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## NEW Website and Blog!

For the latest news - check out our **NEW** website:

<http://flvsnap.weebly.com/>

## Not Yet a Member!?

If you are interested in becoming a club member, please visit this website and submit an application:

<http://flvs.net/myFLVS/get-involved/clubs/Pages/SpanishClub.aspx>

## What's Snappin in January?

**Happy New Years** to all our S.N.A.P. members! Be sure to join our monthly club meeting on **Monday, January 27th @ 6:00pm!** To join the meeting, simply click:

<https://sas.illuminate.com/m.jnlp?sid=679&password=M.25AFBFEB5BC5229407320067FC4E6>



## S.N.A.P. New Year's Resolutions!



It's a New Year and there is no better time to set some New Year's resolutions for your involvement in S.N.A.P.! Have you thought about becoming a Club Officer, joining our new Editorial Board, or simply getting to know other S.N.A.P. members? Well then 2014 is the perfect time to pursue those goals as we have many exciting opportunities!

**Club Officers** - First, S.N.A.P. is looking for both a Secretary and a Vice President! What do these jobs do??? Read more about it at the link below and if you are interested please contact Sra. Miller at [jemiller@flvs.net](mailto:jemiller@flvs.net). We need you!

<http://flvsnap.weebly.com/spanish-nuts-estudiantes.html>

**Editorial Board** - Secondly, do you want to contribute your thoughts and ideas to the club? If yes, then things such as blogging and surfing the web are a great fit **and you should join our Editorial Board!**

What is an Editorial Board, you may ask? An Editorial Board is a group of 5 members who will be key contributors at SNAP. Editorial Board members will contribute information to our meetings, our monthly newsletter, and especially our blog. They will write 2-4 blog posts a month about anything español! More information can be found in our application **towards the end** of the following address:

<http://flvsnap.weebly.com/spanish-nuts-estudiantes.html>

Applications must be sent to Sra. Miller by February 23rd, 2014. Stay tuned for a detailed presentation about the Editorial Board at our next club meeting!

**Get to Know Your Other S.N.A.P. Members** - Want to get to know other S.N.A.P. members? Here's your chance! Go to: <http://flvsnap.weebly.com/> and click 'Spanish Nuts: Estudiantes', and at the bottom of the page; you have a chance to write one paragraph about yourself and why you joined S.N.A.P. Such a great chance to let other S.N.A.P. members know you!

## Día de Los Reyes



Día de Los Reyes (known elsewhere as Epiphany) is celebrated on January 6th to honor the Three Wise Men or Three Kings. This holiday represents the day the Three Wise Men gave gifts to Jesus. The day closes the Christmas festivities and is the day the people in Latin America and Spain exchange gifts.

Christmas might be over, but it doesn't mean the gift giving (and receiving) is over! Children in Latin America and Spain receive the majority of their gifts from the Three Kings rather than from Santa Claus at Christmas. Before going to bed, the children place their old shoes with a wish list on top for the Three Kings. In the morning, the shoes are filled with toys and gifts from the Three Kings. What fun!



In Puerto Rico, the holiday is celebrated somewhat differently. Here, on La Víspera de Reyes (the Eve of Three Kings Day) the children cut grass to put in a shoe box under their bed for the camels to eat. Their "wish list" is also placed on top of the grass.



The Reyes (Kings) only come if the child has been good all year. If the children are awake they bypass the house. On this night children sleep lightly listening for any strange noises, whispers, or maybe sounds of the camels' hooves, or any tale-tale signs of the Kings' arrival. Sometime during the night Los Reyes arrive and quietly leave their gifts for the children while their camels enjoy their snack!

## S.N.A.P. T-Shirt Update

In December, everyone voted for this year's club t-shirt!  
And the winner is.....

"Just Bien Myself" will be S.N.A.P.'s 2014 club t-shirt! Isn't it awesome?!?! More info to come in February on how to buy them!



*Let's Get Cooking!*



*Rosca de Reyes*

### Ingredients:

1 (1/4-ounce) packet active dry yeast  
 1/4 cup warm water  
 1/4 cup dried figs, cut into strips  
 1/4 cup candied orange peel, cut into strips  
 1/4 cup candied lemon peel, cut into strips  
 1/4 cup chopped candied cherries  
 2 tablespoons light rum  
 1/4 cup milk  
 1/4 cup sugar  
 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) unsalted butter  
 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract  
 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
 1 teaspoon salt  
 3 1/2 to 4 cups all-purpose flour  
 3 large eggs, divided (but not separated)  
 Water

***Rosca de Reyes, or Three Kings Bread, is a popular bread to eat on Three Kings Day. Rosca de Reyes has an oval shape to symbolize a crown and has a small doll inside which represents baby Jesus. The doll symbolizes the hiding of the infant Jesus from King Herod's soldiers. Traditionally rosca are adorned with dried and candied fruits to symbolize the many jewels that a crown would have.***

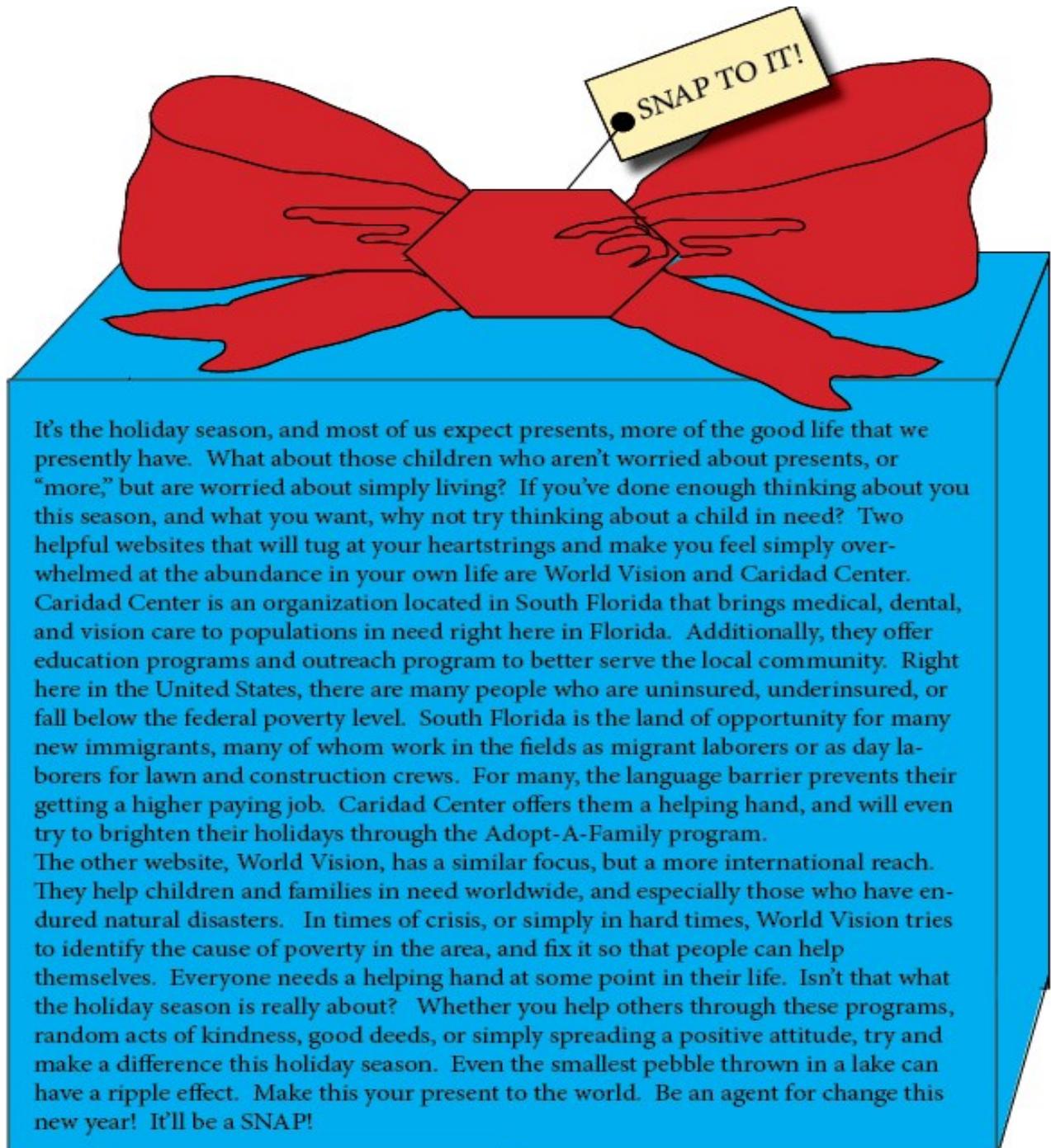


### Instructions:

1. In a small bowl, combine the yeast and warm water; stir to blend. Let stand until the mixture foams, about 5 to 10 minutes.
2. In another small bowl, put all the candied fruit and drizzle with the rum. Let stand for 15 minutes to 1 hour to soak up the flavor.
3. In a small pot, warm the milk over medium heat. Add the sugar, butter, vanilla, cinnamon and salt.
4. In a large bowl, mix 3 1/2 cups flour, 2 eggs, yeast mixture, milk mixture and the rum-soaked candied fruits, mixing very well until the dough gathers into a ball. If the dough is too wet, add additional flour, a little at a time, to form a soft dough.
5. Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured surface & knead until it's smooth & elastic, about 5 minutes.
6. Put the ball of dough back into the bowl & cover with plastic wrap or a towel and set aside in a warm spot to rise for 1 hour.
7. Remove the dough from the bowl and knead on a lightly floured surface. Using your palms, roll the dough into a long rope. Shape the rope into a circle, sealing the ends together.
8. Insert a little doll into the bread from the bottom, if desired (make sure you tell people it's in there so no one chokes).
9. Line a baking pan with parchment paper. Carefully transfer the dough ring to the prepared baking pan.
10. Preheat the oven to 350 F. Beat the remaining egg in a small bowl with 1 tablespoon of water to make an egg wash, and brush the top of the bread. Decoratively garnish the top of the bread with more candied fruit and bake for 35 to 40 minutes until the cake is golden.
11. Cool on a wire rack before slicing.

## SNAP TO IT!

Submitted by Talia Fradkin



Learn more:

<http://www.worldvision.org>

<http://www.caridad.org>



May 17, 1919—July 26 1952

Eva Perón has become a part of international pop culture, most famously as the subject of the 1976 musical Evita.

## Eva 'Evita' Duarte Perón



María Eva "Evita" Duarte Perón was the wife of Argentine president Juan Perón during the 1940's and 1950's. Evita was a very important part of her husband's power and although he was loved by the poor and working classes, she was even more loved by them.

Eva ran the Ministries of Labor and Health and she also founded the charitable Eva Perón Foundation; she championed women's suffrage in Argentina, and founded and ran the nation's first large-scale female political party, the Female Peronist Party.

Eva was a gifted speaker and a tireless worker speaking on behalf of labor rights. She dedicated her life to making Argentina a better place for the disenfranchised, and they responded by creating a cult of personality to her that still exists to this day. In fact, in many homes the image of Evita is on the wall next to the Virgin of Guadalupe.



## Jennifer Lopez



Submitted by Tamar Lilienthal

Born on July 24th, 1969, in the Bronx, Jennifer Lopez has become one of the most famous Latinas today. Her parents, David Lopez and Guadalupe Rodriguez, are Puerto Rican, and she has two sisters, Leslie and Lynda. From a young age, J-Lo had always dreamed of becoming a "movie star", but her ideas were shut down by her parents who thought that it was not a respectable career and "no Latinos did that".

Jennifer Lopez's first role was in a film titled "My Little Girl", in which she participated during her last year of high school. Since then, Jennifer Lopez has starred in numerous films and recorded dozens of songs, both in Spanish and in English. She also launched a career in dancing, and has become a judge on American Idol. J-Lo is referred to as "the most influential Hispanic performer in the United States", and is a musical inspiration to other famous

celebrities, such as Pitbull, Selena Gomez and Beyonce.



### Fun Spanish Videos

submitted by  
Tamar Lilienthal

Here are some great Spanish videos to check out!

<http://youtu.be/ldF4o3jc07A> - Animals

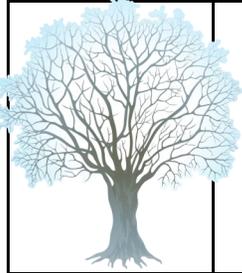
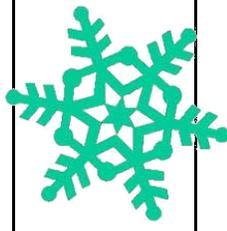
<http://youtu.be/en8ts0plXsc> - Twinkle Twinkle Little Star

<http://youtu.be/8ydJr1s8xl> - Numbers



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