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### Miguel Dominguez and Josefa Ortiz

Ramón Miguel Sebastián Domínguez German was one of the heroes of the Mexican war for independence. He was born in Mexico City on January 20, 1756, to Spanish parents Miguel Domínguez Ginuesio (a doctor) and Josefa Alemán Trujillo. After receiving his basic education, Miguel, went to study law at the College of San Ildefonso in Mexico City where he graduated as a lawyer at a very young age. When he was 19 years old he was a well established lawyer and participated in the prestigious Bar Association of the time. In 1791 he met Josefa Ortiz in the College of the Vizcainas. They fell in love immediately and were married the same year. She was born April 19, 1773, in Mexico City. Josefa was 12 years younger than Miguel.



Miguel Dominguez

In 1802, he was appointed Corregidor de Querétaro (mayor) and endeavored to curb the abuses committed by the master builders against the Indians. In 1808 he proposed that the municipalities of Queretaro and Mexico City should unite to form a government representing King Ferdinand VII, who was a prisoner of Napoleon in France. He was referred to as Don Miguel for his esteemed position.

In 1809, in his house in Queretaro, Don Miguel allowed a conspiracy to depose the vice royal authorities and establish an independent government. Participating in the meetings were his wife Josefa Ortiz, Juan Aldama, Ignacio Allende and Miguel Hidalgo and Costilla, who in September of 1810 initiated the War of Independence of Mexico. For her participation in the independence movement she would be popularly referred to as the Corregidora or Dona Josefa.

In October 1810 when the conspiracy was discovered by the viceroy, Don Miguel was forced to arrest the conspirators. However, his wife, strongly committed to the cause of independence, succeeded in alerting the revolutionaries and the beginning of the independence movement was moved up.

In 1813 because of their ties to the revolution both Don Miguel and Josefa were taken prisoner by the colonial authorities. They were imprisoned separately.



Josefa Ortiz

She was sent to the monastery of Santa Clara, in Queretaro, and then to Mexico City to stand trial. Soon after capture he was released and became her lawyer for the trial. Despite his efforts she was found guilty and placed in the reclusion monastery of Santa Teresa. Due to her rebellious character, she was soon transferred to the convent of Santa Catalina de Sena. Josefa Ortiz was released in 1817, under an oath that she would refrain from supporting the rebellion. In 1823, after independence was secured Don Miguel was part of the Supreme Executive Power and began work on the



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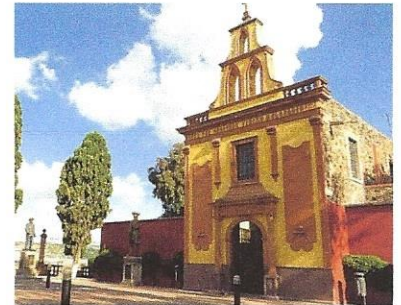
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constitution of the country that would establish a system of federal republic and representative government. From 1825 to 1827, he was president of the Mexican Supreme Court.

During the late years of her life, Josefa was involved with several radical political groups. She always refused any reward from her involvement in the independence movement arguing that she was only doing her duty as a patriot. She died March 2, 1829, in Mexico City. She was originally buried in the convent of Santa Catalina de Sena, but later her remains were moved to Querétaro. The government of Querétaro declared her "Benemérita del Estado". In 1910, Dona Josefa Ortiz was the first women to be depicted on Mexican stamps and the second women to be depicted on stamps in Latin America.

Don Miguel died in Mexico City on April 22, 1830 at the age of 74, one year after the death of his wife. He was buried in the church of Guadalupe (old church of the Villa), in Mexico City. Almost a century later, on September 27, 1921, his alleged remains were moved to Queretaro, where they remain next to his wife in the Pantheon of Illustrious Queretanos (the remains that were transferred to Queretaro, were really his son Mariano José Mateo Luis Domínguez Ortiz). At this point I am not able to figure out where his remains are.....



Pantheon of Illustrious Queretanos

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## **Taxco Gift Donations**

On behalf of the Lewis and March family, I would like to thank everyone for all your prayers, warm thoughts and kind words. Our Taxco Gift Program was always one of Ethel's passions in our organization and she was honored to be the Chairperson for these past several years. I remember in our early years she was the Junior Friends Advisor and Ethel organized work parties for the alumni and current year exchange students to make wooden toys for one of the local Taxco kinders. They made trains, building blocks, etc. and each student made room in their suitcases for their portion.



In lieu of flowers our family is requesting donations be made to the Friends of Taxco to be applied towards next year's Taxco Gift to a local Taxco school. Ethel touched so many hearts and will be deeply missed by many. For our members who would like to make a donation in her memory, you may mail your check made payable to Friends of Taxco and please note Donation – Taxco Gift. Checks can be mailed to Linda Lewis, PO Box 9070, Canoga Park, CA 91309-0070.

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## **Canoga Park Trip To Taxco**

## **Planning your 2017 Travel?**

***As you lay out your plans for 2017 travel consider being a part of the Taxco delegation***

We're off to Taxco, Friday October 27 for 10 days of fun visiting our Sister City. What do you need? - a passport, a round trip airline ticket to Mexico City, and a sense of fun!  
(always helps when there are some language barriers!)

All accommodations, meals, transportation, and activities are included - No Charge!

**More details will follow - but pencil in Friday Oct 27 to Monday November 6th**



## **Message From The President**

Happy Holidays,

Tis the fun time of year, seeing friends & family, eating, buying gifts, eating, attending parties, eating wrapping gifts, eating and then you set down to wonderful holiday meal—yet again eating!

FOT wants to contribute to your waistline twice in December! The Board is making diet friendly (umm right!) appetizers for the holiday party on Sunday December 4th. FOT is sponsoring the bar with wine or beer of your choice. Bobbie is making a spectacular cranberry punch. There are a couple of games and we have the ever famous Steal the Gift exchange if you are so inclined! Gifts should be \$10-\$12 women bringing gifts for women, men for men. We will see you Sunday December 4th at 2 pm at Bobbie's home. See the flyer for address, a \$5 donation is requested.



Jo Lamoreaux

Here is second opportunity for waistline enhancement! Wednesday, December 7th at BJ's restaurant in Woodland Hills. BJ's is donating 20% of your food and soft drink bill to FOT from 11AM to 10PM. You were likely to eat anyway- please stop in. Friends and guests are welcome, all they need is a copy of the enclosed flyer with the barcode. Present it to your server and it will ensure FOT receives 20% of your bill.

On a more serious note- the new officers were elected at the November general meeting. 2016 is shaping up to be a great year and I firmly believe 2017 will be equally as good. Ways & Means planning for 2017 is underway- bringing back old favorites and trying out some new ideas. In January, we are looking at a pre-Super Bowl party, and we are looking for a venue/home to hold it at. If you are open to having 25 fun, friendly people over, please let me know. We have people to help with planning, food, etc.

As we end the year, thank you to everyone who have made this a great year for FOT- the officers, chairpeople and especially our membership- we've had a great year together!

Outgoing president / incoming president!

Jo

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## **Ways N' Means**



Linda Lewis

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at the Strelow home. In a Bobbie fashion she has the whole house beautifully decorated for us to all enjoy at our Annual Holiday Card Signing Event on Sunday, December 4th beginning at 2:00. Come join us for 2 hours of a little cheer, delicious hors d'oeuvres and some good ole Friends of Taxco Friendship. Bring a wrapped gift (around \$10.00 or so) and participate in the gift exchange game. Our President Jo has just a few fun surprises up her Mrs. Claus sleeves.

Our last Fundraiser for the year will be at BJ's Restaurant on December 7th. BJ's has been very generous and will donate 20% of the net sales (excluding alcoholic beverages) to the Friends of Taxco. Bring the flyer with the bar code on the bottom and come any time for lunch, dinner or both. Please remember to bring the flyer without it we will not get credit. This will be a great time to invite all your family and friends too. As they say the more the merrier (and \$\$\$ for FOT). Just have them go to the Friends of Taxco website and they will be able to print a copy of the flyer.

This is my last article as our Ways and Means Chairperson. It has been lots of fun planning and working with our various members, who have helped make the events entertaining and successful. I want to warmly thank everyone for your participation throughout the year. Our Treasurer Barbara White reported at our last Board Meeting that between our Events and the Fiesta Fling, our net income was more than budgeted.

I wish everyone a Special Holiday Season and a Prosperous New Year!

## **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](mailto:graphfx1@earthlink.net) or (818) 259-2866*



## **FOT Fundraising Event at BJ's Restaurant**



**RESTAURANT  
BREWHOUSE**

# **Wednesday - December 7th**

**6424 Canoga Avenue - Woodland Hills**

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

**Get the Flyer from our Website <http://www.friendsoftaxco.org>**

***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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| December 4<br>\$5.00 | Holiday Card Signing - 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM<br>Bobbie Strelow Home   |
| December 10          | Joint Board Meeting - 10:00 AM - Potluck Brunch<br>Bobbie Strelow Home - All 2016 & 2017 Officers and Chairmen |
| January 21           | Ways & Means Event<br>Location TBD   |
| January 28           | Board Meeting - 10:00 AM - No Brunch<br>Location TBD   |
| February 18          | Ways & Means Event<br>Location TBD   |
| February 25          | Board Meeting - 10:00 AM - No Brunch<br>Location TBD   |



### **FRIENDS OF TAXCO**

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Join us for  
..... a delicious way to .....  
**RAISE MONEY!**

**Date:** Dec 07, 2016

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

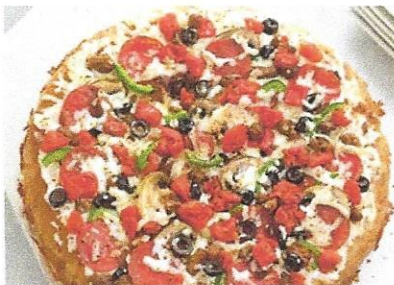
**At this BJ's location:** 6424 Canoga Avenue  
Woodland Hills, CA 91367  
818-340-1748

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

