

Dancing Down Memory Lane Party

The Cosmopolitan Club of Monterrey

THE OBJECTIVE OF THE COSMO CLUB, philanthropic work and the entertainment and education of its members, has held a very steady course since it's founding by Mrs. Martha Garza in 1937. The spoken language is English. The roster normally includes mostly American and Mexican ladies, but usually consists of an international blend. Monthly meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month in members' homes. The club's monthly programs consist of talks by prominent members of the community and participation programs by club members, covering practically all topics.

One example of the work we've done, was a party for all the poor children of the neighborhood of the Salvation Army. We donated money for gifts, clothes and food for their party on January 6th, for around 250 kids. Additionally, in 1991 we gave the money to help complete their water system. We made a significant donation in 2001 to Casa Hogar Douglas, an orphanage located on the national highway, to help them improve their sewage system and school.

The money for all has come from dues, a raffle among the members, donations, fund-raising affairs, teas, bake sales, musicals, and book reviews. **The Ways and Means Committee** plans ways to raise money and **the Welfare Committee** always has ways to donate it.

It is the policy of the club to take on as many other worthy causes as there are funds for. Presently our efforts have been focused in contributing with fixed donations,



to: Casa Hogar Douglas (an orphanage for abandoned children), Hunger Ministry and in Christmas time, gifts of toys and clothing are given to the children



of Casa Arcoiris de Jesús (whose sole purpose is to feed, cloth, send to school, keeping together



siblings while their mothers are in jail).

Some of the club's projects for child welfare assistance vary from year to year, but efforts and good will

toward needy children have continued unceasingly for more than 65 years. Each year the club determines which causes to support. The club then determines special projects according to funding and fundraisers. Cosmopolitan's main appeal is that it has a nice balance between welfare and social activities – in other words, “combining business with pleasure”.

A recent example was our “Dancing down on Memory Lane” Party on March the 10th, where good music, good food and good will were perfectly mixed, living a smile in everyone's faces. The music was provided by an excellent musical group (The Granado's Group) whose musical selection pleased the crowd by singing new and no that new dancing music from different decades that made couples from all ages hit the dancing floor. Then a female trio from “Escuela de Canto Loida Ornelas” presented a show which included different popular songs performed in a professional and sensitive way.

The best dancing couples were rewarded with prizes that were given away by the Cosmo members, guests also participated in a raffle.

If you are interested in joining our Club and its mission, please contact Helen Ross (8303-2285), Margarita Islas (8102-7026) or Sonia Ruiz (8303-1865).