

The Voice

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Farewell to Al and Elvira

The usual Friday night social turned into quite a fun evening as many arrived to say goodbye and good luck to Al and Elvira Klob who are moving to Colima. Thanks to "The Guys" there was plenty of good food and many ladies brought more dishes. Bruce brought in some fine music and the place rocked. Everyone, including yours truly, got up and boogied a little. Al got a farewell gift of a pretty fancy telescope that should keep him busy at night anyhow. It was a happy/sad evening, as we will miss all the years of help and participation both of the Klobs have given to the American Society. We know they will be back, one of these days and until then wish them all the best.

Discoveries

By Sandra Hayes

Gelato

I thought the creamy stuff at Centro Magno was delicious, but Debbie Weissman has discovered something even better at the OK Pasteleria on the corner of Av. Mexico and Perez Verdia. We aren't sure if they offer it at all the branches but try it out. We all know how delicious their cakes are!

Batteries

Here's something you need to make note of if you have a car that ever dies on you. Wayne Koch swears by this company, LTH EXPRESS, which comes right to your house with a new battery or a charge for your old one. They arrive quickly and can install a

new battery in 20 minutes complete with cleaning of the area. There doesn't seem to be any English available but you can contact them at: 3613-3199 or 3120-8741 from 9AM to 10PM daily.

Any new restaurants we should know about? Places where you have found good service of any kind?

This is a good time to mention that I had the opportunity to be treated to lunch at La Trattoria (twice) thanks to Independence Day raffle winners. My first comida wasn't all that great, the second time I went for pasta, which is the best. Service was excellent, in spite of the crowds that fill the place daily, and the manager brought the bill personally, which was, in one case, a big zero.

Independence Day Celebration

There was a huge, happy crowd in the American Legion garden on July 3. Mexicans outnumbered Americans about 3 to 1 and all were there for a good time. The flag ceremony wasn't much of a ceremony and for some reason the Star Spangled Banner was sung by a country singer and we couldn't even sing along, and they also acknowledged Canada with a rendition of their national anthem in French.

The food was plentiful and good, music also. The drawing was a huge success; lots of ladies got up to dance; kids had games (once again thanks to Colony Reporter) and the fun went on till almost 8PM. Thanks go out to Ann Whiting and Jack Holmes who decided we should join forces for a very special day.

Quotable Quotes

The honest politician is one who, when he is bought, stays bought.

Simon Cameron

Civilization is a race between education and catastrophe.

Brian W. Aldis *White Mars*

August Events

Friendship Lunch
Cancelled

July Board Meeting

Apologies. We are unable to publish minutes this month due to a breakdown in communications. This is completely the responsibility of Vicki-mea culpa-Wootton who hasn't yet acquired a telephone or internet connection since moving to her new home; frequent breakdowns of Prodigy at AmSoc didn't help much either..

Recipe of the Month

Sherry Trifle – Bizcocho Borracho

Ingredients

Sponge cake (bizcocho) or packet of lady fingers
1 pkt. of frozen raspberries or strawberries
½ cup chopped walnuts or almonds
¼ - ½ cup sherry
1 ½ cups thick English custard or vanilla pudding
1 cup whipped cream.

Method

Crumble cake into your best glass bowl and stir in defrosted fruit (and juice), sherry, and chopped nuts. Top with a layer of custard or vanilla pudding. Refrigerate. When custard/pudding is set, pipe the whipped cream around top and garnish with a few nuts and/or whole berries. Refrigerate before serving.

Help!

I'm running out of recipes and would be very pleased if you could contribute some so that we can continue this column. V.W.

Adios, Amigos!

There's a certain emptiness around AmSoc these days; something seems to be missing. I think it is the absence of our friends, Al and Elvira.

Al was always eager to assist anyone who asked for help and he was knowledgeable of many subjects. I was often impressed by his remarkable memory for facts and figures. Elvira was a ray of sunshine in our midst, always cheerful and friendly.

While I sometimes enjoyed sparring with Al over our conflicting opinions and ideologies, I always respected him for standing by what he believed in.

In his position as a board member and one-time president of AmSoc, Al served faithfully and conscientiously, making the interests of the organization his primary concern. He was one of the AmSoc members who truly contributed "above and beyond..."

I wish them both much happiness, prosperity and good health in their new home, and hope that, even if they find a new club, they will come back frequently to visit their old friends.

Keep an eye on that volcano, Al!

Vicki Wootton

Notices

Sale of Sales

Tentatively scheduled for October 15 (we'll keep you posted as to date).

We need donations. Two or three items from each member—or a whole closetful if you like—would make it a great sale and fundraiser for AmSoc:

*Clothing, including children's
Tools & hardware
Electronics
CDs, books & toys
Household items*

The sale will be open to the public. We will also need volunteers to work at the sale. See Walter Januszko if you would like to help.

Help

Here is a real easy volunteer opportunity for those who don't have a lot of time to spend on AmSoc. In only one hour a week, maximum, someone needs to step up and take care of the bulletin boards. They need to be straightened out, updated, and organized so people we send out to look at them can find what they need. Most importantly the rental and yard sale notices need to be dated.

Also, it would be smart to eliminate most announcements in Spanish as they are never, and will never be read. There are always new pictures so that part should be changed too. Simple.

Once it is done, there will just be checking. If you agree it is important - and simple - just DO it!

Marching Mariachis

The Mariachi Parade in Guadalajara is a thrilling experience you will never find anywhere else. Mariachis from many countries join together in the birthplace of the art for a series of concerts and appearances in September.

But the first thing they do is parade through downtown on **September 3**, and you can get a "catbird" seat for this musical treat. We will have reservations at Sanborn's, overlooking the parade route, and you can sign up at the reception desk at AmSoc. A deposit of 20 pesos will hold your reservation.

Day Trip

Ruth Rentz wants to organize an out-of-town bus trip for AmSoc members and would welcome suggestions and volunteers.

Ruth reports that the last such trip was great fun.

Call Amsoc: 3121-2395 and leave a message for Ruth if you would like to help or have any suggestions.

Contact us!

If you would like to contribute to this newsletter (we welcome contributions) or comment on anything contained herein, our e-mail addresses are:

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Visit AmSoc's website

<http://www.amsocmex.com>

It has loads of information about Guadalajara: places to shop, entertainment, restaurants, services, etc.

AmSoc August Calendar

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