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Francisco I. Madero

### Francisco Madero

Francisco Ignacio Madero was born in Parras, Coahuila, on Oct. 30, 1873. His Grandfather and Father created one of the wealthiest landowning and industrialist families in all of Mexico. After studying in Paris, France, Madero attended Mount St. Mary's College in Emmitsburg, Maryland and at the University of California at Berkeley where he learned modern agriculture. He settled on a farm in San Pedro de las Colonias, where he introduced modern farming techniques and improved the educational, housing, and health facilities of his workers. A devotee of Homeopathy and Spiritism, Madero entered into politics at first locally and then

nationally as the means of serving his fellowmen. He strongly believed in democracy and the causes of the common man.

Beginning in 1905, he backed several local candidates and supported journalists opposing the Díaz regime. The Creelman interview, in which President Díaz promised free elections, encouraged Madero to write his book Presidential Succession in 1910 and to participate in the organization of independent political groupings. Both efforts being directed toward assuring the return of Mexico to the path of democracy. Madero was willing to compromise with Díaz if an acceptable vice-presidential choice could be obtained, but was forced to move from a political solution to a military challenge as the aging dictator moved to continue in office.

Madero's courageous campaign, in which he was aided by his wife, Sara Pérez de Madero, earned him the title "Apostle of Democracy." During the campaign he was imprisoned by Díaz, he escaped to San Antonio in the United States and initiated the armed movement under the Plan of San Luis Potosí (dated Oct. 5, 1910). The document was directed principally at political change, containing only a single paragraph on the land problem and nothing on labor. In the book he announced November 20 as the date for initiating the armed movement.

After several months of sporadic and ineffective efforts, the forces of Pascual Orozco in the north and those of Emiliano Zapata in the south began to force the Díaz regime to negotiate. Finally, when Pancho Villa caused the fall of Ciudad Juárez in May 1911 it brought down the Díaz regime and he relinquished the Presidency. A provisional, compromise government was set up under Francisco de la Barra. Venustiano Carranza (then a Mexican Senator) warned that the "revolution that compromises, must be refought."

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## **History of Mexican Revolution Cont.**

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Madero was elected president in a truly popular election and took office on Nov. 6, 1911. His 15 months in office were to be marred by serious political opposition. He tried to accommodate both revolutionaries and the old regime in the government, the excessive influence of his family, and four serious rebellions which threatened the existence of the regime. It caused Madero to be totally distracted and finally it would destroy his regime.

Despite the hectic conditions, under the Madero government press and political freedom were maintained, reform proposals were freely discussed in the Chambers, an agrarian commission began to study the land problem, and an important labor organization, the Casa del Obrero Mundial was established. However, freedom bred license. Mexico was not ready for political democracy, but fundamental reforms were urgently needed. Internal disorder, vested interests, the opposition of U.S. ambassador Henry Lane Wilson, and betrayal by Huerta, who had been given command against the rebels in Mexico City, brought defeat and tragedy to the Madero government.

The small and bearded Madero and his vice president Pino Suárez were forced to resign from their offices. While being transferred from the palace to prison they were shot by their escort (Feb. 22, 1913). The martyred Madero became

a new symbol for revolutionary unity against the usurper Huerta. Madero had achieved in death what he had been unable to do while alive.

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## **Visitation Planning Committee**

Fiesta Fling Saturday May 27, 6:00 pm at the Elk's Lodge for dinner and dancing.

This year our Fiesta Fling will be our Welcome Party with our Taxco visitors!

Not only will we have our display of gifts from Taxco from over the years but we will also have our visitors to show off. So please, come and bring friends so that they can see our wonderful sister city organization in action.

PLEASE WON'T YOU HELP US?....

We need gift card donations to enclose in our gift baskets that will be raffled off at the event.

If you have a favorite restaurant or store will you ask them for a gift certificate for our group?

We are a 501(c)(3) organization and I have receipts to give to them for their tax donation.

Remember that this is our major fundraiser for the year and we are hoping for a great event.



Barbara White

FAREWELL PARTY Saturday, June 3, 6:00pm at the Marmalade Café in the Commons in Calabasas \$40 per person. We have firmed up plans for the Farewell party and hope you will enjoy the new venue. We will have a choice of 4 entrees and 2 desserts.

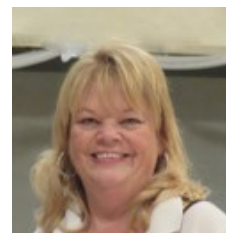
Your visitation committee is working hard to firm up details to make their visit memorable. Thank you to all of the members who have suggested venues for us to visit.

If you have any questions or want to volunteer to help during the visitation please give me a call.

Barb

## President's Article

Welcome to Spring -- The first quarter of 2017 is in our rearview mirrors. It was a fun quarter with the Hello Dolly tribute (can we sing or what!), a tourism film on Taxco (Volkswagens, narrow streets, and hills), progressive dinner (can you move 30 people to 4 different homes in 3 hours, eat at each and wind up singing-yep you can!). As you can see our first three months kicked off the year in style. The next 3 months promise more fun and education - starting off in April.



Jo Lamoreaux

April is Jazz Appreciation Month - so we've put together a special program on Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup> at a new venue here in Canoga Park. We have an evening of jazz music planned with a youth group from Simi Valley playing the tunes of Miles Davis, Louis Armstrong, and others. These are amazingly talented high school and college students who have a passion for jazz music. Please see the flyer for details, we are limited in seating, so please email/call Lynne early to ensure you and your friends can join us!

May will be a dinner dance (with the Generation Gap Band) celebrating the arrival of our Taxco delegation. Please plan to join us on Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. Details on this and other events with our Taxco delegation can be found in Barb's article.

October (I know it seems early, but as I age I find the months come much faster than they used to!) we are off to Taxco. Some folks have already taken advantage of early airfare and bought tickets. Watch the airfares to catch specials for LA to Mexico City. Our dates are Friday, October 27 returning Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. If you are purchasing airline tickets our goal is to have everyone arrive by 3PM on Friday, so we can as a group drive to Taxco.

Thank you to the members (and guests they brought) for all the support in first quarter of the year. To our new members this year – welcome!

See you for jazz this month! - Jo

## Fiesta Fling & Welcome Party



# FIESTA FLING

## & Welcome Party

Come Greet the 2017 Taxco Delegation

**\$30 Per Person**

***Saturday, May 27th - 6:00 PM***

Canoga Park Elks Lodge - 20925 Osborne St.

**Complete Prime Rib Dinner - Dancing to the Generation Gap Band**

*RSVP to: Lynne Davies - (818) 998-2860 or [lynne.davies@att.net](mailto:lynne.davies@att.net)*

**Jazz Month Celebration**

# “Salute to Jazz”

## LIVE JAZZ - “SMALL BITES” - DESSERT

***April 29th - 6 to 9 PM***

Eton Mobile Home Park Recreation Room  
8901 Eton Ave. - Canoga Park

**Limited Seating**  
**Make your**  
**Reservations Early**

**\$ 18.00 per person**

**Refreshment**  
**Corner Opens at**  
**6:00 PM**



*Kindly RSVP To: Lynne Davies - (818) 998-2860*  
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**Calendar of Events 2016**

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|----------------------------|---|
| <b>April 22</b>            | <b>Board Meeting - 10:00 AM</b><br>Lamoreaux Home                               |
| <b>April 29</b><br>\$18.00 | <b>Jazz “Small Bites” Dinner Show - 6:00 PM</b><br>Social Hall - 8901 Eton Ave. |
| <b>May 13</b>              | <b>Board Meeting - 10:00 AM</b><br>Location TBD                                 |
| <b>May 26</b>              | <b>Delegation Arrives From Taxco</b>  |

**Partial Schedule of Events**

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| May 27 | Fiesta Fling & Welcome Party - 6:00 PM @ Elks Lodge |
| May 28 | Family Dinners                                      |
| May 29 | Canoga Park Memorial Day Parade - BBQ Following     |
| May 30 | Overnight in Newport Beach at the Hyatt Regency     |
| June 3 | Farewell Party at Marmalade Café                    |
| June 4 | Delegation Travels Back To Taxco                    |

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