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July 4th U.S. Independence Day Celebration

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Line-up at the buffet



Elvira Klob, winner of lovely painting donated by artist Marcia Gran



Louise Mattos and Regis Soileau welcome arriving guests



Prizewinner Frances Raimo

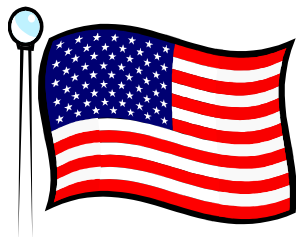
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Ann Whiting and Gretchen Coffey. Gretchen donated a basket of Mary Kay products as a raffle prize.



Amelia Fields and Judy Becker Thanks for helping with raffle tickets.





Marcia Gran with her daughter, Liz Argentine, and grandson, Marcelo

July 4th

This year, the Independence Day celebration was held at the American Society clubhouse. By all accounts, it was a successful event with 170 people attending. Even the rain cooperated by staying away.

Members were pleased to be able to have a last chance to meet the departing Consul General, Edward Ramotowski, and his charming family.

Guests enjoyed the traditional American fare, hotdogs, hamburgers, and chili con carne, followed by ice cream cones. Special thanks to the people who prepared and served the food, Jim Armstrong, Rocio Huerta and Lupita Elizondo, Jim Watkins, Juan, Stan Kaprowsky, and server, Raquel Wheeler. Bruce Newby and Al Klob took turns working the bar.

As always, lots of great prizes were donated for the raffle. For a complete list of sponsors, see the July 11-18 Guadalajara Reporter. A list of prize-winners can be seen in the office at AmSoc.

While most people enjoyed the event, a few guests thought there were too many people for the venue and complained about overcrowding and so much noise, they couldn't have a conversation. Another person mentioned that there were so many people, they didn't get served until after 3:00 p.m. and some latecomers did not find the meal they had ordered.

Special thanks to Bob and Amelia Fields for selling a large number of tickets. This year, in addition to several American Legion members, we also welcomed a large group from Los Compañeros de las Américas, several English teachers and members of the English-speaking Toastmasters.

Daniel Keller, the New Consul General

The Department of State has named Daniel Keller, former US Consul General in Madrid, Spain, to replace Edward Ramotowski. Mr. Keller was born and grew up in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He studied at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, graduating in 1970 with a degree in sociology. He did post graduate studies in San Antonio. Before he entered the Foreign Service he taught English and managed his own business.

Mr. Keller's started working in the Foreign Service in January 1980. His first position was as vice-consul in the city of Monterrey. Subsequently, he served in Naha, Japan; Taipei, Taiwan; Shanghai and Gwangzhou, China; Washington D.C.; Moscow; Lagos, Nigeria; Manila, Philippines; Santiago, Chile; Caracas, Venezuela; and Madrid, Spain.



He is married to Ningchen Liao and has three grown children.

Mr. Ramotowski departed Guadalajara in early July, and Mr. Keller will arrive in late August. Consular Section Chief Martha Melzow will serve as acting Consul General in the interim period.

Quotes of the month

The denunciation of the young is a necessary part of the hygiene of older people, and greatly assists in the circulation of their blood.

Logan Pearsall Smith

People are like stained-glass windows. They sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in; their true beauty is revealed only if there is a light from within.

Elizabeth Kubler Ross

Like most men, I never let my dignity get in the way of sex.

Kernick, Simon

Do you know this man?

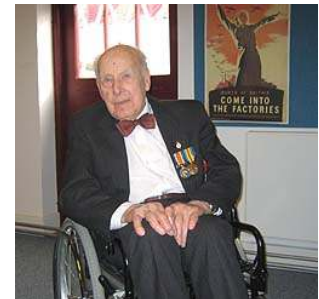


We have been unable to uncover his identity so that we can give him the thanks he deserves for donating his prize if \$1,000 pesos to the Salvation Army Hogar de Niños.

World's oldest man dies

The world's oldest man and one of the last surviving World War I veterans, Henry Allingham, died on July 18. He had recently celebrated his 113th birthday (June 6).

Born in 1896 in north-east London, Allingham was the last surviving *original* member of the Royal Air Force, which was formed in 1918.



He became the world's oldest man on June 17 when the previous holder, Tomoji Tanabe of Japan, died at 113.

He cites "cigarettes, whisky and wild women" as the reason for his longevity.

The world's oldest man is now Walter Breuning, a 112-year-old American, who was born on September 21, 1896. (AP)

Carlos has more photos from the 4th of July. If you would like to have prints or digital copies, please contact the editor of this newsletter.

One thousand paper cranes

Sadako Sasaki (*Japanese*: 佐々木 禎) was two years old when the atomic bomb dropped on her home city of Hiroshima on August 6, 1945. Her house was one mile from ground zero, yet she survived the blast. In 1954, she was diagnosed with leukemia after lumps appeared on her neck and purple spots on her legs. She was twelve years old when she was hospitalized on February 21, 1955.

In August 1955 the people of Nogoya donated a thousand origami¹ cranes (the symbol of loyalty and honor) to the hospital where she was a patient. Inspired by the gift, Sadako started folding cranes herself. Japanese people believe that a person who folds 1,000 cranes will be granted his or her greatest wish.

Sadako encountered one obstacle to her project, a shortage of paper, so she started visiting other patients in the hospital, scrounging wrapping paper from gifts and medicines.

When she died on October 25, 1955, she had only completed 644 cranes. Her friends and classmates completed the remainder after her death.



A statue of Sadako holding a golden crane was unveiled at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial in 1958. On a plaque at the foot of the statue are the words: *This is our cry. This is our Prayer, Peace in the world.*

Every year the Japanese celebrate August 15 as a day of Peace and Love dedicated to Sadako Sasaki

Old editor returns

Vicki Wootton

I believe it is customary for editors to refer to themselves as “we”, however, that sounds a bit too pompous for me, so I’ll use the singular form.

I enjoyed my previous efforts at producing *The Voice* so much that I cajoled board members into allowing me to take it on again now that I have more time on my hands. The truth is, they were only too happy to have me take over, so I didn’t have to twist anyone’s arm.

Let’s hope you will find the newsletters informative and entertaining, and that somebody will read them.

It would be very gratifying and helpful to me if readers would also contribute from time to time. Please send news of events you would like to have publicized. Anything sent to my email address or left at the AmSoc office will be considered. They must be written down. It’s not much use telling me something because I have an aging memory which falters at times.

We will also have a classified section where you can advertise anything that is not illegal or immoral. The cost for ads will be \$25 pesos per month, all of which goes to AmSoc.

It would also be nice if someone would volunteer to proofread because it is impossible for a writer to detect all her own errors.

AmSoc Board

There has been quite a change in the board of directors at the American Society since I last did *The Voice*. The current board (listed below) serves until December 2009.

Officers

President	Ann Whiting
1 st Vice-president	Bruce Newby
2 nd Vice-president	Sergio Garcia
Treasurer	Jim Armstrong
Secretary	Louise A. Mattos

Directors

Bob Letendre,	David Ruiz
Jim Watkins	Mikki Frech
Jason Hartzell	Patricia Olarte
Regis Soileau	Frank Raimo
Cliff Esser	

These people deserve a hearty thank-you for their work and ded-

ication to the Society. Without them, the club would not survive.

In addition to the board of directors, we owe many thanks to our indispensable support staff, Rocio Huerta and Lupita Elizondo. Keep those tasty dishes coming, ladies.

Recent developments

Long distance phone calls

How would you like to be able to call anywhere in North America, any time, for just \$10 pesos? Too good to be true? Not at all. Come to AmSoc and find out how you can make long distance calls for \$10p.

Breakfast is served

You can now have breakfast at the American Society every day from Monday to Saturday starting at 9:00 a.m. You can order eggs, cooked any way you like them, along with a choice of bacon, sausage or ham, plus hot-cakes, orange juice and coffee. The cost is a mere \$45 pesos. The lady we have to thank for this is Carmen Gil Dominguez. Come out and enjoy a hearty American-style breakfast!

Video library

We are pleased to announce that we have started a library of DVDs for the enjoyment AmSoc members. We have a selection of movies ranging from classics of the forties and fifties to the latest hits, and some popular TV series. There should be something for everyone’s taste.

All the movies have been donated by members of AmSoc. More donations of DVDs in good condition will be happily accepted to supplement our modest collection of around 250 disks.

Contribute to *The Voice*

We welcome articles and comments from readers, in English or Spanish, on any subject you think might be of interest. We are considering giving prizes for the best articles (not written by the editor) at the end of the year.

We need more humor because this editor is a little challenged in the humor department!

Son bienvenidos los comentarios y artículos que quieran enviarnos en español.

¹ Japanese art of paper folding



Terapeuta Leticia Rodriguez Zamudio with her granddaughter, Daphne. Leticia was one of the July 4 sponsors

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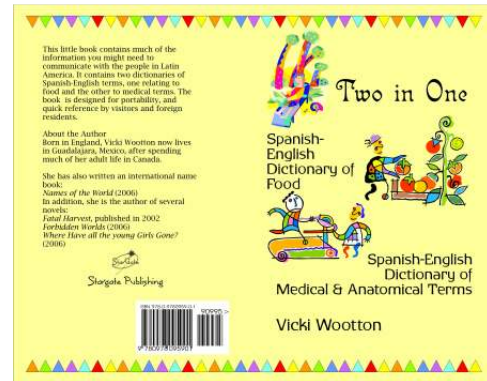
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Two in One: Spanish-English Dictionary of Food & Medical Terms

by Vicki Wootton



On sale at AmSoc for \$80 pesos
 A percentage of sales is donated to AmSoc

Weekly Calendar of Activities

Monday	Breakfast 9:00 a.m. Aerobics 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday	Breakfast 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday	Breakfast 9:00 a.m. Aerobics 9:30 a.m.
Thursday	Breakfast 9:00 a.m. Lunch 12:30 p.m. Games afternoon
Friday	Breakfast 9:00 a.m. Aerobics 9:30 a.m. Social 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	Breakfast 9:00 a.m. English group 1:00 Toastmasters 1:00