

Dear friends,

February 16, 2010

We held our AGM on January 30 and to-day we would like to inform those members who could not attend of the results and decisions taken at the meeting.

We are pleased to present the new Board which is already working on several issues. The former board members Joan Innes-Macleod, Simon Ewart-Grist and Hardy Scheer did not seek re-election and Brigitte Scheer resigned from the Board on 31.12.2009 for personal reasons. We welcomed Antje Haardt, Colin Andrews and Rainer Herresbach as new board members. All candidates were each unanimously voted by the public. Hardy Schultze automatically remains our secretary until the AGM of 2011, the composition of the new Board is as follows:

Cristina Spillmann	President	Tel: 964 467611
Ingrid Grah	Vicepresident	Tel: 964 481781
Ted Dye	Treasurer	Tel: 610 930861
Hardy Schultze	Secretary	Tel: 964 489793
Antje Haardt	Vocal	Tel: 964 489441
Colin Andrews	Vocal	Tel: 680 636046
Rainer Herresbach	Vocal	Tel: 964 480631

As Colin Andrews, formerly one of our independent account checkers, has become a member of the board, Molly Simmons was proposed and elected to fill the post, to assist Alan Thompson as 2nd account checker.

Our activities continue as usual, i.e. we meet on Tuesdays between four and six at "Hogar del Jubilado" during the school year. Furthermore, we continue offering advanced Spanish conversation as well as Lorna Thompson's Art Workshop once a week (the latter begins 23rd March). Walks go on every fortnight on Saturdays. Besides, we plan various cultural excursions, summer barbeque (in June), winter dinner (end of November, beginning of December), as well as official events like "Rastrillo benéfico" (May 8th) and "Demostración Gastronómica Internacional" during Peñíscola's "Fiestas Patronales" (mid September); a 5 day trip to the North of Spain, probably a painting exhibition at the "Castillo of Peñíscola" in October and so on. All events are being regularly published on the board at "Hogar del Jubilado" as well as on our web page www.peniscolamulticultural.org.

► **New:** Apart from these activities, we decided for the next two years to give more help to our members to improve their Spanish and are trying to create and to promote closer contacts with locals. Last but not least, at the AGM we had offers in English and German for impartial talks by arrangement, to discuss the ups and downs of life. If interested, do not hesitate to contact Simon Ewart-Grist (or the Board if German language is required). You may use the post box in the corridor of "Hogar del Jubilado" for this purpose.

► **Highlight:** On Thursday March 11th we are organizing an excursion to the Cistercian Cloister of Poblet, declared World Heritage Site, followed by the best remembered traditional "Calçotada" at Restaurant "El Alamo" (with dance afterwards!) and invite members and friends to join. Details and registration circulated on a separate flyer.

The membership fee for 2010 remains 10 € per person. It is to be paid on or before **31st March 2010**. (To avail yourself of the subsidized price for the excursion to Poblet or for any other subsidized events, you should pay the membership first).

Finally, in order to actualize our files, we kindly ask you to send back the completed inscription form 2010, either by e-mail, by post or using the post box at "Hogar del Jubilado" as mentioned above, this is available from our web site for those members with a PC.

We look forward with pleasure to seeing you at one or the other event during 2010 and send you our best regards.

Cristina Spillmann
President

Ingrid Grah
Vicepresident