

The Voice



The American Society of Jalisco

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Discoveries

Los Arcos

I had lunch with friends at this fine seafood restaurant shortly before Christmas. The interior is spacious with country-style furniture painted in a multitude of beautiful colors. The food and service were excellent. My avocado stuffed with shrimp, although listed on the menu as an appetizer, was more than I could eat. It was delicious. Beatriz and Norma were equally pleased with their meals. After we had finished, we were each presented with a complimentary liqueur and a fragrant long-stemmed rose. *Los Arcos is on Lazaro Cardenas at San Uriel.* (VW)

Presentation by U.S. Consul at AmSoc Lunch

Ms Sandra J. Salmon, the Consul General of the United States in Guadalajara, attended our January 18 Luncheon and gave an interesting and informative presentation on "Bird Flu", Avian Influenza (H5N1).

While this is a potentially deadly strain of the disease—from a human standpoint—relatively few people around the world have been infected to date. Research is currently taking place on preparation of a vaccine, and on other preventive measures to keep it from turning into a pandemic similar to the Spanish Flu in 1918—the most lethal epidemic in human history.

For anyone interested in more information, pamphlets are available at AmSoc or the U.S. Consulate, and there is detailed information on this subject at the website of the U.S. Center for Disease Control: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/avian/>.

The Consul's presentation was followed by a lunch of spaghetti and meat balls, after which the new ten-member board of directors was sworn in.

Coming Events

Saint Valentine's Day Luncheon

Saturday, February 18, 2006

Bar Opens 12:00, Lunch served 1:30

Menu

Beef Stroganoff with Noodles and Broccoli

Green Salad. Peach Melba for desert

Tickets on sale at the clubhouse: \$90 *in advance*

Members \$100/Guests \$110 at door.

Metric Conversion

The metric system is the most commonly used system of measurement in the world. This article is to aid those who would like to become more familiar with it.

Temperature

32° Fahrenheit = 0° Celsius (freezing point)

212° F = 100° C (boiling point)

To convert from Celsius to Fahrenheit:

$\times 9, \div 5, + 32$, (e.g., 10° C = 50° F.)

Cooking (approximate equivalents)

250° F = 120° C

350° F = 180° C

400° F = 200° C

450° F = 230° C.

Length

1 foot = 30.5 centimeters

1 yard = 90 centimeters

1 centimeter = 0.39 inches

1 meter = 3.3 feet (39 inches).

Weight

1 lb. = 0.454 kg (454 gr).

1 oz. = 28.35 gr.

1 kg. = 2.205 lb (usually calculated as 2.2).

(Source: *The Cambridge Factfinder*, Cambridge University Press)

As the saying goes

Our necessities are few, but our wants are endless.

Josh Billings

Do not wait for extraordinary circumstances to do good; try to use ordinary situations.

Jean Paul Richter

You can't hold a man down without staying down with him.

Booker T. Washington

Board of Directors Meeting The American Society of Jalisco

December 6, 2005

Present: Bruce Newby, Bob Letendre, Don Mencl, Frank Raimo, Regis Soileau, Sergio Garcia, Vicki Wootton, Uwe Meller

Absent: Ann Whiting, Walter Januszko

Meeting called to order at 10:32, Bruce Newby presiding, and a quorum was declared.

- i. Minutes of the November meeting were accepted.
- ii. Treasurer's Report was presented. Regis reported that the Thanksgiving luncheon netted \$6,057.59 pesos, \$2,025 pesos over the previous year. Year-to-date revenue is \$18,635 higher than this month last year, and the net income shows an increase of \$8,633 pesos. Treasurer's report was accepted.
- iii. Bob Letendre reported that the Thanksgiving Luncheon was a success with no mishaps, no complaints, and plenty of food. The Board proposed a vote of thanks for Bob for his work in planning and preparation of the luncheon.
- iv. Frank Grealish and Jack Sinon have taken on the responsibility of managing the bar.
- v. Sergio Garcia reported that he had arranged for \$50,000 pesos to be deposited in an short-term interest-bearing account until needed to cover operating expenses.
- vi. The Christmas Posada will take place on Wednesday, December 21, at noon. The Salvation Army Hogar de Niños will provide entertainment between 1:00 and 2:00 p.m. Dinner, consisting of roast pork, scalloped potatoes, green vegetables, salad and pie, will be served at 2:00 p.m. Advance ticket

sales are being encouraged with discount prices. There will be a 50/50 draw.

- vii. Regis reported that the American Legion Post 3 will have no functions between now and February.
- viii. Christmas leaves and bonuses were approved for Lupita and Rocio, as was Lupita's request for five extra days unpaid leave.
- ix.
 - a. Don Mencl has volunteered to prepare a calendar of events for 2006. Don needs input from members for themes and menus for the monthly luncheons. The possibility of having luncheons on Saturdays is being considered.
 - b. Future board meetings will take place on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:58

January 10, 2006

Present: Bruce Newby, Don Mencl, Frank Raimo, Regis Soileau, Sergio Garcia, Vicki Wootton,

Absent: Bob Letendre, Uwe Meller, Ann Whiting

Meeting called to order at 10:31, Bruce Newby presiding.

- i. Treasurer's report unavailable due to problems with computer, however, Regis reported that AmSoc had a net profit of \$4,135 pesos from the Christmas Posada
- ii. Discussion and planning of monthly luncheons resulted in the following decisions:
 - a. There will be a January luncheon on Wednesday, January 19 for the swearing-in of the new board. On the menu will be spaghetti and meatballs with the usual accoutrements.
 - b. The February St. Valentine's day luncheon will take place on Saturday, February 18. The main course will be beef Stroganoff.
 - c. On Wednesday, March 15, we will have a St. Patrick's day luncheon with corned beef and vegetables.
- iii. Don Mencl made a motion that someone check the solvency of Lloyds.
- iv. Don Mencl expressed concern that non-members were borrowing books from the library, and possibly using the library as a

book exchange. The board was unanimous in reiterating that no one may take books out of the clubhouse unless he or she is a member of AmSoc. It was suggested and approved that a student membership be made available of \$100 pesos per year in order to enable students with low incomes to use the library.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10

NOTICE

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Meeting times: Mon., Wed., Fri. at 6:00 pm

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2 Months in World History

January

January 1, 1863 - The Emancipation Proclamation by President Abraham Lincoln frees slaves in the states rebelling against the Union.

January 1, 1958 - The EEC (European Economic Community) formed by Belgium, France, West Germany, Italy, Luxembourg and The Netherlands.

January 10, 1946 - 1st meeting of the United Nations General Assembly in London.

January 15 1929 - Martin Luther King born in Atlanta, Georgia.

January 16, 1992 - The twelve year civil war in El Salvador ends after claiming over 75,000 lives.

January 17, 1945 - Warsaw, Poland, is liberated by Soviet troops.

January 21, 1976 - The Concorde supersonic jet begins passenger service. The Concorde cruised at Mach 2 at an altitude up to 60,000 feet.

January 22, 1973 - Abortion legalized in the U.S.

January 23, 1849 - Elizabeth Blackwell becomes America's first woman doctor.

January 24, 1895 - Hawaii's Queen Liliuokalani forced to abdicate under pressure from powerful American businessmen.

January 27, 1973 - U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War ended. The longest war in American history claimed 58,000 American lives, and 300,000 wounded.

January 28, 1756 Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart born in Salzburg, Austria.

January 28, 1986 - U.S. Space Shuttle *Challenger* explodes shortly after launching.

January 30, 1933 - Adolf Hitler was appointed Chancellor of Germany.

January 30, 1948 - Mahatma Gandhi assassinated in New Delhi, India.

January 30, 1972 - In Londonderry, Northern Ireland, 13 Catholics are killed by British troops during a banned civil rights march. The event became known as Bloody Sunday.

February

February 1, 2003 - Space Shuttle *Columbia* breaks apart in flight over west Texas, killing all seven crew members.

February 2, 1848 - The war between the U.S. and Mexico ends with the signing of the *Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo*. In exchange for \$15 million, the U.S. acquires the areas encompassing parts or all of present day California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, and Texas.

February 4, 1985 - Twenty countries in the United Nations sign the *Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment*.

February 5, 1917 - The new constitution of Mexico adopted, allowing for sweeping social changes.

February 6, 1952 - King George VI of England dies and his daughter becomes Queen Elizabeth II,

February 8, 1587 - Mary Stuart, Queen of Scots, beheaded after 19 years as a prisoner of Queen Elizabeth I.

February 11, 660 BC - Founding date of the Japanese nation with the accession to the throne of the first Emperor, Jimmu.

February 11, 1990 - In South Africa, Nelson Mandela, at age 71, released from prison after serving 27 years.

February 13, 1945 - The Allies begin the 4-day firebombing of the historic city of Dresden, Germany, killing an estimated 135,000 persons.

February 21, 1972 - President Richard Nixon arrives in China for historic meetings with Chairman Mao Tse-tung and Premier Chou En-lai.

AmSoc February Calendar

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