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NOTICE

As you have heard Vicki had eye surgery and was unable to publish the August 2013 Voice. In order to comply with our AMSOC By-Laws, we offer this version, text provided by Pauline Van Havere and format by Gerald S. Dankner.

American Independence & Canada Day Celebration

Our Independence Days celebration was a great success. The American Consul attended to celebrate the event with us and read a lovely message from President Obama. Our local artist-in-residence Marcia Gran generously provided several prints to make the prize raffle extra special. Thanks to our Carlos Ruiz Checa for providing the following photos.



AMSOC BOOK CLUB

10:00 a.m. Thursday August 15.

A Beautiful Place to Die by Malla Nunn

Set in South Africa in 1952, this intriguing murder mystery takes place amidst volatile apartheid tensions.

The 2:00 p.m. movie will be **Invictus** starring Morgan Freeman and Matt Damon.



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On The Road Again

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I decided it was time for a jaunt to the U.S. to shop and explore in a city I hadn't seen before. It's very hard to do a trip summary because I saw so much, learned so much, and did so much including a Medieval Dinner and Jousting Tournament. But I'll try to pick out some highlights.



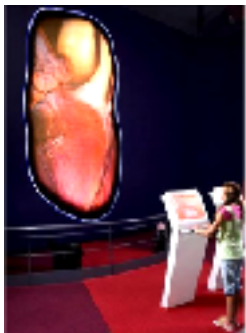
A friend's sister took me to the famous **Wrigley Field** to watch the Cubs baseball team. I'd never attended a professional baseball game before but will again if I get the chance. It was a party complete with hot dogs, beer, peanuts, and lots of cheering. It mattered not that the Cubs haven't won a championship in over 100 years; those fans cheered like we were witnessing the final winning game.

Chicago has over 40 museums with the **Field Museum** among one of the most impressive. The building itself is architecturally outstanding inside and out.



You could spend days viewing the displays but of particular interest to me was the temporary exhibit of France's Lascaux Caves. The real caves were closed to the public in 1963 to preserve the cave paintings which have been estimated to be an astonishing **17,300 years old**. The site has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The **Museum of Science and Industry** was another place you could spend days exploring. In the transportation areas there were trains – life size and miniature – as well as a suspended original English Spitfire fighting plane homing in on its German equivalent. There was an entire German WW II submarine. It went on and on!!



My favourite in the science section was the 2 meter high 3D animation of a beating heart. You put your hands on a metal bar in a stand in front of the heart and after a minute the heart beats in synch with your own heart!

The **Chicago History Museum** was much smaller but was chock full of great information about the city. Although jazz stemmed from New Orleans, it certainly developed a great deal in Chicago. Who knew?

I recommend 2 books that present a fascinating insight into the life of Chicago around the turn of the last century: [The Devil in the White City](#) by Erik Larson and [Loving Frank](#) by Nancy Horan.



A friend raved about Chicago's **Art Institute** so I thought I should go and expand my artistic horizons. Here was yet another place you could spend days fully exploring. The painting that "spoke" to me was a French oil by an artist I'd never heard of before, Léon Augustin Lhermitte.

It would be hard to beat the **Architecture Society River Cruise** for an outdoor tour of the city. You catch it right by the Michigan Avenue Bridge near the famous Trump Tower. That thing is so high the top was actually in the clouds on the day of my tour.

The tour guides on that cruise are volunteers from the Chicago Architectural Society so you not only get a beautiful cruise among some of the most impressive skyscrapers in the world; you gain knowledge of how Chicago became a leader in skyscraper construction.

AmSoc Board Minutes

July 09, 2013

Present:

Ann Whiting, Jerry Dankner, Diane Golz, John Griffin, Bruce Newby, David Ruiz, Regis Soileau, Alejandra Vielma, Jim Watkins.

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

Treasurer's report:

Financial results of the 4th of July /Canadian Independence Day celebration will be reported next month. The treasurer's report was reviewed and accepted by unanimous vote.

Committee Reports:

1. The 4th of July /Canadian Independence Day celebration was successful with 60 attendees.

Old Business:

1. The Junior League donations are pending.
2. Jerry will investigate a new First Aid cabinet, for which Pauline has offered a \$500 peso donation. Thank you Pauline for your generosity.

New Business:

1. The upstairs bathroom will be for the exclusive use of David who will also assume responsibility for its maintenance, with the possible exception of our Thanksgiving and Christmas Posada celebrations.
2. To thank Maria de la Luz Arechiga for her help during lunch, it was agreed to give her an honorary membership in AMSOC.
3. Bruce has offered to donate a laser printer to AMSOC to replace the one that is not working.

Event Schedule:

1. Mexican Independence Day taquiza on the 14th of September.
2. October-fest celebration Saturday the 5th of October.
3. Halloween and Day of the Dead celebration Thursday the 31st of October
4. Thanksgiving celebration Thursday the 28th of November.
5. Christmas Posada tentatively scheduled for Saturday the 14th of December.

The meeting adjourned at 11 AM.

On The Road Again (Continued)

The architect of one so-called skyscraper didn't put a face on the statue at the top of his building because he believed no one would ever build a taller structure. Nowadays this building seems to be dwarfed by its neighbours.

We saw many towering Art Deco buildings, and many beautiful riverside buildings. One building that wasn't so tall in comparison was the design of an architect who believed that buildings should reflect nature by replacing straight lines and corners with natural curved lines. Here the building itself is curved as well as the front façade and the windows. Even the columns on the main floor are curved.

So that's my brief trip summary. It's impossible to encapsulate all the city has to offer in this tiny article but I *hope you enjoy these few highlights*.

Salud Integral

Ubicación: Club de AmSoc
San Francisco 3332 Chapalita

Stress Management

Physiotherapy - Massage Therapy

Rehabilitation - Sciatica - Sprains

Reflexology - Bioenergetics

Pain Management

Post-surgery Therapy

Rehabilitaci3n post-cirug3a

Masaje relajamiento

Manejo del dolor

Reflexolog3a - Depilaci3n laser

Emergency house calls

Terapeuta

Leticia (Lety) Rodriguez

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English-speaking Dentist

Dra. Olga C. Sanchez Vergara
Diplomado Ortodoncia
y Cirujano Dentista

Cleaning \$450p - Filling \$550

X-Ray \$70 - Crown \$1,200

Calle Juan Alvarez 672

2½ blocks east of Federalismo

Weekly Calendar

AA Meeting Mon, Wed, Fri 8 p.m.

Thursday

Book Club 10:30 a.m.

Lunch 12:30

Games 11 a.m. 4 p.m.

Saturday

English 2 - 4 p.m.

Conversation