of the natives and precipitating the fall of the Aztec empire. In 1524, the Spanish crown gave the conquistadors grants known as encomiendas, which authorized them to force area natives into servitude. As a result, the indigenous peoples were put to work in agriculture and mining for the benefit of Spain. One requirement of the encomienda system was the propagation of the Roman Catholic faith, so Franciscan priests arrived to convert the native population. Throughout the post-conquest period, the Spaniards razed Cholula's many temples and replaced them with churches. However, rather than modernizing the ancient city, they chose to build in a different location, about 15 kilometers (nine miles) to the east. The new city of Puebla thus became the first Spanish-built city in central Mexico not founded on the ruins of a conquered settlement. Due to its convenient location halfway between Veracruz and Mexico City, Puebla became a frequent stop for travelers and its population quickly grew.

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Puebla increased in importance as a center for industry and agriculture during the 17th century. Diseases spread by the Spaniards and poor living conditions, however, caused a major decline in the indigenous population.

### Recent History

The Mexican War of Independence (1810-1821) was waged in many individual battles throughout central Mexico. Former priest José Morelos led successful military campaigns that reached into the vicinity of Puebla. Eleven years after the insurrection began, Agustín de Itúrbide marched his army into Puebla and declared Mexico to be an independent country.

From the late 1820s until 1867, Puebla was plagued by political unrest. As the country grappled with self-government, control of the state was contested by many political movements—federalists and capitalists as well as liberals and conservatives. In 1861, Mexico suspended payments on its debts, angering other countries and opening the door for France to invade in 1862. Mexican patriots loyal to constitutional president Benito Juárez managed to defeat a superior French force at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862. Despite this early setback, the French eventually emerged victorious and ruled Mexico for the next five years.

Porfirio Díaz played a prominent role in the military campaigns that finally drove the French out of Mexico, launching a political career that spanned from 1870 to 1911. During his presidency, Díaz focused on improving the country's railroads and telegraphs; as a result, Puebla enjoyed strong economic growth.

The Díaz era came to an end with the Mexican Revolution, which began in 1910. Emiliano Zapata and Francisco “Pancho” Villa fought for a radical agenda of land redistribution and peasants' rights. They succeeded in overthrowing Díaz, but later they were defeated by forces favoring more gradual change. After the Mexican Revolution, Puebla evolved into an industrialized center; however, due to its predominantly rural population, it remained largely impoverished.

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries many European immigrants moved to Puebla; their influence can still be seen in the city's architecture.

### Puebla Today

Many of the rich traditions of Puebla involve food and art. Mole poblano, a spicy sauce, was developed around the 17th century and is still enjoyed today. Puebla is also well known for its Talavera ceramics, which are crafted using the same techniques introduced by the Spaniards in the 16th century.

### Facts & Figures

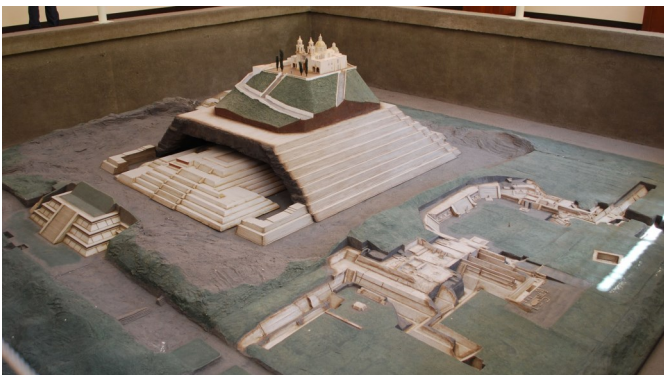
Capital: Puebla de Zaragoza, known as Puebla

Major Cities (population): Puebla (1,485,941) Tehuacán (260,923) San Martín Texmelucan (130,316) Atlixco (122,149) San Pedro Cholula (113,436)

Size/Area: 13,090 square miles

Population: 5,383,133 (2005 Census)

Year of statehood: 1824



### Aztec Sites

Cholula is home to many Aztec ruins, most notably Mexico's largest pyramid, which also happens to be one of the biggest monuments in the world (model shown in photograph on the left). This magnificent structure was built to venerate the god of the rain, Chiconahui Quiahuitl. Soil and vegetation now cover much of the pyramid, giving it the appearance of a large hill, but some portions have been excavated to reveal its former glory.

## President's Article

Thank you to all of our hosts for our progressive dinner. We had a great time with Bobbie Strelow, the Esquibel's and the Whites (at least Rush and I had fun hosting you...) and we enjoyed our entrée at the Eton Mobile Home Park. Our hard working fund raising team of Midge Swoger and Bobbie Strelow pulled off another perfect evening for us! And thank you to Randy and Linda, who I heard helped Bobbie make the pasta dinner.



Barbara White

In May we have our general meeting on Sunday, May 6 at 1 pm. Please join us for a festive lunch and meeting. You will hear the latest on the schedule of events for our Taxco visitors and exactly who is coming from Taxco. Please see Jo's article and join us for a few parties! Thank you to all of the host families who are opening their home for the delegation. And thank you to those families hosting a family dinner for 1 or 2 of the guests. This is a great way to meet our Taxco friends! Please open your hearts and houses if you are able.

You may have noticed that we will not have our "Fiesta Fling" in May as we usually do. We are gearing up for a new and exciting gala fundraiser in September. Stay tuned for details. But we do need your help so that we can raise enough money to pay for our Taxco Gift and the visitation. Please call Midge or Barb if you have anything that we can use for our gift basket raffle. Any unwanted new item that you received that you can donate to the cause. Or does anyone have something we can auction off, like a weekend at a vacation resort??? We will be assembling baskets in September so keep thinking about our educational gift to Taxco! We want to make enough money this year so that we do not have to dip into our savings to pay for it.

Have a great Mothers' Day and let's all gear up for our visitors!




**WELCOME PARTY**  
**FOR THE**  
**TAXCO DELEGATION!**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 20<sup>TH</sup> AT 6 PM**

**Help Us Welcome:**  
**Alba Rosa, Alexia, Alicia, Chave, Elvira, Enrique, Jorge,**  
**Lulu, Manuel, Roberto & Toni**

**Appetizers, Tri Tip dinner, Dessert & Live Music!**  
**Tickets: \$17 / \$21 after May 11th**

Location: Van Nuys Reseda Elks Lodge - 14440 Friar Street Van Nuys 91401

## Adult Visitation - Schedule Of Events

### 2018 Taxco Visitation Calendar

19-May Saturday	20-May Sunday	21-May Monday	22-May Tuesday	23-May Wednesday	24-May Thursday	25-May Friday	26-May Saturday	27-May Sunday	28-May Monday	29-May Tuesday
	Murals & Children's Art Center Breakfast 9:30-10:45 AM Free	San Fernando Mission 10:30 AM Pay @ Door \$5	Anatola School 10-11 AM Free	Free Time	LA Times Building Tour 11:00 AM See Flyer Free	Free Time	Santa Anita Race Track 10:30-7 PM See Flyer \$45	Tour Agua Dulce Winery & Lunch 11:30-2 PM For Delegates, Hosts & Board Only	Memorial Day	Go To LAX Airport
Arrive @ LAX 6 PM	Canoga Park/Owensmouth Historical Society 11:30-12:30 PM Free	Picnic Lunch/ Reagan Library Tour 12-4 PM See Flyer \$32	Golden Road Brewery Burbank 11:30 AM \$20	Tour Mission College & Lunch 11:30-3 PM \$20	Lunch @ LA Times 12:00 PM On Your Own	Benihana's Encino 11:45 AM See Flyer \$20		Free Time	Joint Board Meeting 8:30 AM White Home	Flight Departs 1:15 PM
Welcome Reception 7:30 PM Lamoreaux Home	Free Time		LA Natural History Museum 1:30 PM 2 tours \$34	Free Time	LA Times Printing Tour See Flyer 1:00 PM Free	Getty Museum 1:30-4 PM See Flyer Free		<b>Farewell Party</b> <b>94th Aero Squadron</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> <b>See Flyer</b> <b>\$46</b>	Beach & Picnic Annenberg Compound 11 AM See Flyer \$15	
	<b>Welcome Party</b> <b>Van Nuys Elks</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> <b>See Flyer</b> <b>\$17</b>			Family Dinners 7 PM	Tour Music Center 2:30-4 PM See Flyer Free					

Members are encouraged to attend any open function during the visitation. If you have any questions please call Jo Lamoreaux at (818) 599-5843 or email her at [llamoreaux@sbcglobal.net](mailto:llamoreaux@sbcglobal.net). Please fill out the Activity Sign Up Sheet and send your check made payable to Friends of Taxco to Linda Lewis prior to May 12th for any function(s) you would like to attend.  
**White Squares are Functions Open to All Members and Guests - Green Squares are for Delegates, Hosts & Board Only.**



**2018 Adult Visitation Events****BENIHANA**  
THE JAPANESE STEAK HOUSE**Lunch & Getty****Friday - May 25<sup>th</sup>**

Cost \$20.00 per person



Meet at 11:45 AM for a noon seating at Benihana's Encino - 16226 Ventura Blvd  
Have a GREAT Tappan lunch!  
Prepared by a chef right in front of us.

When we are full we will go to the Getty Museum (right off the 405 freeway) for a 1:45 tour given by our own Ana Bonilla! It will last until 4:00 PM.

**TRANSPORTATION - PARK & TURF TERRACE ADMISSION****Only \$45 Per Person****Saturday - May 26<sup>th</sup>**

Wonderful Lunch in the Turf Club Included

Meet @ Canoga Park Elks Lodge by 10:30 AM - Vans Leave 10:45 Sharp  
Reservations - Bobbie Strelow (818) 388-7801 or [bobbiejoann2@gmail.com](mailto:bobbiejoann2@gmail.com)

**Farewell Party****Sunday - May 27th - 6:30 PM****\$46.00 per person**

Enjoy a complimentary glass of Champagne upon arrival, as you enjoy Elegant Appetizers!  
Choice of Fresh Atlantic Salmon or Oven Roasted Top Sirloin of Beef  
Baby Field Greens Salad - Seasonal Vegetables - Warm Apple Pie  
Music and Dancing in the Bunker Room

# Picnic in the Park

June 10th - 5:00 PM - \$15.00

Warner Center Park - 5800 Topanga Canyon Blvd.

The **Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artist Spectacular** is the most successful touring Elvis tribute show in the world. It is an amazing era-by-era tribute to the King of Rock-N-Roll, **Elvis Presley**, featuring **Shawn Klush** and **Justin Shandor**!

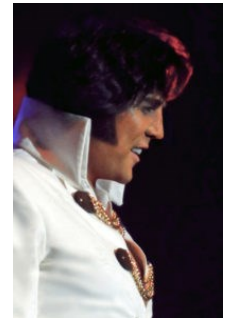


### Justin Shandor

Since the passing of the King more than 37 years ago, there has never been a tribute artist that has so captured the look, moves, and especially the sound of the King more than **Justin Shandor**. According to the Jordanaires, (Elvis's original background singers, which Justin has performed with on several occasions), Justin has the raw talent that shot Elvis to the top. In the last two years Justin and his manager have created the World's Ultimate Elvis Band made up of horns, gospel singers, strings and rhythm section that has cloned the music of an Elvis's 70's show. The goal is simple – to create the best Elvis show in the world!

### Shawn Klush

For many years **Shawn Klush** starred as 'Elvis' in the award-winning Las Vegas show, "Legends in Concert" in Myrtle Beach, Las Vegas, Branson and Atlantic City show rooms. On Elvis' 70th Birthday, Shawn became grand champion at the "World Elvis Tribute Artist Competition." He was then named the "**World's Greatest Elvis**" by 6.5 million international viewers on BBC1 Television in the United Kingdom. Shawn was also named the '**First Ever**' "**Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artist**" by **Elvis Presley Enterprises** in Memphis TN. He was named "**Worldwide Ambassador of Elvis**" at the Las Vegas Hilton where he headlines the annual the Las Vegas Elvis Fest, celebrating Elvis's historic Las Vegas Performances.



## Join Us For A Gourmet Lunch & Tour

Wednesday, May 23rd - 11:30 to 3 PM

13356 Eldridge Ave, Sylmar, CA 91342

Come join us at the Mission Culinary Arts School  
For a Tour and Gourmet Luncheon



Only \$20.00 Per Person



**2018 Adult Visitation Events**

Join the delegation **Monday, May 21** as we picnic on the Library grounds and tour the Library and special Khan exhibit.



*\$32.00 Picnic & Admission*



*12 - 4 PM Lunch & Tour*

What do pants, the pony express, cannons, paper money, skis, violins, baklava and "hooray!" have in common? Answer: Genghis Khan introduced them all to the West.

Not Genghis the brutal barbarian of Western history books, but Genghis the great civilizer and lawmaker, whose empire brought each of these innovations to the west, including 13<sup>th</sup> Century Mongolian-style democracy.



*Join us as we will tour the Times building, have lunch at the cafeteria and at 1PM tour the printing plant. Then we head to the Music Center for a tour of 4 locations at 2:30.*



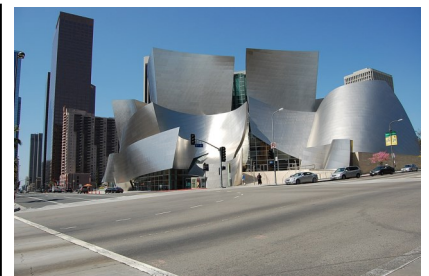
**All Tours Are Free**

**Tours are limited in size - Sign up early for this day  
Your Cost is Parking and Your Own Lunch  
This will be a busy walking day!**

Meet at 10:45AM at 202 West 1<sup>st</sup> St (corner 1<sup>st</sup> & Spring) - Park at 213 S. Spring \$11



Tour The:  
Dorothy Chandler Pavilion  
Mark Taper Forum  
The Ahmanson  
Walt Disney Concert Hall



# GENERAL MEETING

MAY 6<sup>TH</sup> - 1:00 PM

CANOGA PARK WOMEN'S CLUB  
7401 JORDAN AVE.



HONORABLE  
LIBATIONS  
AVAILABLE



WON TON CHIPS  
SWEET & SOUR DIP  
CHINESE CHICKEN SALAD  
HAWAIIAN ROLLS  
DESSERT



ONLY  
\$12.00  
A HEAD

**RSVP: Bobbie Strelow (818) 388-7801 - [bobbiejoann2@gmail.com](mailto:bobbiejoann2@gmail.com)**

## Calendar of Events 2018

- May 6            **General Meeting - 1:00 PM - Luncheon**  
\$12.00           Canoga Park Women's Club - 7401 Jordan Ave.
- May 19          **Taxco Delegation Arrives LAX**  
For Details of Programs & Events See Flyers
- May 20          **Welcome Party - 6:00 PM**  
\$17.00           Van Nuys/Reseda Elks Lodge - 14440 Friar St., Van Nuys
- May 28          **Joint Board Meeting - 8:30 AM - Brunch**  
Barb & Rush White Home - 22619 Marlin Place
- May 29          **Taxco Delegation Leaves LAX**
- June 10         **Picnic In-The-Park - 5:00 PM - Tribute to Elvis**  
\$15.00           Warner Center Park - 5800 Topanga Canyon Blvd.
- June 23         **Board Meeting - 10:00 AM**  
Obdulio & Mary Galeana Home - 18813 Cantlay St.



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**Adult Visitation Sign-Up Sheet**

# 2018 Adult Exchange Activity Sign-Up Sheet

If you would like to attend any of the functions during the Taxco Delegation visit, please fill out the form below and return it with your check made payable to the Friends of Taxco.

Linda Lewis, Treasurer  
P.O.Box 9070 Canoga Park CA 91309

***Payment must be received by May 12th***

<b>Event</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Name &amp; Number Attending</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
Welcome Party Van Nuys Elks Lodge - May 20th	\$ 17.00		
Reagan Library & Picnic lunch; Genghis Kahn Exhibition - May 21	\$32 Admission \$7 Audio		
Golden Road Brewery Lunch May 22	\$ 20.00		
LA Natural History Museum May 22	\$ 34.00		
Mission College Culinary Lunch & Kitchen and Campus Tour May 23	\$ 20.00		
LA Times Tour/Lunch/ Music Center Tour - May 24	Free/Parking Fee/Purchase Own Lunch		
Benihana's & the Getty Can do lunch only - May 25	\$ 20.00		
Day at Santa Anita Races May 26	\$ 45.00		
Farewell Party 94th Aero Squadron May 27	\$ 46.00		
Beach Day & Picnic; Annenberg Comm. Beach House Memorial Day May 28	\$15 + Parking		