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## CAS Party A Fun-d Raiser



Ray Young presents restaurateur Jaime Bardales with CAS Certificate of Recognition.

**T**he CAS finished the first half of the 2007 Program Season with fund raising blast on July 30<sup>th</sup>.

Because the CAS, an IAAA chapter, had been struggling along on dues and without any grants for too many years, it anticipated a 2008 financial crunch. Under the brilliant and successful guidance of directors Edith Castro and Ray Young a fundraiser was planned.

For the officers and board it was a new experience. But all soldiered on to the July 30<sup>th</sup> blast Ay Ay! Picante Peruvian Restaurant. In addition to the efforts of Edith, an event planner, and Ray, Technology Support & Solutions, the demands of the evening and special contributions were made by Deb Stelton, Karen Memory, Jeanne

**Notice**  
**Meeting Date and Time:**  
**September 23, 2007**  
**Board Meeting 2:30 pm**  
**Refreshments, Book Sale &**  
**General Meeting 3:00 pm**  
**Evanston Public Library**  
**1703 Orrington Avenue**

Dunkerley, Sally Campbell, Karen Gruntman, Nancy and Larry Podwika, Nancy donated two professional massages. Master jeweler, Gloria Williams donated several outstanding creations that were sold to a receptive audience. Edith Castro donated several Peruvian handcrafted mirrors.

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the palimpsest



### The Fundraiser

By pumping \$\$\$s into an anemic financial situation, the Fundraiser was a great success. But we are not home free. What ideas do you have? We need your input. There are sources of income to be tapped. Jackie Leipold has agreed to work on a grant proposal but she could use help. CAS T-Shirts?

### Volunteers Needed

Ready for a season of archaeology? Ordinarily with the arrival of fall and the return to the classroom of most archaeologists Labor Day marks the end of the season. But the Codex has received a request for volunteers (See p. 3); while there are a few qualification, the expectations are minimal. This is an opportunity for a final exposure to archaeology before the snow falls.

### R.I.P. Kathleen

The May edition of the Codex published news of the passing of Kathleen Bisberg. Her death was sudden and there was insufficient time to include her picture.

Kathleen, who had served, as a CAS Director for many years, had been a quiet resource and inspiration for all who knew her. Subsequently the Codex has received a photo of Ms. Bisberg which is now published to refresh our memories.

We shall miss her presence at future meetings.

### MexiMayan Bonus

**CAS members** can receive a \$100 deduction when they join the MexiMayan Peru Adventure. See Page 4...

*Bob Stelton, editor ▲*

## CAS Party

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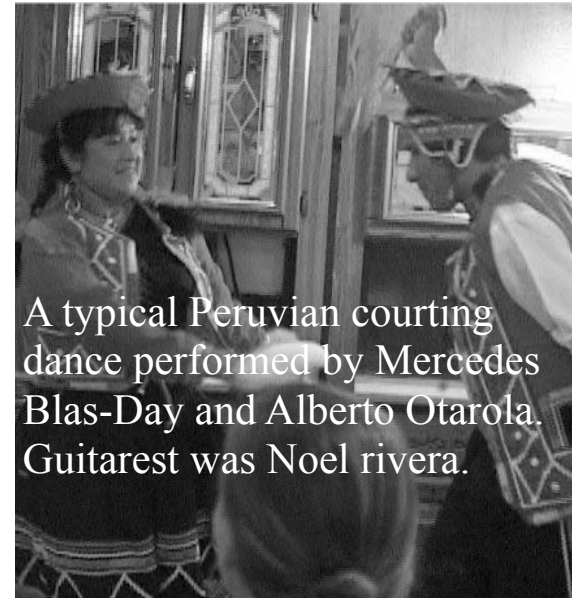


Gloria Williams &  
Karen Memory

the Sun God was followed by lively Peruvian dances. A DVD showing Peruvian ruins made by Bob Stelton was seen in addition to Nate Stelton's Machu Picchu slides. There were door prizes, a silent auction and a raffle. Parting fiestgoers expressed their pleasure for the food and jam packed evening.

For more information about Ay Ay Picante go

to <http://www.ayaypicante.com/ay-ay-picante-restaurant-review.htm>.

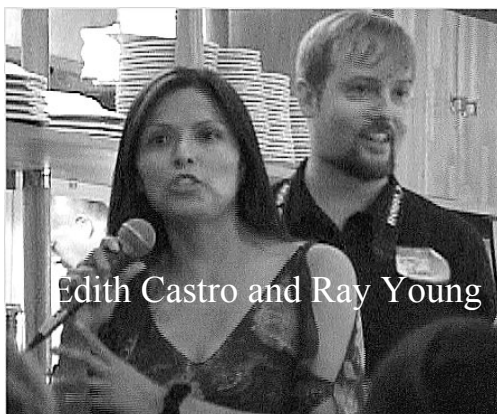


A typical Peruvian courting dance performed by Mercedes Blas-Day and Alberto Otarola. Guitarest was Noel rivera.

The restaurant, Ay Ay Picante, 4569 N Elston, Chicago, was perfectly suited for the Peruvian themed event. The restaurant has received glowing reviews from both Chicago Dailies. Pink Magazine has written:

**(Ay Ay Picante)... brings you a vast and diverse menu showcasing the delights of Peru. Jaime Bardales and Camucha Bardales ensure ... exceptional service and delicious cuisine...**

Edith produced several extra donations: appetizers, wine, and deserts. Edith's mother welcomed the group in English and Quechua. An Inca poem to



Edith Castro and Ray Young

## The CAS September Speaker

- Date: Sunday, September 23, 2007  
 Place: Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Avenue, Evanston  
 Time: 3:00 p.m. Social Hour: Refreshments and Fellowship  
 Program: 3:30 p.m. Presentation by your CAS Editor, **Mr. Robert Stelton, *Ancient Malta: A Neolithic Death Cult. The presentation is underwritten by MexiMayan Academic Travel***  
 Dinner: 5:00 p.m. Dinner at Dave's Italian Kitchen, 1635 Chicago Av (½ block from the Library)

## Coming in October

- Date: Sunday, October 28, 2007  
 Place: Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Avenue, Evanston  
 Time: 3:00 p.m. Social Hour: Refreshments and Fellowship  
 Time: 3:30 p.m. Presentation by our guest speaker, Dr. Jean Hudson, *The Incas and Their Ancestors: An Ecological Approach*  
 Dinner: 5:00 p.m. Dinner with Dr. Hudson at Dave's Italian Kitchen.

## Exploring an ancient death cult

Long before the first menhir was raised at Stonehenge and even longer before Khufu set the first pyramid block in place on the Gizeh plateau an isolated culture created megalithic temples that still amaze and confound.

The creators of those ancient megalithic marvels were the earliest inhabitants of the tiny islands of Malta and Gozo in the middle of the Mediterranean Sea.

More than seven thousand years ago those ancient Maltese somehow came to Malta from Sicily with cattle, seed, and Stone Age tools. On a clear day Malta can be seen from Sicily, and there is some evidence that overpopulation on Sicily may have created new demands for arable land.

Ancestor of those early Sicilians had made their passage from the European Continent. How is conjectural. But it must be conceded that Stone Age peoples could make boats of some kind.

The time frame is the neolithic. If the Italian/Austrian Iceman has pushed back the bronze age date, the availability of metal tools is not evident on Malta until sometime around 2500 B.C.

What is undeniably remarkable about the

early Maltese is not only their building skills, but their cultural values. Among the most amazing of their creations was the Hypogeum. We still struggle to understand the full meaning of the Maltese Death Cult.

Stelton's presentation, inspired by a recent visit to Malta, will bring to the meeting new ideas about the enigma of the

## Looking into the future to discovery the past

The May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting featured a unique perspective for archaeology and our understanding of the past.

Dr. Mark Altaweel, Oriental Institute, University of Chicago described how that institution and Argonne National Laboratories have collaborated in developing a simulation named Enkimdu, after the Mesopotamian god, that examines natural processes such weather and crop growth, to recover understanding of an ancient past.

Kathleen Bisberg  
R.I.P.  
December 21, 1949—April 1, 2007



## Dig This!

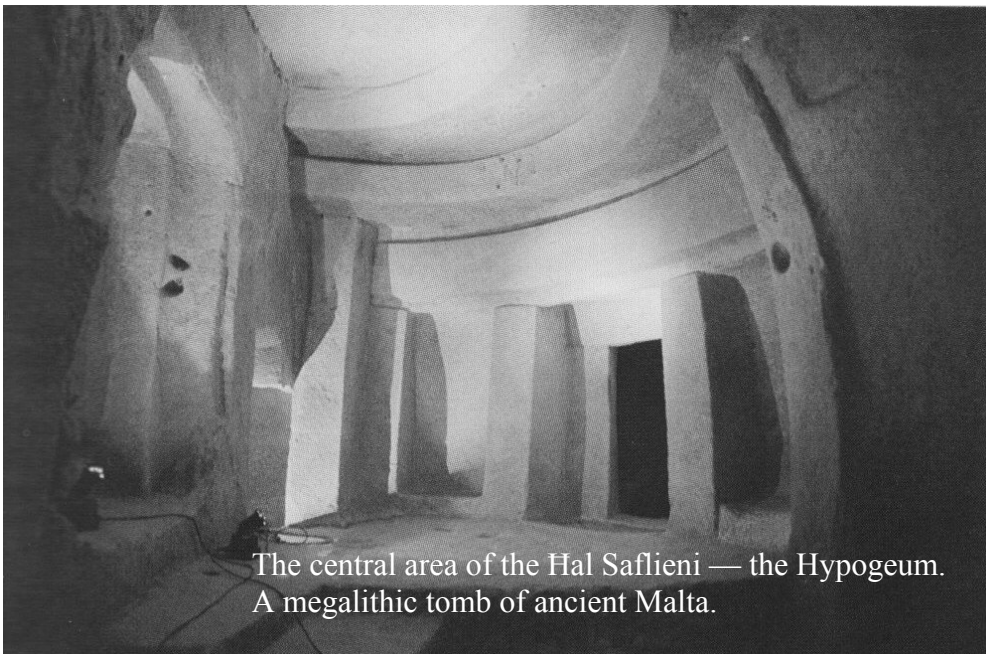
Dr. Cynthia L. Balek, Archaeology and Geomorphology Services, has issued a call for volunteers to assist in a controlled surface collection of a 40 acre site in the Plainfield, Will County Illinois area in a Phase II evaluation of the site. The site, possibly Mississippian, is scheduled for development and will be lost.

The work would occur during the weekday, Monday – Friday for several weeks after the harvest is in.

Volunteers should be knowledgeable about prehistoric artifacts i. e. be able to identify flakes, prehistoric ceramics, etc.

If you can help please contact:

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The central area of the Hal Saflieni — the Hypogeum. A megalithic tomb of ancient Malta.

## CALENDAR

**The Field Museum: *Celebración Festival Mexican Folkloric Dance Company***  
Oct 13, 12 pm; Drs. Gary Feinman and Linda Nicholas, *Evolving Science at the Field: Unearthing Life In Ancient Oaxaca*; Oct 13, 2 pm; *Margaret Mead Film Festival* 10 am—4:30 pm.

**The Oriental Institute: *Chicago Chapter of the American Research Center in Egypt***: Sep 22, 5 pm; Dr. Geoff Emberling, *New Light on the Kingdom of Kush: Oriental Institute Salvage Excavations at the 4th Cataract of the Nile*. For further information contact : Emily Teeter, 773 702-1062, e\$100 Off Peru Trip CAS

## 2007–2008 CAS Program

Unless otherwise indicated, meetings are at 3:00 p.m. at the Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Avenue, Evanston 60201-3886

January 28, 2007	Ms. Jennifer Westerfield	<i>Coptic Graffiti: Perceptions of Sacred Spaces in Pharaonic Egypt</i>
February 25, 2007	Mr. Lawrence A. Conrad	<i>Orendorf, Ancient Illinois Metropolis, Revisited</i>
March 25, 2007	Dr. Maxine McBrinn	<i>Ancient Americas: New Perspectives At The Field Museum Exhibition.</i>
April 22, 2007	Dr. Edward Kurjack	<i>Undiscovered Mayas: Post Viewing of the Apocalypso</i>
May 20, 2007	Dr. Mark Altaeweel	<i>Rediscovering Ancient Mesopotamia With Computer Technology</i>
September 23, 2007	Mr. Robert Stelton	<i>Ancient Malta: A Neolithic Death Cult (Premier screening of a film produced by Robert Stelton).</i>
October 28, 2007	Dr. Jean Hudson	<i>The Inca s and Their Ancestors: An Ecological Approach.</i>
December 2, 2007	Dr. William Green	<i>Secret Treasures of Illinois' Small Museums.</i>

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### Dinner with Mr. Robert Stelton

Continuing a tradition of many years, CAS members and guests will be able to meet and dine with our September speaker and enjoy the company of our membership. The informal CAS dinner will be at Dave's Italian Kitchen.

For more information please call Bob Stelton, (630) 739-7255.

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