

hablan español with Spanish Club

Spanish Club has many events coming up in the few months, such as International Day

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! The Spanish Club is here at Clackamas Community College for students interested in studying the language and culture of Latin nations.

Through the Spanish Club has been at CCC for many years, it is now under new management. President Sandra Roskott and Vice President Ramage were elected by the club members and approved by Clackamas instructor Irma Bjerre for the term.

She is the returning club adviser and participates in the club in a coach capacity.

But them in charge this year. I want them but I want this opportunity for them to develop some leadership too," said Bjerre about the club members.

Spanish Club has had low participation this year; which we are hoping to improve with some more interesting fun activities where folks can hang out for an hour, enjoy some snacks and hopefully cultivate more ideas and membership for Spanish Club," Roskott said in an e-mail.

Spanish Club, along with many other clubs of CCC, will be celebrating Cinco de Mayo by participating in International Day, which will be spanning May 3 through 7, in the Community

Center an activity in which the students will be learning a little bit about the history and they are going to be able to see how the piñatas are made," said

The Spanish Club will be participating in International Day May 5 from 11:45 a.m. to 12:05 p.m. and student participation is welcome.

The club is to meet biweekly in Barlow Hall room 203 from noon to 1 p.m. The first meeting of spring term will be on April 14. Members will be participating in a potluck and playing Spanish versions of Monopoly or bingo.

At the second meeting, on April 28, members will be meeting at the local family owned restaurant Mitzil Loncheria. The club has set up a meeting on July 2 during which they plan to watch movies and munch on traditional Spanish snacks.

"Anyone can join, but you need to know some Spanish," said Bjerre.

The activities focus on the Spanish language and culture so club members must hablan some español.

Members range from students in first year to second year Spanish classes. As an extra incentive, Bjerre offers extra credit to Spanish club members who are also in her Spanish classes.

"And one of the ways that I got attention for the Spanish club was by inviting speakers from the different Spanish countries to give talks from their countries," said Bjerre.

In the past the Spanish club has had guest speakers from Spanish nations. Bjerre has invited friends from Columbia to speak as well as international students at CCC. She plans to continue this in the future.

"We are hoping to continue this tradition next year and encourage new members, first year Spanish students and native speakers, and anyone else interested to get involved," stated Roskott.

With higher member participation the club hopes to get more involved in the community.

Fliers for the club can be found around campus. If you have any questions or would like to join the club e-mail Roskott at shawzam@hotmail.com.



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College survival class stops academic stress

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As tuition continues to rise at Clackamas Community College, one class stands out for its extremely low tuition — free.

College Survival for Students with Disabilities is a free of charge, non-pre-requisite, 1 credit course instructed by Betsy Pacheco.

Pacheco has 27 students, all with different types of disabilities, and says the class really helps with stress management.

When asked how she liked teaching the class Pacheco said, "I love it."

The instructor says her biggest job is providing the students with absolute support. Pacheco has nine years experience in the field and has a master of science, as well as Teaching Adult Diverse Learners.

Pacheco says she is an "old-fashioned gal," and will usually just rely upon herself for lectures but will have an occasional guest speaker.

One of those, Carol Burnell, a writing instructor at Clackamas, spoke to the class April 7 and discussed with students how to write scholarship essays, resources on where to find scholarships, and informed them about the writing center located in the community center.

Karen Edwards, a second-time student in the class and Secretary for the National Alliance on Mental Illness says the class is not as

stressful as other classes and is "a great place to meet people."

"Betsy likes helping people... and making them successful," said Edwards.

Edwards is majoring in early childhood education and says she believes the class not only helps her with her other classes, but with her major as well.

In the class she says she gets to "voice her opinion," and there's not much homework; overall it's a lightweight class.

Another student, Kathy Fredrickson, is the President of NAMI On Campus and attends class daily and walks in handing out hugs left and right. Soon after that, students go around and introduce themselves and must say a positive thing that is going on in their life at the moment.

When called upon, Fredrickson spoke briefly about how she utilizes the Writing Center and has a weekly appointment for help with her writing. It seems Fredrickson really uses this resource and is a role model for other students in the class who are struggling with writing in classes or essays for scholarships, like Nina, another student who uses the Writing Center but for assistance with scholarship essays.

At the end of the class, students get to write a "minute paper" where they literally have one minute to write down their thoughts about the class. And judging from the atmosphere, only positive things are written.