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Every month we have a Photo Contest and this month the theme was Volcanoes of Guatemala. We received so many wonderful submissions that it was obvious we should highlight them in the magazine. What wasn’t obvious was how to choose the winning photos by editorial decision. There were a number that were extraordinary and the decision-making process was painstaking. Especially since the value of our prizes has increased. The good folks at Antigua Hotel Solutions are sponsoring a free night for two at a rotating choice of one of their many fabulous hotels. The winning photographer by judges’ decision this month won a free night at the lovely Hotel Casa del Parque. The winning photographer by popular vote won Q400. There are also cash prizes for 2nd and 3rd in both categories.

We are proud to announce an upcoming book signing of an important new book written by our friend and prize-winning author Mary Jo McConahay. The Tango War, The Struggle for the Hearts, Minds and Riches of Latin America During World War II, is a fascinating, largely unknown story of how the global conflict affected countries from Mexico to Argentina, including Guatemala, and how the Axis and the Allies never took their eyes from each other, like dancers in a tango. We have included an excerpt.

This month our favorite celebrity chef, Amalia Moreno-Damgaard talks about the importance of Paying It Forward in life. She also shares her recipe for Dobladas de Frijoles y Queso. Tasty.

Sue Patterson shares an infortunate incident she had in The Robbery. There’s good news and bad news in this tale.

There are a lot of cultural events in March, for example, the one on the opposite page. You can plan your outings by going to our DateBook and seeing what suits your fancy.

As always, we are truly grateful to all of you who read Revue, and we appreciate our advertisers’ confidence in us throughout these 27 years.

— John & Terry Kovick Biskovich

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**Tuesday, April 2, at Casa Herrera**
4a. Avenida Norte, No. 9, Antigua Guatemala, at 5:30 p.m.

Introduction by **Nancy McGirr**, Founder/CEO Fotokids, former Reuters Staff Photographer for Central America.

**Thursday, April 4, at Librería Sophos**
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Excerpt from
THE TANGO WAR
by Mary Jo McConahay

[On the secret U.S. wartime kidnap program, “Quiet Passages”]

My family slept behind me, piled close
Like a tribe camped at some ruinous place
Then I placed my tongue on the wall
To leave a humid mark before we left
— José Watanabe, from “Wall,” in Flags behind the Fog (Banderas detrás de la niebla)

The U.S. forced rendition and removal program swept more than two thousand ethnic Japanese from their homes in Latin America and brought them to concentration camps in the United States. The given justification for this mass abduction was to prevent a fifth column from sabotaging the Allies. But the real reasons went deeper.

Like Germany, Japan maintained intense interest in Latin America as a market and a source of raw materials – Japan was second only to the United States as an importer of Peru’s primary export crop, cotton, for instance. Just as the wartime U.S. blacklist struck at German-owned firms in Latin America, prohibiting them to do business, the Allies wanted to restrain competing Japanese enterprises to clear the way for the friendliest
possible post-war trade. And Latin governments were ready to take over the blacklisted businesses.

Racial prejudice was key — the same prejudice that drove the U.S. wartime imprisonment of 120,000 U.S. Japanese residents, two-thirds of them born in the United States, without charges or evidence of wrongdoing. Governments in Latin America could see that Washington was incarcerating its own “Japanese,” although they did not need to look to the North for lessons in racial bias. Latin politicians and elites often saw themselves as European – white – despite a mixed heritage with black and indigenous populations. In policy and inclination many were comfortable with discrimination, if not hostility, against Asians.

The most important reason of all for capturing ethnic Japanese out of Latin America, however, was that the United States urgently needed “Japanese” individuals to exchange for Americans held prisoner in Asia. Washington needed trade bait…

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…Chuhei Shimomura, who owned a small import company, was arrested without charge, and there was no hearing. More than seventy years later Flor de Maria Shimomura remembers visiting her father at Lima’s forbidding Panoptico prison in 1943. A few days later, with a thousand other prisoners, Chuhei Shimomura boarded the oil-fired steamer Etolin, seconded from the Alaska Packers’ Association, newly painted with the word DIPLOMATE starboard and port.

FBI agents, diplomats, and U.S. military intelligence personnel looked for Peruvian Japanese who might be security risks. Not everyone on the hunt was fluent in Spanish. Sometimes denunciations were accepted at face value from suspicious neighbors or business rivals. Peruvian Japanese say that FBI agents combed newspapers to make their arrest lists, seeking men who played important roles in Japanese cultural, trade, education and self-help groups, even noting who attended social events. When detectives brought in the suspected subversives, there was little recourse to the law, although local officials were not above bribery to free a suspect if the price was right…

More than any other country, Peru collaborated with Washington in sending away its residents of Japanese ancestry. Successful entrepreneurs and social leaders were taken from a thriving community of thirty thousand. Of the twenty-two hundred Japanese sent to the United States from Latin America, about eighteen hundred came from Peru. Many were the best and brightest of the community.

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Kazushige, the oldest, told me he had retired from work at the Japanese Tea Garden in Golden Gate Park, Kazuharu from a job at a printing firm, and Kazumu, the youngest at age 76, was a graphic designer and active soccer coach. Kazushige and Kazuharu had memories of many scenes of their childhoods, and over the years their sister Kiyo, who died in 2012, had filled in certain details. It was clear the brothers, the only survivors of seven siblings, wanted to keep the family story alive.

The first time detectives knocked, Kazushige said, his father [Iwaichi] ran from a back door and repaired to the mountains outside Lima with their eldest brother, who was fifteen, because their father was afraid the youth would be arrested too. They hid for days, then returned. The scene repeated itself until FBI agents finally entered the house and stayed, so [Iwaichi] Naganuma gave himself up. Agents ordered him to report to the docks at Callao to board a U.S. Army transport, with his family if desired – the Peruvian government wanted to get rid of as many Japanese as possible. Parents and children packed a single trunk. Little did they know that their story would be that of almost all captured Peruvian Japanese, permanent exile from home. Peru would not take its “Japanese” back.

The Naganumas told me their father had come from Japan to Peru in 1910 on an agricultural labor contract and sent home for a picture bride. Iwaichi met their mother Isoka for the first time as she disembarked from her ship; without words, he wrapped a watch around her wrist as a wedding gift. Kazuharu remembered the family’s Callao house with its attached commercial laundry on Calle Sucre, “all hand wash, with big paddles and metal tanks and clothes and sheets hanging outside and a sewing room to make repairs.” [In Peru, the boys were baptized Catholic with Spanish names.]

In the 1930s the lives of the couple, Iwaichi [Luis] and Isoka, who often went by a Spanish name, Maria, were filled with work at the laundry, with children, and with tragedy, too. Their three-year old boy, Guillermo, “swallowed a pin,” perhaps a straight pin picked up from the laundry floor, or a decorative pin twisted off his cap, and choked on it. [A doctor could not save the boy.]

To hear them tell their story, the Naganuma boys thrived in the streets of pre-war Callao. Spanish was the language of play. They celebrated Peruvian holidays as well as undōkai, traditional Japanese sports festivals. “We had a big yard,” remembered Kazuharu. “A garden, dogs, cats, chickens.” Their father built a music studio. “I used to watch people dancing, mostly legs through the lower half of a swinging door, because I was still small.” When Kazushige was lucky, his sisters might take him along to the movies, to see a western like Santa Fe Trail with Errol Flynn and Ronald Reagan.

Once he saw an animated feature that made fun of Japanese, with a General Tojo-like figure wearing big black-rimmed glasses, “with buck teeth” and other stereotypical features (perhaps You’re a Sap, Mr. Jap, from Paramount). “I went home and talked about it, but I wasn’t offended,” Kazushige said. “I was thinking of it as a Peruvian kid.”

In 1947, the Naganumas, bedraggled and impoverished, suffering from tuberculosis, were released from the U.S. Justice Department concentration camp in Crystal City, Texas. The only one to return to Peru, briefly in 2016, has been Kazushige, to pick up the ashes of his brother who had died from swallowing a pin. In California Kazushige, Kazuharu and Kazumu had the ashes of their brother interred in the grave of their parents. The young Guillermo’s Japanese name, Kazuaki, was already on the tombstone. Their father had ordered it engraved, thinking until the end of the son he had left behind in Peru…

Check our April edition for another excerpt of this extraordinary book.
The festivities begin with a conference about Wilson Popenoe’s tremendous contributions to the Guatemalan avocado industry. This will be followed by a repeat of the popular Avocado Tasting event where attendees can enjoy a wide variety of taste-tempting samples created by chefs who have used avocados as the main ingredient. There will also be a plaque presentation by the American Society for Horticultural Landmarks (ASHS). The plaque reads, "Wilson Popenoe, founding director of Zamorano University, tropical horticultural crops explorer and plant introducer, researcher, educator, innovator, administrator and humanitarian."

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Don’t miss the opportunity of meeting the artist, he will be present at the opening.

“I have been painting in Guatemala for almost thirty years. Depicting the indigenous people and customs from different linguistic groups and areas. Over my time in Guatemala I have produced hundreds of paintings. I also have had several exhibitions in Guatemala, including two sponsored by the U.S. embassy at the Museo Ixchel in Guatemala City.

I studied at the Art Students League in New York City. Following my time in N.Y. I spent time in Europe, studying and traveling. Returning to Houston to apprentice with well know portrait painter Lajos Markos for six years.

Guatemala has been a major inspiration for my art. I have spent a lot of time there traveling and painting. Meeting people and hearing their stories. I have been fascinated by the culture and have seen many customs disappear. Every village in the western highlands had at one time a distinctive dress that has been slowing disregarded for modern clothing. I feel privileged that I was able to capture on canvas this culture before it has become part of the homogeneous dress and culture of the modern world.

A large part of my art in depicting the indigenous people of Guatemalan. I create oil paintings. My style reflects my art education. I was taught in a traditional representational style. I wanted my art work to show and document the time in which I lived of the indigenous people of Guatemala. In years from now these paintings that I have created will show something that has disappeared forever. I have spent my entire life painting, it has been my passion.

I am never lonely creating my artwork, but I do enjoy painting with other artists. I go to a painting session every week where we paint from live models. I also go out and paint with a group of outdoor painters to paint landscapes.”

William Kalwick Jr. - March, 2019

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As the Lent season nears, I reflect on past, present, and current times. Lent is indeed an occasion for reflection and prayer and for refocusing ourselves to our purpose. I have always felt a strong calling to help and support others, whether it is through teaching about food culture and healthy eating and sharing my story to inspire other entrepreneurs, or to create awareness for worthy causes.

I have been writing for the Revue Magazine for over five years and during this time I have had the fortune to work with two people I consider good friends who genuinely support my work. Terry and John Biskovich opened their doors to my writing when I had just published my first book. I am so deeply grateful for their friendship and their help in furthering my writing in my home country. It is an important good cause to me.
Other good causes that are near and dear to my heart is Common Hope. I was invited to join their Executive Board of Directors almost seven years ago. I always say there is a reason for everything and for me the connection to Minnesota and Guatemala makes so much sense and it’s stronger than ever because this nonprofit was founded in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Familias de Esperanza is Common Hope’s counterpart in La Antigua Guatemala. These two organizations have steadily grown in presence and influence not only Minnesota and Guatemala, but throughout the United States. Its mission and mine strategically mesh and intersect in our love for Guatemala. This also speaks of the generous character of the people who really care and support it.

Serving on Common Hope’s board gives me the ability to help Guatemala by supporting its programming and efforts in Minnesota that eventually will yield an impact on Guatemalan disadvantaged families. Besides contributing ideas and more, I gladly design the menus for their Noche de Colores Gala night in the Twin Cities, held every year around spring time. This year it will be on May 16 at the Minneapolis Event Centers with about 500 in attendance. It is a uniquely colorful and delicious night.

Noche de Colores and Common Hope have developed steadily throughout the years. Supporters include friends and parents who have adopted children from Guatemala, people who directly help needy families by sponsoring one child or more, and medical professionals who graciously donate their time and talent and resources traveling from the U.S. to Guatemala at specific times. There are countless ways to give. Vision team groups travel from the U.S. to Guatemala to work on special projects and this gives them an opening to experience the culture and way of life of the families and the cause they are supporting.
It never ceases to amaze me that there are really good-hearted people in this earth and working closely with Common Hope has given me a chance to get to know the staff and all the other board volunteers who genuinely care about Guatemala. It is such a good feeling when I am around well-intentioned people working mindfully at making a real difference in a country that is not theirs supporting families that may never know of their work. This is a special gift and carries a meaning beyond goodwill.

Giving yourself selflessly to doing good with compassion is what life is about. Lent is a good time to reflect on this and appreciate the work that others do for the betterment of a society or country. We should all partake on spreading the good news. Kudos to the Huebsch’s Family for founding an organization that lives up to their intentions and continues to deliver the message with heart and style.

To celebrate this season, I would like to share one of my favorite recipes because it is easy to make as it is delicious, and it makes me reflect that simple foods like dobladas can truly bring me joy as corn and black beans are two staples I grew up with and are forever in my palate.

Happy Lenten Season! ¡Feliz Cuaresma!

**DOBLADAS DE FRIJOLES Y QUESO**
Refried Beans and Cheese-Filled Tortillas with Spicy Tomato Sauce
Recipe by Chef Amalia Moreno-Damgaard (AmaliaLLC.com)

Dobladas (literally meaning folded) can be a great snack or whole meal if you eat plenty of them during Lent. Dobladas can be stuffed with anything you like. Black beans and cheese are great together with tortillas and when topped with a quick tomato sauce they are superb.

**Makes 6 dobladas**
Chirmol de Tomate y Chili (tomato and chili Sauce)
1 tablespoon canola oil
2 cups finely diced Roma tomatoes
1 cup finely diced yellow onion
1 teaspoon finely diced chiltepe (or hot chili of choice)
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
6 corn tortillas
1/2 cup crumbled queso fresco
1/2 cup refried black beans (canned or freshly made at home)
Canola oil

Adorno (Garnish)
1/2 cup crumbled Guatemalan queso seco (or Cotija cheese)
Flat-leaf parsley

Put the tablespoon of oil in a hot skillet. Add the tomatoes, onions, chiles, and salt and pepper.

Cook until saucy, 3 to 5 minutes. Taste and adjust seasonings, if needed.

In a skillet over high heat, warm the corn tortillas for about 30 seconds per side. Keep the tortillas warm and flexible in a tortilla warmer or wrapped in kitchen towels.

Combine 1/2 cup of queso fresco and the beans in a bowl. Divide into 6 equal portions and place on each tortilla. Gently fold the tortillas in half.

Preheat a skillet or griddle. Brush the stuffed tortillas on both sides with a light coating of canola oil and place them immediately on the hot griddle for about 1 1/2 minutes per side.

Place the cooked dobladas on a platter and cover them with kitchen towels to keep them warm until you’re ready to eat.

Serve the dobladas garnished with sauce, cheese, and parsley.
“Recuerdo de un saludo…” La Antigua by Tato Estrada
“La Furia del Volcán” Carretera hacia La Antigua by Paulo Figueroa
In February 2018, the first Sunday in Lent, I was in the Antigua market with a friend when suddenly my purse was snatched by a passerby. He ran, and I ran as fast as I could (i.e., not very) behind him, shouting “Ladron! Ladron!” Several other people in the market joined the chase until we emerged from the south entrance into the light.

Right there was a Tourist Police vehicle with 3 policemen in it. I quickly recounted what had happened. They asked how the thief was dressed, and I had no idea – BUT one of the chasers did, reporting he was wearing a green T-Shirt. I climbed in their vehicle, and off we went searching for a guy in a green shirt. Within minutes one of the cops spotted such a man, who, when the man noticed the police car, began to run. The chase was on!
Within a few blocks the cops slammed on the brakes (in the middle of the street, filled with Lenten traffic) and chased the guy on foot, finally getting him handcuffed after quite a scuffle, considering there were 3 cops and only one thief. He fought so hard the cops thought he was drugged. The thief pulled my purse, which he had had no time to open, from the front of his pants, offering it up to the police if they would let him go. No deal. A cop and the thief climbed into the back of the truck and headed to the Tourist Police station nearby, where my friend and I spent the next 5 hours making the denuncia, being taken to the Ministerio Publico to ratify it, and then being brought home. Very courteous and solicitous treatment all around, so no badmouthing the Tourist Police!

All the papers made their way to the Ministerio Publico, which named a “Licenciado” to be in charge of my case.

Every time I check with the Ministerio Publico, a different person is in charge - the previous one has been transferred. AND they still need to keep my purse and credit card as evidence (obviously by now I have canceled the credit card.)

A whole year has passed, and no trial has yet been set. Thus, the purse cannot be returned. When might it happen? No telling! By this time my quest has become a personal determination to achieve the return of my low-value but convenient Target-purchased purse. Who knows when that might happen? Meanwhile, my Q50 cotton Guatemalan purse has become a bit ratty and worn, but is performing yeoman service – and may have to for a while yet! 🙁

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