

# La Fuente

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## ¡FELIZ AÑO NUEVO!

As we begin 2014, let Círculo Hispánico share with you some New Year traditions in Spain and Latin America:

1.) **Eating twelve grapes as the clock strikes twelve:** Similar to the Chinese tradition of having round fruits for good luck, Spanish-speaking countries like Cuba and Spain eat twelve grapes for good luck, each grape symbolizing a month of the incoming year.



<http://www.misslopez.se/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/uvas-02>

2.) **Wearing the right color of underwear:** The Hispanic world has this tradition of wearing colored underwear for when the new year arrives - people say that the color of your underwear may predict how the new year will be. For example, red is believed to be for love, yellow for good luck, and black for bad luck. In Spain, they traditionally wear red underwear, and what is more interesting is that the underwear has to be given by somebody and not just bought by oneself for oneself. In Brazil however, white is considered the lucky color.



<http://img706.imageshack.us/img706/2562/felizanonuevo.jpg>

3.) **Goodies-filled cake:** In Spain, it is customary for families to prepare a cake with twelve rings. They believe that round-shaped things bring good luck. Also, they put goodies in the cake while cooking it, and getting a slice with goodies in it assures one's good fortune for the incoming year.

4.) **Sweeping the home:** In Latin American countries, they sweep the home during the new year to assure that old things (or old messes) will be gone along with the departure of the previous year and their houses be open to new things as the new year arrives.

5.) **Using fireworks to burn an effigy:** In some countries, an effigy called the "Año Nuevo" (literally 'new year') is created and set afire with fireworks as soon as midnight strikes so that bad luck will go away.

Apart from these of course are the usual traditions of eating, drinking, and dancing through the night.

**We hope that your New Year has been wonderful!**

# SPANISH WEEK 2014

## January 28 - 31, 2014

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## NEW YEAR TRADITIONS WORD SEARCH



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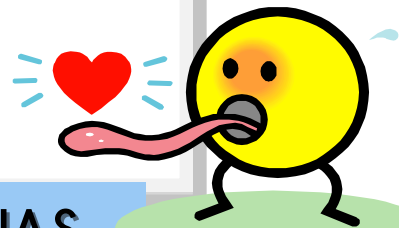
- GRAPES
- EFFIGY
- GOODIES
- FIREWORKS
- CAKE
- UNDERWEAR
- SWEEPING

### ¿Sabías que...?

According to a survey, the most beautiful Spanish word is

**“Querétaro”**

Source: <http://spanish.about.com/b/2011/06/20/la-palabra-ms-bella.htm>



## TRABALENGUAS

Toma chicha que es de Soacha le dijo el trucho a la trucha, pero no te embuches mucho porque la chicha emborracha.

### ABOUT UP CÍRCULO HISPÁNICO

UP Círculo Hispánico is a non-profit academic oriented organization under the Department of European Languages, duly recognized by the College of Arts and Letters of the University of the Philippines in Diliman.

The organization was founded in 1964 under the name of Círculo Cervantino. It became dormant during a couple of years. And in 1997, it was re-established as Círculo Hispánico.

UP Círculo Hispánico aims to promote the Spanish language and culture to students and other members of our academic institution. It serves as a venue and support group for students who wish to further their interest in the Spanish language and culture through different activities such as tutorials, exhibits, poetry readings, film showings, etc. It helps in strengthening ties among the Philippines and the Spanish-speaking countries. For years, the organization has been a tool in helping produce esteemed alumni who were and will always be instruments of change in our society and our country.

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