



The American Society of Jalisco S.A. • La Sociedad Americana de Jalisco S.A.

Halloween / Day of the Dead

Thursday the 31st of October.

Menu: salad, chicken lasagna and apple cake with ice cream.

\$250 peso prize for the best Halloween costume

\$110 pesos for members and \$120 for guests and at the door.

(See board minutes for more details.)

November Events

Thanksgiving

Thursday the 28th of November.

Tickets: \$200 pesos for non-members and at the door,

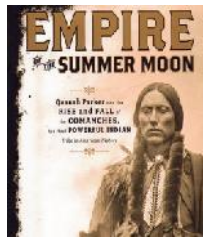
\$180 pesos for members and \$100 pesos for children 10 and under.

AmSoc Book Club

Thursday November 21, 10:00 a.m.

Empire of the Summer Moon by S.C. Gwyne

Gwyne takes us back to the epic struggle of the powerful Comanche tribe to keep their lands from the hands of the Spanish, the French, and finally the fledgling American nation.



Movie at 2:00 p.m. is Little Big Man starring Dustin Hoffman and Chief Dan George.

Note of interest: Chief Dan George was a genuine Indian chief. Born in North Vancouver in 1899, had many occupations: longshoreman, construction worker, poet, and school bus driver. He was Band Chief of the Tsleil-Waututh Nation (then called the Burrard Indian Band) from 1951-63 He died in 1981.

The American Society Photography Club

Meetings the 1st Thursday of the month at 10:30 a.m.

The club meeting is held on the first Thursday of each month @10:30 a.m. There are informational activities, two field trips each month and a monthly topic for members to shoot on an individual basis.

The first November field trip will be to Ocotlan, Jamay and La Barca to take pictures of Día de los Muertos, Russian statuary and murals. **Date: Saturday November 2nd.** If you are interested in carpooling to Ocotlan, call Gail Early @ 33 2400 7639 or email her frugfabbook@gmail.com.



These pictures were taken by AmSoc Photography Club members on the October field trips

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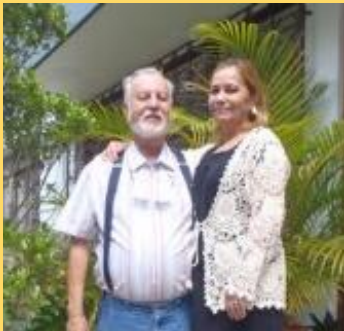
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Oktoberfest at Amsoc



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Meet the Author

Many thanks to all those who attended AMSOC'S *Meet the Author* event in October. Alejandro Grattan Dominguez from Ajijic was our special guest. Alejandro is a man of many talents: Novelist, screen writer, producer, writer, founder of Ajijic Writers' Guild, editor El Ojo del Lago, selected in 2007 for Who's Who in Mexico, ... but above all: down to earth and interesting! He's a thinker and a great story teller.



The audience was treated to readings from his historical fiction book *The Dark Side of the Dream*, which has been compared by reviewers to *Roots* and *The Grapes of Wrath*. The story focuses on Mexican immigrants to the United States at the time of WW II. Believable characters lead the reader through a journey from Chihuahua to Texas, and from Texas to war torn Italy and back.

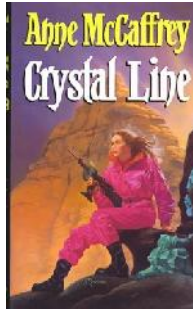
Following a lively question and answer period, Alejandro autographed copies of his book. The book is available through amazon.com in paperback and Kindle format. Trailer: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V-etwli0N-w>



The Library Corner

Attention all Science Fiction Fans!

The library has recently obtained a hardback copy of Anne McCaffrey's *Crystal Line*, published in 1992. This is another book starring Killashandra and includes a brain-ship. Here is a quote from the book's jacket. *"Taking a deep breath, Killashandra touched the black crystal to the opalescent material, quiveringly ready to drop forceps and all at any sign that the black was going to react. The black shaft was ingested so swiftly that her reflexes had no time to respond. Forceps, crystal, and her gloved hand were all pulled into the sudden maelstrom of frenzied, turbulent patterns that cascaded down the opalescence and flowed through Killashandra with such devastating force that she felt her death was imminent. Her whole life flashed across her mind pushing her down into black oblivion."*



McCaffrey died in November, 2011, at the age of 86. She divided her time between her homes in Ireland and the United States. Early in McCaffrey's 46-year career as a writer, she became the first woman to win a Hugo Award for fiction and the first to win a Nebula Award. Her 1978 novel *The White Dragon* became one of the first science-fiction books to appear on the New York Times Best Seller List. In those 46 years she wrote many more than 70 books, the best know were about the Planet Pern and the telepathic dragons.

Bette Drummond for AmSoc library volunteers.

AMSOC Board Meeting Minutes October 15, 2013

Present:

Ann Whiting, Jerry Dankner, Diane Golz, John Griffin, Regis Soileau, Jim Watkins, Alejandra Vielma and Joan White.

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

Treasurer's report:

The treasurer's report was reviewed and accepted by unanimous vote.

Committee Reports:

Oktoberfest was a success with 41 attendees. Everyone loved the German sausage and sauerkraut.

Old Business:

1. Diane presented a revised draft of newcomer information and is continuing to add to it.
2. Jerry purchased medical supplies; Joan and Alejandra made a bilingual list which includes the use of each medicine, plus a few additional necessities. Many thanks to Pauline for her donation to pay for the medicine. The cabinet is pending.
3. Halloween Menu: salad, chicken lasagna and apple cake with ice cream. \$110 pesos for members and \$120 for guests and at the door. There will be a \$250 peso prize for the best Halloween costume and, if

there are more than 40 attendees there will be a certificate for the Christmas Posada luncheon. There will also be a large decorated Halloween cookie for each participant with a costume.

4. We are investigating the possibility of getting Herpes Zoster (shingles) vaccinations; this is a once in a lifetime immunization -- pending.

New Business:

1. The cost for our Thanksgiving event will be \$200 pesos for non-members and at the door, \$180 pesos for members and \$100 pesos for children 10 and under.
2. The Salvation Army confirmed their attendance on December 14, 2013 at 1:00 PM. The suggested menu for this year is chicken a la orange, cuscus, green beans and dessert with a cost of \$120 pesos for members and \$130 pesos for guests and at the door.
3. A new policy was proposed and agreed: no employee should lift more than 20 kg.
4. Because of schedule differences we agreed that a mailbox should be placed upstairs for deposit of mail, upon receipt, for the people with offices there.
5. Pauline is making chair/wheelchair saddlebags and donating the cost, \$150 pesos each, to AMSOC. Jerry/Pauline to pass this information to Vicki to put in the Voice.
6. Investigations pending:
 - a) Complete integration of the sound system with the TV and the microphone
 - b) Sound reducing paint or ceiling tiles
 - c) Interphone system – with reception in the office and at the desk
 - d) Security system, potentially in conjunction with the Junior League

Event Schedule:

1. Halloween and Day of the Dead celebration Thursday the 31st of October.
2. Thanksgiving celebration Thursday the 28th of November.
3. The Thursday luncheon attendance has decreased and it is costing AMSOC to provide 30 meals. As of 23 October we will start preparing 25 meals each Thursday.
4. Christmas Posada on December 14th.



*From my window,
October 26, 2013
Four days later the
wind had taken
most of the leaves.*

Quotations

The trouble with normal is it always gets worse.

Bruce Cockburn

Peace is not a relationship of nations. It is a condition of mind brought about by a serenity of soul. Peace is not merely the absence of war. It is also a state of mind. Lasting peace can come only to peaceful people.

Jawaharlal Nehru

The price of freedom of religion, or of speech, or of the press, is that we must put up with a good deal of rubbish.

Robert Jackson

La verdadera nobleza consiste en saber sufrir por los demás, en no hacer sufrir los demás.

Alexis Carrel

He who laughs last has not yet heard the bad news.

Berthold Brecht

Snippets

Each morning before I start work, I peruse the daily news online and sometimes I mark articles that I find interesting, informative, or just plain weird. This month I've only been able to access the BBC, but I intend to add other news agencies to my homepage soon.

Here are a few snippets from October:

The Suicide Forest, Japan

Those who live near Aokigahara Suicide Forest say there are three types of people that visit: sightseers who just want to check out the Fuji mountain-side, the morbidly curious, and the people who are not expected to ever return.

These woods are the second most popular place of suicide in the world, following the Golden Gate Bridge. Between 10 and 80 people end their lives in the "Sea of Trees" each year.



Anti-suicide signs are scattered throughout the area proclaiming things like, "*Your life is a precious gift from your parents,*" or "*Please consult the police before you decide to die!*"

Dead man walking

Donald Miller of Ohio left behind a wife, two children and significant debt when he fled his home in 1986.

He was declared legally dead in 1994, then re-emerged in 2005 and attempted to apply for a driving license.

A judge this week found death rulings cannot be overturned after three years.

Judge Allan Davis handed down the ruling in Hancock County, Ohio, probate court on Monday, [...] "We've got the obvious here. A man sitting in the courtroom, he appears to be in good health," he said, finding that he was prevented by state law from declaring Mr. Miller legally alive.

"I don't know where that leaves you, but you're still deceased as far as the law is concerned."

Source: BBC

Top 10 kindest nations

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| 1. Australia | 2. Ireland |
| 3. Canada | 4. New Zealand |
| 5. United States | 6. Netherlands |
| 7. Indonesia | 8. UK |
| 9. Paraguay | 10. Denmark |

Source: World Giving Index

The best places to be a woman

Europe has seven countries in the top 10. The UK is 18th, Canada 20th, and the US is 23rd. The Philippines, at fifth, is the highest ranking Asian nation and Nicaragua is the highest-placed country from the Americas, at 10th.

The G20 group of leading industrial nations has no representative in the top 10, nor do the Middle East or Africa.

These figures are based on education, healthcare, politics, and economics.

Top countries

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| 1. Iceland | 2. Finland |
| 3. Norway | 4. Sweden |
| 5. Philippines | 6. Ireland |
| 7. New Zealand | 8. Denmark |
| 9. Switzerland | 10. Nicaragua |

Source: The Global Gender Gap Report, 2013

Saddlebags

© Pauline Van Havere

These quilted cotton saddlebags are designed to hang on a walker but they also fit on the arm of wheelchair, or the side of a hospital bed. Use them to hold just about anything from a cell phone to a deck of cards. They are washable but do **not** iron them.

They are available at AmSoc for \$150 pesos which covers the cost of material and goes directly and completely to AmSoc. I make them because it's fun and I give them to AmSoc to contribute to their coffers but also to make the saddlebags more widely available to people who will benefit from them.



Weekly Calendar

AA Meeting (Mon, Wed, Fri.)	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	
Book Club (3 rd Thursday)	10:30 a.m.
Photography Club (1 st Thur.)	10:30 a.m.
Games	11:00 a.m.
Lunch	12:30 p.m.
Saturday	
English Conversation	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Spicy Bean Casserole

Ingredients

- 2 cups cooked white beans
- 4-5 diced tomatoes
- 1 small onion, diced
- 1 jalapeño pepper finely chopped
(discard seeds if you prefer it less *piquante*)
- 1 large or two small zucchinis diced
- 1 cup corn kernels (frozen corn is good)
- 1 clove of garlic, finely chopped
- Optional: other vegetables such as green peas and chopped mushrooms, chopped cilantro.
- 1 cup zesty grated cheese
- 1 ½ cups tomato sauce (*puree de tomate*) mixed with ½ cup water
- 12 tostados
- 1/4 cup salad oil

Method

Pour about a tablespoon oil in pan and sauté onions, jalapeños and garlic for 3-4 minutes stirring them as they cook; add the remaining vegetables, cilantro and salt and stir together over medium heat for about 1 minute. Turn off heat and cover pan.

Use a 9-10" casserole dish. Pour remaining oil in the bottom and cover with four broken tostados, then spread half the vegetables over them, add half the beans and half a cup of the diluted tomato sauce, then top with some grated cheese. Add another layer the same as the first, finish with a layer of tostados, the rest of the tomato sauce and sprinkle with grated cheese.

Put lid on the casserole and cook in oven heated to 195° (C) 350 (F) until cheese is melted and slightly browned (approx. ½ hour). The sauce should be bubbling.

Kindness Day

November 13 is World Kindness Day. Here are some random acts of kindness you can do to celebrate:

- Offer to do someone's shopping
- Bake someone a cake
- Work for someone for free
- Visit someone who is lonely
- Take someone some flowers.

English-speaking Dentist

Dra. Olga C. Sanchez Vergara
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