



*Towns of Spain by*

*don Juan Lucero*

**VALENCIA**

Antepasados, none listed from Oñate muster

Valencia is able to harmoniously combine ancient time periods from 138 BC with the most modern avant-garde buildings to be erected in the new millennium. It is Spain's third largest city with a population of 810,000 and a metropolitan area population of 1.5 million. It is the Capital of Valencia Province and is also the 21<sup>st</sup> largest city in Europe. The Mayor is Rita Barberá Nolla.

It is located on the Mediterranean coast of Spain approximately 200 miles south of Barcelona. Its original Latin name was Valentina meaning strength or valor recognizing the bravery of Roman soldiers.

Valencia has many historic as well as ultra modern buildings. In the historic area the Basilica, de la Virgen de los Desamparados (Our Lady of the Forsaken) is home to the Holy Grail. It was used in a mass on July 9, 2009 by Pope Benedict XVI. The Holy Grail is a simple, small



stone cup with a base of fine gold, alabaster and gem stones that was added in medieval times. The Cathedral was built between the 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> centuries with Gothic, Romanesque and Baroque architectural styles. The Serrano and Quart towers were part of the walls that surrounded the city.

UNESCO recognized the late gothic Silk Exchange (la Lonja de la Seda) as a World Heritage Site. The modernistic Central Market is one of the largest in Europe.

Palau de la Musica Catalan is another good example of modern architecture. Modern architecture thrives thanks to the latest addition of the futuristic City of Arts and Science designed by life long resident Santiago Calatrava. The area contains an opera house/performing arts center, a science museum, an IMAX

Cinema/planetarium, an oceanographic park and other structures such as a long covered walkway with restaurants. Relocation of a river was required to accommodate the development.



Valencia's port is the largest on the Mediterranean coast for container traffic and second largest for overall

traffic handling 20% of Spain's exports. Exports include food and drink, oranges, furniture, ceramic tiles, fans, textiles and iron products. Manufacturing includes metallurgy, chemicals, textiles, shipbuilding and brewing. Unemployment is lower than the Spanish average and small and medium sized industries are an important part of the local economy.

Agriculture is important and Paella originated here.

The port received a major renovation for the America's Cup Yacht International race in 2005 and will host the race again in 2009. The changes were necessary to separate the yachts from commercial shipping traffic. Millions of visitors are expected during the two week event. It was the first time that the race was held in Europe and is considered the Holy Grail of yachting. Strange coincidence isn't it!

Valencia has two languages, Valencian (Valenciano) and Spanish. Spanish is the predominant language but the other is encouraged by the posting of signs in the Metro in Valencian first with Spanish in smaller letters. New street (carrer) signs are in Valencian causing long streets to have signs in both languages. Spain has many different languages and dialects and English is spoken in metropolitan areas.

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President Conchita Márquez de Lucero

**Thank you for your support!**

During our life's journey we should reflect on those who have enriched our lives. At the Thanksgiving banquet we endeavor to thank those who have dedicated their lives to a mission. Now I would like to thank the unsung heroes who don't get acknowledged at the banquet because of time constraints. I will be retiring from the board at the end of my term and feel it is important to thank those who helped the league over the years. I hope you agree that the league has helped

impact current politics to acknowledge our Spanish history. Tearing down La Leyenda Negra is a long way from being complete. The Board is asking for help please consider serving on the board, we need you? I have been privileged to meet some exciting people over the years; serving on the board is an adventure and a way to show how we feel about our ancestors. We need a newsletter editor too. Please consider sending in articles.

I want to thank the membership whose constant support has helped NMHCPL to be a strong league. Your desire to acknowledge our Spanish ancestors brought about La Jornada, because your voices were heard as *Millie Santillanes* (who also published the newsletter and mentored many of us) met with leaders pushing for funds. Vidal, your patience with all of the endeavors is appreciated; we know you were Millie's right hand. *David Martinez*, a founding member of NMHCPL, served on the City's art committee to keep them fair. David felt our history and culture needed to be visible and worked to get floats in the State Fair Parade; soon he talked his daughter *Rebecca* to be our recording secretary, thanks to both. *Continued on Page 4*

**June Calendar**

**3** Don Juan de Onate dies in Spain 1626. He was cleared of all charges and was given a prestigious post of head of Mining Inspectors for all of Spain [www.traditioninaction.org](http://www.traditioninaction.org) (Good\*\*\*)

**4** HCPL Meeting starts at 6:15 pm. Location 9113 Aspen NE. Mrs. Márquez's home is located off of Constitution NE between Wyoming and Moon. Members welcome Contact Conchita 299-6726 for directions.

**7-8** El Rancho do Las Golondrinas Spring Festival and Children's Celebration 10am to 4pm

**23** Francisco Vázquez de Coronado y Lujan in 1540 enters Nueva España later now named New Mexico. He was born in Salamanca, Spain ca 1510 – September 22, 1554



**24** Dia de San Juan (St. John the Baptist) In New Mexico it was the first day of swimming in NM Rivers

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- David Martinez family
- Ricardo Quintana
- Jeff & Evangeline Romero
- Kylene Sais





## Memberships expire in June, time to renew!

Dues are: \$35 (per family) \_\_\_\_\_ Students \$20 \_\_\_\_\_  
Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Amount enclosed \$** \_\_\_\_\_

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### ***INVITATION to Annual Meeting of***

New Mexican Hispanic Cultural Preservation League by Pauline Anaya

#### Mission Statement:

The mission of the New Mexican Hispanic Culture Preservation League is to Preserve the heritage, Spanish language and the history of Hispanic New Mexico; to promote the education and understanding of the contributions of Hispanics to the development of New Mexico and the nation; to protect the history of the New Mexican Hispanic heritage and culture. To achieve this mission we will seek the TRUTH of our heritage and history and restore the TRUTH and PRIDE of our New Mexican Hispanic Culture.

The N.M. Cultural Preservation League is holding their

ANNUAL Membership Meeting

DATE: **Sunday, June 14, 2009**

TIME 1:00 PM Place: 6681 Guadalupe Trl. NW

Purpose To elect new officers

To Plan for the year

To meet new and/or

Interested members

Main dish, salad and tea will be provided

(Note: If you wish to bring a favorite dish, your are welcome)

Come meet one another and help us

determine the course of the work for the next year!

If you believe in our Mission, Please come join us!!

For more info or RSVP to S. Pauline Anaya 239-4335

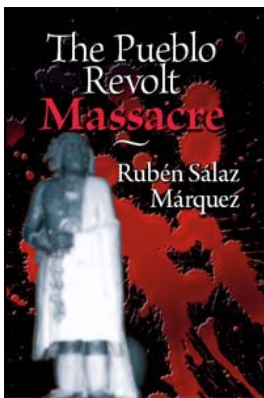
A map will be sent with the formal invitation



*Our Patron Saint Santiago Remember his Feast day July 25 next month*

Thank you for your support continued

Rosanne Chavez Hurst was newsletter editor for several years, and also laid out the banquet programs, Lynne Arendall and Patryka Chaves also helped with that task which is greatly appreciated. Dolores Márquez helped by chairing banquets. Volunteers who set up the banquet are: Pauline Anaya, Ana Anaya, Maria Rutkowsky, Frances Perotti, Don Chavez, Frank Osuna, Margaret Quintana and Ricardo Quintana. Did I mention that don Ricardo also published the newsletter after Millie until he was taken ill and has served on the board and parades since the league started? Thanks to our web master Orae Dominguez chaired two of the most successful silent auctions, this year we were honored by the donation from Sheldon Hall of the art work by José Cisneros, Jody Schwartz's signed photos of the don Juan de Oñate and John Houser's bronze spurs that were cast for the Equestrian sculpture. Pauline Chavez Bent submitted articles and donated items for the silent auction annually and flew down to support the Thanksgiving event. Jeff and Bingy Romero worked to increase membership and allowed us the use of their home. Melvyn Montano and Dr. Henry Casso deserve our admiration for working with UNM Press to get *Tree of Hate* republished, and the work for the Place of the Governors annex, and against the blasphemous showing of the Bikini Lady. Mel was instrumental in acquiring the reproduction of the don Juan de Oñate estandarte from Spain and opening avenues with Jose Crespo. Many thanks to the **Gonzales clan**, Ramon, Tim and Nicolas and their wives Margaret, Mellie and Juanita who not only were founders but have managed the surname escudos for years, making the banquet colorful and festive. A extra special appreciation goes out to La Orden Militar de los Primero Soldados Pobladores for their participation in the banquet; these men freely give of their time and drive distances to make the banquet royal, Mr. Gerónimo R. Padilla( aka Rick) director of the Bataan Military Museum heads the group, a million thanks for all you have done. Rick had a space reserved in the chapel for the don Juan de Onate estandarte and houses our hall of fame photo gallery of individuals in New Mexico history.



Ruben Salas for writing books on Spanish history and promoting lectures. I don't want to forget my Mom Corine Marquez who allowed us to meet in her home and help with the newsletter circulation and always was by my side during the years I served on the board. Thank you Ramon, Eloise Nieto, Dan Martinez and Marie Roybal who helped me to build floats for the 400<sup>th</sup> and Hope and Sonny for helping David with his floats. I don't want to forget Robert Rodriguez past president, Samuel Delgado, Polly Cisneros and George Lopez, your service helped get things done.

A special thanks to my immediate family who dressed for parades, helped me with events and were always supportive. Don Juan (aka Johnny Angel) not only acted as Treasurer but was my copy editor and

wrote wonderful articles about cities in Spain.

*These individuals have given their time help to make HCPL, from the bottom of my heart I thank each of you for all your support!*

## Agua de Valencia

Simple to make just add all the ingredients and stir ingredients

1 Cava Spanish Champagne

3 Freshly squeezed

Oranges

1 Cointreau [orange](#)

liqueur add sugar to your taste and ice

[www.bbcgoodfood.com](http://www.bbcgoodfood.com)  
recipes



Did you know ?

Eels became popular in Spain at the turn of the century when the Basques, always at the forefront of Spanish cooking, made angulas part of their cuisine and elevated them to culinary stardom. The word angula was in fact invented by the Basques and entered the Castilian language about a century ago as a means to distinguish baby eels from adult eels, or anguilas. The Basques, fine businessmen that they are, surely knew that the authentic Basque word for elver, txitxardin (literally worm), would not be an asset in their quest to popularize angulas.<http://www.iberianature.com>

Eels were once native to New Sort Mexico's major rivers such as the Rio Grande and Santa Fe River. The Spanish settlers feasted on them .

Valencia is located on the Costa del Azahar (orange blossom coast) or Costa dels Tarongers (Catalan for orange tree coast). Valencia has many long wide beaches within the City and surrounding area.



Festivals are known world wide especially Fallas de San Jose, a week long celebration held in March. The entire city participates and there are Fallas in all the plazas, one for the adults and another for the children. Everyone dresses in elegant traditional costumes. Fallas are impressive and can reach several stories in height and

contain many characters.

Many have corporate sponsors such Lladro. They are burned and accompanied with a fireworks show and the display is graded for quality, originality, coordination, etc.



“Another important event is the **Ofrenda de Flores a la Virgen de los Desamparados**, a beautiful ceremony every March 17 and 18, that honors Valencia’s patron Virgin. Thousands of **Falleras** and **Falleros** arrive to the city from every corner of the Comunitat (Valencia State) and take the streets wearing traditional costumes and dancing to their neighbourhood or village bands as they wend their way to the Plaza de la Virgen to offer bouquets to the giant image of the Virgin”

<http://www.valencia-cityguide.com>

La Tomatina is a giant over ripe tomato fight attracting tens of thousands of participants to a nearby town named Buñol. The tomatoes are grown in Estremadura for the event.



Holy Week in Valencia is said to be one of the most colorful in Spain. Valencia has many festivals, activities, attractions and especially historic and modern buildings to see and the area is worth a lengthy visit.

Photos to the right Falleras and Procession of Falleros Castle walls, Valencia de Don Juan, Leon province, Castile Leon, Spain, Europe <http://www.cuboimages.it>



