



2005 COSTA RICA CHICAS

A Yin-Yang Grove

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Another year, another Grove, and yet another “rhyme”
Each year there’s more to celebrate....each year a better time
Each year we make some new friends and grow closer to the old
Each year we treasure Grovehood more, a sisterhood worth gold

Each year we frolic on the beach and revel in the sun
Each year we get too little sleep.... to make more time for fun
Each year we power shop by day, and dance the whole night through
And every year our “I gots” ask, “can I do more for you?”

But this year stands out from the rest, this Tamarindo treat
And while each Grove’s been special, this might be our best retreat
For along with fun and frolic, of the Costa Rican kind,
This year’s Grove was truly “an adventure of the mind”

Keynote Edie set the tone, with yin-yang insights quite profound
About changing our perspective, switching figure view to ground
She told us all that boredom is the real cause of change
[Since we’ve never known a boring day....we thought this kinda strange]

The brain and body yin-yang, the effects of dark and light
She made us think in opposites, that’s the key to real insight
We even learned that fashion, is yin-yang’s democratic “proxy”
[And we now feel patriotic ...wearing something super foxy]

Then Helen shared her insights on the yin-yang of romance
It’s chemistry that’s ruling love, and nothing’s left to chance
It’s dopamine, not candle light, that creates romantic high
And we all need the “attachment phase” ...just to tolerate the guy!

We spoke of yin-yang issues like new challenge vs. threat
About techno-change, bio-respect and dealing with world debt
About the yin and yang of family, of letting children go
Of love and loss and sharing and new things we seek to know

About yin and yang around the globe, from World Bank to world-tribe
About food as “global currency” and the CEO “power” vibe
About challenges in the Muslim world, and Latin America as well
About US Mint efficiencies...and why “Proctoids” just won’t sell

The art of thinking “opposites”, solving problems in new ways
Consumed each waking minute, filled our Tamarindo days
The yin in us screamed “let’s talk more” keep the panels going, please
But the yang said, “let’s get out of here” [and go swinging through the trees]

The canopy tours beckoned, as did sailing and the beach
And we sure did need massages [we had at least two hours each]
Our yin said “think”....our yang said “play”, a dilemma without par

But we managed to find a “synthesis” ...by pondering both at the bar!

For yin and yang were everywhere, as Computerdora politely inquired
“In the high tech world can a drive get hard... no dopamine required?”

We found yin and yang in our travel plans [poor Michelle’s suitcase never came]
But no lost-luggage Grover went wardrobe-less, we all played the “wear my outfit” game

We auctioned a corset for romance...and some huge “diamond” earrings for dough
\$5000 for Costa Rican women [and we’re gonna raise much more, I know]

We welcomed aboard Tara sisters, younger yin to our older Grove yang
[Who noticed that not one had cellulite....they were smart, they were fun, and they sang!]

We found yin and yang gold in our style parade...the ‘golden twins’ did a reprise
Last year’s “bitches” morphed into “queens” this year... [those Atlanta gals change hats with ease]

The g-spots, too, were seen again,...this year with hot new diamond shirts
Who’d know they were bankers and moguls by day...those naughty Madonna-clone flirts

And with much teary eyes, we bid fond farewell to beloved New Zealander, Jane
But we soon found the yin to that very sad yang...we’ll all visit and see her again!

And the serious yin of intense panel days, was balanced by yang late at night
When some quite bare-assed Grovers did “water ballet” ...just who was that butt naked sprite?

But the greatest Grove moment in yin and yang, a new “view” we all had never seen
Was when Susan rode the mechanical bull... she’s our new wild west rodeo queen!

Yes, our Susan is ever remarkable, each year she keeps topping the rest
And this year is no exception,...Costa Chica was simply THE BEST!!