



# The Voice



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## Event Schedule (so far):

January 13 - Tastes of AmSoc

The theme this month is "Your Favorite Dish."

February 1 - Super Bowl Sunday!

Pot luck and snacks. AMSOC will provide chili and the cash bar will be open. Doors open at 3 PM and the donation is \$70 pesos.

February 12 - **Valentine's Day Luncheon**

Menu pending. This will also be our board of directors and officer installation luncheon.

February 22 - The Annual Oscar Party!

attendee provided appetizers and potluck. There will be a prize (a coupon for an Oscar movie pack) for the best appetizer entry. The donation is \$30 pesos, which includes popcorn.

March 19 - **St. Patrick's Day Luncheon**

## From Ann on Christmas Day



Dear AmSoc Board, Members and Friends,

On this beautiful day I want to wish you a lovely Christmas, Good Health and Great Wishes for the New Year!

Many thanks for all of the support you have given this past year to AmSoc and we look forward to being together in 2015!

We also want to WELCOME Teri Saya for taking over the Voice and we say a great big THANK YOU to Vicki Wootton for her years for doing the Voice each month, even though she had returned to Canada.

May God Bless all of you and Keep you close!

*Ann Whiting*, President

## Billiards Anyone?

You know that big beautiful pool table that you see when you first walk into the AmSoc building? Well, it's still up for sale.



It is a classic Brunswick billiard table, top-of-the-line, with leather pockets, slate stone base, finely turned wooden legs, and is in EXCELLENT condition complete with all accessories. Originally priced at \$3,300 USD, asking \$15,000 pesos. It's a steal!

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# Library Corner

by Library Volunteers

Many of you keep the library alive and going. Word of mouth is always the best way to promote anything and books are no exception.

Sonia Orchard's *something more wonderful* is the touching true story of two women friends, whom the cover calls "an adventurous, passionate, irrepressible pair". The statement "the doctors think I have cancer." turns this story from a predictable accounting of two whose world is full of dreams, dinner parties, travel, relationships and children into a powerful and moving rumination on life and death, and the invincibility of love. You can find this wonderful book on the recent arrivals shelf and later in the biography section.

If you are more into Action/Adventure/Crime, check out the recently organized section dedicated to these books. Many of your favorite authors are there, as well as some you might like if you are willing to take the chance.



## Tastes of AmSoc

Are you a Foodie? Bring a dish made from one of your favorite recipes and join our monthly get-together for good food and conversation on Tuesday January 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:00. If you are curious **about the group, or if you don't like to cook; but** would enjoy sampling some great food, you are invited to join us as a guest for a nominal charge. Please contact Gail @ 33 3968 6072 (cell) with questions, or to make your reservation.

### The Year in Review

The Tastes of AmSoc food group was conceived last March and has grown to over 15 cooking and associate members. The group has contributed over \$1,400 in cash and kitchen equipment to AmSoc since then.

Dishes that fit the entree or dessert theme for the month are prepared by each person in their home and are then brought to AmSoc to be shared with the group. It is not a competitive group; there are **no points or prizes....just good food and socializing.**

Over the last year the group has enjoyed BBQ ribs, smoked turkey, scalloped potatoes with ham, chicken pot pie, and meatloaf just to name a few of the entrees which include a wide variety of tasty main dish salads and yummy soups. Because there are very talented members who love to make pies, cakes and puddings, each meal has ended with some phenomenal desserts!



April - TOA already has assembled quite the crew.



July - Fabulous desserts!



September - Comfort food!



October - Cutting the quiche



November - Soups, turkey, and veggies



Photos by Gail Early

**The Special Holiday Luncheon was a Big Success!**

Good food, good conversation, and good fun was had by all!

The menu included zucchini soup, Cliff's sizzling hamburgers on the grill, Cam's potato salad and Bruce's caramel popcorn balls. All for \$60 pesos. And afterward the showing of the fun movie *We're No Angels* with Humphrey Bogart, Aldo Ray and Peter Ustinoff.



Delicious Burgers!



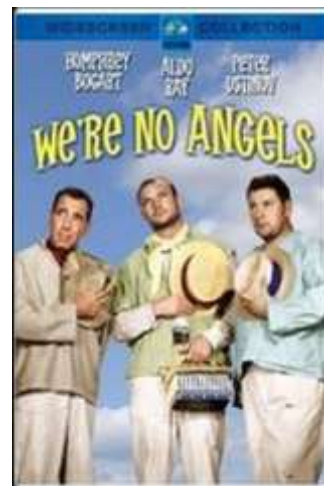
Cam wore her festive apron



Playing the "Mr. & Mrs. Wright" game

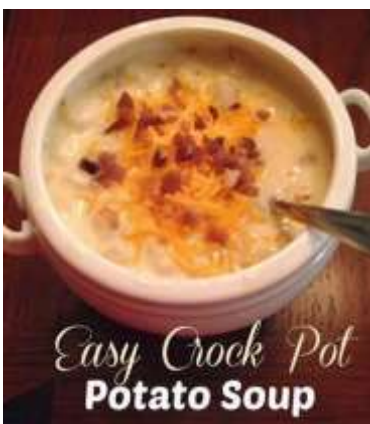


Finished off with Cake!



And the movie!

**Beginning of the Year Recipe**



**Ingredients:**

- 1 30oz. bag of frozen diced hash browns
- 1 32 oz box of chicken broth
- 1 can of cream of chicken soup (10 oz)
- 1 pkg. cream cheese (8 oz, not fat free)
- 4 or 5 slices of bacon, cooked and diced (optional)
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- salt and pepper to taste

**Directions:**

- Put the potatoes in the crockpot. Add in the chicken broth, cream of chicken soup and half of the bacon bits. Add a pinch of salt and pepper.
- Cook on low for 8 hours or until potatoes are tender.
- An hour before serving, cut the cream cheese into small cubes. Place the cubes in the crock pot. Mix a few times throughout the hour before serving.
- Once the cream cheese is completely mixed in, it's ready to serve.
- Top with cheddar cheese and some additional bacon bits. Chives would be a nice touch as well.

**AmSoc Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday 19, December 2014**

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

Present: Ann Whiting, Jerry Dankner, John Griffin, Bruce Newby, David Ruiz, Alejandra Vielma, Joan White with visitors, Gail Early, Cliff and Cam Esser, Doug Mattoon and Teri Saya.

**Treasurer's Report:** The report was read, reviewed and accepted.

Committee Reports:

1. Election Results were reviewed and Regis Soileau was unanimously elected to honorary lifetime 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of ASMOC. Frank Rodriguez was appointed to replace him as a member of the Board o Directors.
2. The Thanksgiving luncheon was very successful with 116 attendees.

Old Business:

1. Two new solar panels will be installed, one generously donated by Bruce Newby and the other paid for by AMSOC.
2. The policy regarding usage of the multi-purpose room was tabled.

New Business:

1. All Board Members need to provide copies of their passport (photo page) and Mexican immigration documents in black and white to Lupita.
2. Teri Saya will assume responsibility for the Voice and subsequently the web site. All members are encouraged to submit articles to Teri at [me@terisaya.com](mailto:me@terisaya.com). David suggested that we modernize and connect with social media and initiate a BlogSpot, to which Teri agreed. Jerry needs to pass the website details to Teri. We thank Teri for volunteering.
3. The kitchen service area needs maintenance. The board authorized the solicitation of estimates to replace the sink, repair the wall and check the floor and paint.
4. Due to insufficient sign-ups for the Christmas posada, the event was cancelled.
5. It was agreed to donate \$2000 pesos each to the Salvation Army, the Casa Huichol and MAMA; Ann will verify that the Casa Huichol is functioning well and, if not, AMSOC will donate \$2500 pesos each to the Salvation Army and MAMA this Christmas.
6. AMSOC will pay Christmas bonuses to Lupita and Rocio in accordance with Mexican law.
7. Staff Christmas vacations. Lupita will be off from December 22 2014 until the 7<sup>th</sup> of January 2015. Rocio will be off from December 22 2014 until the 8<sup>th</sup> of January 2015. All users of the AMSOC facilities are requested to leave the facilities clean.
8. Joan will make up a Christmas/Holiday card to be E-Mailed to all by Lupita.
9. No event is scheduled for the College Bowl on January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015.
10. We will have regular Thursday luncheons starting on the 8<sup>th</sup> of January 2015.

**Next board meeting will be January 13, 2015**

**Note from the Editor**

Hello AmSoc members,

I would like to take this little space to thank the board for voting me in as the new editor of the Voice. I am asking that you please bear with me on my first couple of issues. If I have missed something or put something in that you see is not correct, please let me know. I will still publish to you in PDF format for printout purposes, and (hopefully) beginning next month, will have the Voice interactively online with the new blog. A Facebook page will be forthcoming as well.

Any and all feedback or submissions are most welcome. You may contact me at [me@terisaya.com](mailto:me@terisaya.com) or 33-1955-2469.

A very Happy New Year to you all!

Teri Saya



For the Fun of it!

**DOG BREEDS WORD SEARCH PUZZLE**



Answer to this puzzle are at

<http://www.xyziin.com/WordSearchJan.html>