

Friends of the Port Hueneme Library Annual Meeting

Author, Professor, and Councilwoman Sylvia Muñoz Schnopp

will be addressing the topic:

“The Cristero Rebellion”

at the Ray D. Prueter Library

510 Park Avenue, Port Hueneme

on **May 5, 2019** following a short business meeting at **2:00PM**



On Cinco de Mayo, Sylvia Muñoz Schnopp will be presenting a 60-minute multimedia presentation on the Cristero Rebellion.

Not only does Mayor Schnopp trace her heritage back to the early 20th Century in Ventura County, but as a former executive with AT&T Wireless, she also served as a former National Director of Multi-Cultural Initiatives, where she led the way in Spanish-language marketing, media, and public relations.

Sylvia, herself, would have known nothing about the Cristero Rebellion, a “holy war” lasting from 1926 to 1929 and rarely mentioned in history books, had not her father, who was only a boy at the time, been willing to reveal a family secret.

It seems that Sylvia’s grandfather participated in the uprising of the Cristeros (Soldiers for Christ) against anti-Catholic government forces. The three years of upheaval marked a time when the Federales made practicing one’s faith a crime in Mexico. More than 90,000 people perished.

Sylvia had no idea that two serendipitous events would occur before her book could be published. First, the film “For Greater Glory” (starring Andy Garcia) was released by the Knights of Columbus in July of 2012, thus creating national interest in her topic. Second, and even more importantly, Sylvia discovered that a number of local families were personally connected to the Cristero Rebellion, and she now had the opportunity to include them as well.