

The Voice

February 2014

February Events

The AmSoc Book Club

Thursday February 20, 2014 at 10:00

Book: **Anna Karenina** by Leo Tolstoy.



First translated into English in 1886, it is the tragic love story of a rich socialite who while married, embarks on an affair with the rather decadent Count Vronsky. Often hailed as the "best novel ever written", it has influenced countless writers and inspired multiple movie renditions. The 1937 classic movie, with Greta Garbo and Frederic March will follow at 2 pm.



Super Bowl Party

Sunday, February 2

Watch the game on a Big Screen TV- game starts 5:30p.m., Munchies: Turkey, Chili, and a surprise snack! Please bring an appetizer to share.

Doors open 3:30p.m. Bar will be open.
Donation \$70 pesos.

New Board Installation and St. Valentine's Day luncheon

Thursday, February 13

Menu: Carrot Soup, Spaghetti and Turkey Meatballs
Cake for Dessert.

Regular Thursday times and prices.

Bar will be open.

Photography Club

Thursday February 6th, 10:30 a.m.

Group Crossword Puzzle devotees invite you to join them on Thursday February 6 and 27 from 1 to 2 p.m. Mark your calendars!

See p. 4 for more information about the Academy Awards

Academy Awards

On the two Sundays, (Feb. 16 and 23), preceding Academy Awards Sunday, AmSoc will be previewing one Oscar-nominated movie on each day. The movies to be screened have yet to be determined. Admittance will be \$20 pesos, which includes popcorn. The movies start at 1 PM; doors open at 12 Noon. The cash bar will be open. A special email will announce the titles of the movies. Order your Movie Pack at Front Desk! Donation \$270 pesos.

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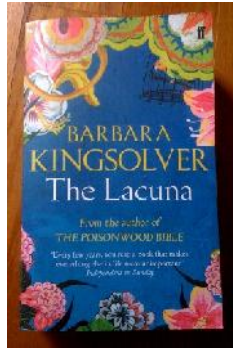
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A Book Report

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I recently read a great book that was a lovely jaunt. It is *The Lacuna* by Barbara Kingsolver. It is an historical fiction novel mostly about Mexico. The start is rather odd but soon gets into the life story of a young boy with a Mexican mother and an American father.



The boy becomes an independent young man who is befriended by Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera, two of the many interesting characters in post-Hispanic Mexico. The reader experiences the life of those times as well as the tempestuous relationship between the couple.



Then Trotsky enters the picture! It was quite enlightening to get a glimpse of that particular piece of Mexican history.

Aside from the history portrayed in the book, I enjoyed the many marvellous turns of phrase presented by the author:

“Here [in the Yucatán] life is strong-scented, overpowering. Even the words. Just ordering breakfast requires some word like *toronja*, triplet of muscular syllables full of lust and tears, a squirt in the eye. Nothing like the effete “grapefruit” which does not even mean what it says.”

I also enjoyed the author’s imagery with words:

“The potted plants silently exhale, outgrowing their clay pots. Like Mexico’s children they stand pinched and patient in last year’s too small shoes.”

It was a good read as I said, and I recommend it.

Editor’s comment: *Barbara Kingsolver is the author of my favorite novel, The Poisonwood Bible, about post-Belgium era Congo. She has incredible talent, the ability to describe events from several unique points of view, while remaining true to each separate voice. Kingsolver writes literature.*

One per cent of the world’s families now own 46% of its wealth

On the eve of World Economic Forum, when the global elite gather in Davos, Switzerland, to forecast international trends, Oxfam International has released a new report, *Working for the Few*, documenting yawning global wealth disparities. Other findings:

- The world’s richest 1 percent control almost half of global wealth.
- In 24 out of 26 countries studied, the richest 1 percent have increased their share of national wealth since 1980.
- Only 3 in 10 people live in countries where economic inequality has not increased over the past three decades.

- In the U.S., 95 percent of post-financial-crash wealth generated (i.e., since 2009) went into the bank accounts of the richest 1 percent.
- Nine out of 10 people in the U.S. control less wealth in real terms than they did before the financial crash.

Countries with the largest percentage of millionaires: USA 39%, Japan 13%, France 8%

Quotations

Television enables you to be entertained in your home by people you wouldn't have in your home. David Frost

Golf and sex are about the only things you can enjoy without being good at [them] Jimmy Demaret

The belief in a supernatural source of evil is not necessary; men alone are quite capable of every wickedness Joseph Conrad

If at first you don't succeed, failure may be your style. Quentin Crisp

Español

Date tiempo para trabajar; es el precio de éxito.

Date tiempo para pensar; es el origen del poder.

Date tiempo para amar y ser amado; es el privilegio de los dioses.

Date tiempo para jugar; es el secreto de eterna juventud.

Date tiempo para leer; es el fundamento de sabiduría.

Date tiempo para soñar; es como enganchar tu carro a una estrella.

Date tiempo para hacer amigos; es el camino de felicidad.

Date tiempo para mirar a tu alrededor; el día es muy corto para ser egoísta.

Date tiempo para reír; es la música del alma.

Antigua oración irlandesa.

The Five Wealthiest Men in the World

1. Carlos Slim Helú, Mexico, \$73 billion, Communications
2. Bill Gates, USA, \$67 billion, Software, philanthropist
3. Vladimir Putin*, Russia, \$40 - \$70 billion, Politics
4. Amancio Ortega Gaona, Spain, \$65 billion, Fashion
5. Warren Buffet, USA, \$53.5, Investments, philanthropist.

* There is some debate as to Putin’s actual wealth, but it is estimated to be between 40 and 70 billion dollars.

AMSOC Board Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2014

Present:

Ann Whiting, Jerry Dankner, Diane Golz, John Griffin, Fred Hanna, Bruce Newby, Regis Soileau, Alejandra Vielma and Joan White, with guests Cam and Cliff Esser and Charles Butler.

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM with a quorum in attendance.

Treasurer's report:

The electric bill was \$60 pesos for December and higher in January (significantly less than before the installation of the solar system) because of the cloud cover. Due to the additional end of year and January expenses, we will defer the interphone system, integrated sound system and maintenance for the time being. The treasurer's report was reviewed and accepted by unanimous vote.

Committee Reports:

Our Christmas Posada was a very successful with 70 attendees and great food.

Old Business:

The newcomer information provided by Diane has been reviewed and looks very good. The bus schedules in Spanish are very useful and also can be translated into English. AMSOC will print copies and provide them to newcomers.

1. The Interphone system installation is pending.
2. Installation of an upstairs mailbox was determined to be unnecessary.

New Business:

1. The wooden door and iron gate have not always been locked correctly so, in accordance with the memo previously provided to AMSOC facility users, a vigilance camera system will be installed at their expense.
2. The 5th of February Mexican Constitution Day holiday will be celebrated Monday the 3rd of February and our employees will be off.
3. Salaries for Lupita and Rocio have been increased in accordance with Mexican law.
4. Cam Esser has been bringing a large crossword puzzle for after lunch group solution on those Thursdays that do not have a book club meeting. Please join the group.
5. John has solicited an estimate for roof and other maintenance.

Event Schedule:

1. A super Bowl party is planned for Sunday February 2nd, with hors oeuvres (please bring your own to share) and chili and the bar will be open. A donation of \$70 pesos is in order (an increase of \$10 pesos due to the increased cost of food).
2. Our officer and board of directors installation luncheon is scheduled for Thursday February 13th.
3. AMSOC will be open, similar to last year, for Oscar night on Sunday March 2nd. Please bring appetizers for the appetizer contest. The bar will be open and there will probably be candy. Pizza will be ordered in on demand. Cost to be determined.
4. A joint St. Patrick's Day and AMSOC 69th birthday celebration is planned for March 13th. The menu consists of filet mignon, carrots, cabbage, potatoes, salad and dessert – price to be determined.
5. A joint spring and Easter welcoming celebration is tentatively scheduled for Thursday the 10th of April.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM.

English-speaking Dentist

Doctora Olga C. Sanchez Vergara
Diplomado Ortodoncia y
Cirujano Dentista
Cleaning \$450 pesos - Filling \$550p
X-Ray \$70p - Crown \$1,200p
Calle Juan Alvarez 672
2½ blocks east of Federalismo
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Home-made underarm deodorant

I started making some of my own hygiene products because of dissatisfaction with commercial brands. This is one of the most successful so far. I made it after trying unsuccessfully to find an antiperspirant without an unpleasant smell that was also effective. It seems manufacturers are incapable of combining these two requirements. I've now been using the homemade version for almost a year and it has never failed or caused any problems. My daughter has tried it too and was surprised at how well it works. It is made from inexpensive non-toxic ingredients, most of which can be found around the home.

For the base: Approx. ½ cup body butter in a scent you like



1 tbsp. zinc ointment or cream
(the kind used for babies' diaper rash, but also good against razor rash)

1 tsp. cornstarch (drying agent)
2 tsps. baking soda (deodorant)

In a small bowl, blend the cornstarch with the zinc ointment until smooth, then add the remaining ingredients. Mix well and store in a small covered jar. Apply with fingertip. This recipe makes enough for several months. Protects for at least 24 hours.

Top 10 anti-aging skin products

I don't often click link to ads on websites, but I looked at this one because I thought it might interest some of our readers. VW

- 1 - LifeCell Anti-Aging Cream
- 2 - La Prairie Cellular Cream
- 3 - StriVectin Wrinkle Serum
- 4 - SkinCeuticals CE Ferulic
- 5 - Crème De La Mer
- 6 - Freeze 24-7 Anti-Wrinkle
- 7 - Estee Lauder Perfectionist
- 8 - Olay Regenerist
- 9 - Clinique Repairwear
- 10 - Meaningful Beauty

For more information Google 'top ten anti-aging products'.

Academy Awards Night

Oscar night will be on Sunday the 2nd of March. The awards show begins at 7:30 PM. Doors open at 5 PM and a \$60 peso donation will cover admittance, pizza, popcorn and candy. There will be an appetizer contest, and 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes will be given to those people who brought the appetizers that are voted the best. There will also be a contest for the person who correctly guesses the most winners of the Oscars. The cash bar will be open.

All events will include the use of our big-screen TV, and the televised shows will be in English. The movies will have Spanish subtitles.

Watch the Guadalajara Reporter for the latest details.

Salud Integral

Ubicación: Club de AmSoc
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Stress Management Physiotherapy
Massage Therapy Rehabilitation
Sciatica · Sprains · Reflexology
Bioenergetics
Pain management · Post-surgery therapy
Rehabilitación post-cirugía
Masaje relajamiento Manejo del dolor
Reflexología · Depilación laser
Emergency house calls
Terapeuta
Leticia (Lety) Rodriguez
044-333-103-2528

2014 Movie Awards

Compare these winners from other award events with the winners of the Academy Awards.

Award	Golden Globes	Annual Critics' Choice Awards
Best Motion Picture Drama:	<i>12 Years a Slave</i>	<i>12 Years a Slave</i>
Best Actor in a Drama:	Matthew McConaughey, <i>Dallas Buyers Club</i>	Matthew McConaughey <i>Dallas Buyers Club</i>
Best Actress in a Drama:	Cate Blanchett, <i>Blue Jasmine</i>	Cate Blanchett, <i>Blue Jasmine</i>
Best Motion Picture Musical or Comedy:	<i>American Hustle</i>	<i>American Hustle</i>
Best Actor in a Musical or Comedy:	Leonardo DiCaprio, <i>The Wolf of Wall Street</i>	Leonardo DiCaprio, <i>The Wolf of Wall Street</i>
Best Actress in a Musical or Comedy:	Amy Adams, <i>American Hustle</i>	Amy Adams, <i>American Hustle</i>
Best Supporting Actor:	Jared Leto, <i>Dallas Buyers Club</i>	Jared Leto, <i>Dallas Buyers Club</i>
Best Supporting Actress:	Jennifer Lawrence, <i>American Hustle</i>	Lupita Nyong'o, <i>12 Years a Slave</i>
Best Director:	Alfonso Cuarón, <i>Gravity</i>	Alfonso Cuarón, <i>Gravity</i>
Best Screenplay:	Spike Jonze, <i>Her</i>	Spike Jonze, <i>Her</i> John Ridley, <i>12 Years a Slave</i>
Best Original Score:	Alex Ebert, <i>All is Lost</i>	Steven Price, <i>Gravity</i>
Best Original Song:	Ordinary Love, <i>Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom</i>	Let It Go <i>Frozen</i>
Best Foreign Language Film:	<i>The Great Beauty</i> (Italy)	<i>Blue Is the Warmest Color</i>
Best Animated Picture:	<i>Frozen</i>	<i>Frozen</i>

The Mexican who is the richest man in the world

Carlos Slim Helú was born in 1940 in Mexico City, the fifth of six children. His father, born Khalil Salim Haddad Aglamaz, emigrated from Lebanon to Mexico at the age of 14 in 1902 and changed his name to Julián Slim Haddad. Both Carlos's parents were Maronite Christians of Lebanese descent. His mother, Linda Helú Atta, was born in Parral, Chihuahua, of Lebanese parents who had immigrated to Mexico in the late 19th century. Her parents upon immigrating to Mexico had founded one of the first Arabic language magazines for the Lebanese-Mexican community, using a printing press they had brought with them. In 1911, Julián established a dry goods store, La Estrella del Oriente (The Star of the Orient). By 1921, he had purchased real estate in the flourishing commercial district of Mexico City. These enterprises became the source of considerable wealth. In August 1926, Julián Slim married Linda Helú. They had six children: Nour, Alma, Julián, José, Carlos and Linda. Julián senior died in 1953. Carlos Slim is also recognized as a philanthropist. (Source: Wikipedia)