



# The Voice

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## Advertising:

Members, \$30 peso per month donation to AmSoc or \$300/yr  
Non-members \$60 pesos/m or \$600/yr

## February Events

### *Super Bowl*

Sunday February 6<sup>th</sup>.

Doors will open at 3 PM for the pregame show.

The game starts at 5 PM local time.

\$60 peso donation includes a bowl of chili.

Attendees are welcome to bring *botanas* to share.

### *Friendship Day*

The St. Valentine's Day and Lincoln's birthday

Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> of February at 1:00 p.m. (doors open at noon)

#### Menu

Lasagna, salad, and strawberry ice cream for dessert.

\$100 peso for members and \$120 peso donations for non-members.

### *Oscar Night Gala*

Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> of February 6:00 p.m.

Pizza, soft drinks, popcorn, and assorted snacks

Door Prize

Donation to AmSoc \$50 pesos

Tuxedo optional.

### *AmSoc Book Club*

February 17: The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo

10 am Discussion of *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*

12 noon Lunch (optional)

2 pm Movie (version to be determined) \$20 peso donation

Amazon Best of the Month, September 2008: This debut thriller—the first in a trilogy from the late Stieg Larsson—is a serious page-turner. Mikael Blomkvist, a once-respected financial journalist, watches his professional life rapidly crumble around him. Prospects appear bleak until an unexpected (and unsettling) offer to resurrect his name is extended by an old-school titan of Swedish industry. The catch—and there's always a catch—is that Blomkvist must first spend a year researching a mysterious disappearance that has remained unsolved for nearly four decades.

March (date to be determined) To Kill a Mockingbird

*To Kill a Mockingbird* is a novel by Harper Lee published in 1960. It was instantly successful, winning the Pulitzer Prize, and has become a classic of modern American literature. The plot and characters are loosely based on the author's observations of her family and neighbors, as well as on an event that occurred near her hometown in 1936, when she was 10 years old.

British librarians ranked the book ahead of the Bible as one "every adult should read before they die."

## December Bake Sale: by Bobbye Trotter



One of our newest members, Sue Hurst, from the great state of Virginia has a passion for cooking and baking. She wanted to put this passion to use by coordinating a Bake Sale to raise funds for AmSoc. With the help of two other members, Joan White and Bobbye Trotter, they gathered at Sue's home to bake up a storm. They baked, packaged and priced a variety of goods and sold them over a period of three days at different functions at AmSoc. The sale was well received by all and the Brownies were a big hit. Thank you, Sue, for using your talents to not only satisfy the sweet tooth of our members, but to raise funds for AmSoc. They raised around \$4,000 pesos for AmSoc.



Sue, Bobbye, and Joan with some of their masterpieces  
Photos by Joan White

## Profile: Bruce Newby By Bobbye Trotter

Bruce Newby, one of our Board members for the past six years, was born Oct. 18, 1945 in Indianapolis, Indiana. In 1967, he graduated from Wabash College, a small liberal arts college in Indiana with a degree in Psychology.



In 1968 he moved to San Jose, CA for no specific reason other than to get out of Indiana. I asked if he was drawn to the "Hippie" culture in the Bay Area since this was shortly after the 1967 Summer of Love. He said he hadn't been, but through a mutual friend he met Eric Nord, a 6' 7", 400 lb. true Bohemian known as "Big Daddy" who was famous in for founding the *Hungry I* in San Francisco. Bruce backed him in a business venture, a coffee house in the Haight Ashbury District.

Bruce enrolled in graduate school at San Jose State University intending to receive a MA in Psychology, but instead he returned to Indiana to ask his present wife Carmen, to marry him. They both set out to drive across the U.S. in two VW Beetles, stopping at his sister's in Albuquerque, NM where they had a city hall marriage. He remembers dropping her ring on the floor and it rolling away, and that they all had the flu.

Arriving in San Jose, he worked at selling Fuller brushes and at a chemical factory. He enrolled in night courses at Santa Clara Univ. Law School and passed the Bar in 1979 on his first try.



He and Carmen had two children, a son and a daughter in the early 1970s. They have one grandson, Leo, age 9.

Bruce did a little trial work early on but then began to make routine court appearances for attorneys helping them solve special problems. One of his most interesting cases was appearing for Evil Knievel who had been arrested at the airport for carrying a loaded revolver

His favorite childhood memory, at age six, was going on a family vacation to Daytona Beach, Florida and staying at Colonel Sanders Motel and Coffee Shop before he was famous. At age 18, the world event that had an impact on him was the death of President Kennedy.

In college, he was inspired by the wisdom and liberal thinking of writer, Bertrand Russell. He's interested in 1930-40s Film Noir and favors non-fiction books on history and economics. He feels he has led an extraordinary interesting life.

He and Carmen sold his law practice and their Victorian home in 2001. After hearing about Guadalajara from a friend, they moved here that same year. He doesn't miss living in the States and says he will die here.

Photos © Carlos Ruiz Checa

## AMERICAN SOCIETY BOOK CLUB

by Cam Esser

Come join our small group of readers as we discuss older books that have passed the test of time and contemporary ones still hot on bookstore shelves.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, February 17 at 10:00 am at the American Society, Avenida San Francisco 3332 in Colonia Chapalita. Telephone: 3121-2395. Our meetings have been planned so that if you so choose, you can stay on for the weekly Thursday luncheon at 12 noon. We will follow the luncheon with a movie version of the book at 2 pm. Donation to AmSoc: \$20 pesos

Although it is preferable, you do not have to have read the book to attend the discussion or movie. Various members of AmSoc Book have copies of the books to be discussed. To request a copy of the book to read for the discussion, or for more information, please contact Cam Esser at cesser@cox.net or 3813-0400. Books are also available at Sandi's Bookstore, Avenida Tepeyac 718 (Nr. Las Rosas intersection), Chapalita (3121-0863) or on Amazon/Kindle. <http://www.amazon.com/kindle-store-ebooks-newspapers-blogs>

## Quotations

*The reason grandparents and grandchildren get along so well is that they have a common enemy.* Sam Levenson

*I like to believe that people in the long run are going to do more to promote peace than our governments. Indeed, I think that people want peace so much that one of these days governments had better get out of the way and let them have it.* Dwight D. Eisenhower

*You will find that the State is the kind of organization which, though it does big things badly, does small things badly, too.* John K. Galbraith

*Lloro solamente cuando tengas algo por que realmente llorar. Luego llora hasta que te desahogues, y vuelve otra vez a comenzar tu vida* Anon



### AMSOC BOARD MEETING MINUTES: January 2011

#### Present:

Ann Whiting, John Griffin, Bruce Newby, Jim Watkins, Jim Armstrong, David Ruiz, Regis Soileau, Jerry Dankner, Cliff Esser.

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

The treasurer's report was reviewed and approved. The major 2010 end of year expenses were electricity, gas (which will come down once the cold weather is over), employee vacation pay (in accordance with Mexican law) and the roof repair.

#### Old Business:

1. Bruce will try "bondo" for the front gate repair and, if this is unsuccessful, we will have to find a welder.
2. Bathroom repairs, including faucets, remain to be defined and priced.
3. Cliff and Jim A. are working on additional estimates for polishing the floors.

#### New Business:

1. AMSOC will collect sweaters and blankets and donate \$2,000 pesos for the purchase of blankets for the Tarahumara Indians.
2. Jim W. and Bruce will affect the replacement of the asbestos tinaco (water tank).

#### Event Schedule:

1. The installation luncheon for the board of directors is scheduled for the 29<sup>th</sup> of January and Consul General Daniel Keller will swear in members for 2011. The menu is Mexican tacos and dessert. The cost is \$79 pesos for members and \$99 pesos for non-members.
2. Super Bowl, Sunday February 6<sup>th</sup>. Doors will open at 3 PM for the pregame show; the game starts at 5 PM local time. Admission is \$60 pesos and includes a bowl of chili. Attendees are welcome to bring botanas to share.
3. The St. Valentine's Day and Lincoln's birthday luncheon is scheduled for Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> of February with a menu of lasagna, salad and strawberry ice cream for dessert. The price is \$100 pesos for members and \$120 pesos for non-members.
4. An Oscar night gala is planned for Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> of February, tuxedo optional. Details to be provided by Bobbye.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM.

#### Warning!

A friend of mine who lives in near Puerto Vallarta had been renting her house to a foreigner for several years. When the tenant stopped paying rent over a year ago, she tried to have him evicted, but he refused to move out or pay rent. While he was out of the country, she managed to get into the house and change the locks, thinking she had regained possession, and then she went away for a few months. When she returned home recently, she was arrested and put in jail for five days for breaking-in and trespassing in her own house.

*Be sure you are very familiar with landlord/tenant laws before you buy and rent property in Mexico. They may not be the same as they were at home. It is too easy to become the victim of unscrupulous people in these transactions. V.W.*

## Announcements

#### Please note

Advertising rates increased on January 1, 2011. Member rates will be \$30 pesos per month or \$300 per year; non-member rates will be \$60 per month or \$600 for 1 year. All advertising revenues are donated to AmSoc.

Please pay at the front desk.

### Good Dentist

who speaks English

Dra. Olga C. Sanchez Vergara

Cleaning \$450p

Filling \$550

X-Ray \$70

Crown \$1,200

Calle Juan Alvarez 672

2½ blocks east of Federalismo)

Tel: 3614-3890

English speakers call:

044-33-1220-2715



## Memorial Society Update

To join, update, or just check on your paperwork, phone Jim Watkins at his home between **3 pm** and **8 pm** any day, or email him with your phone # to: jimw2030@gmail.com

### Recovery Corner

#### Over-Eaters Anonymous

A 12-step program for compulsive eating. The group is self-supporting from member contributions. No fees or dues. Meetings are held in the library every Saturday 11 a.m. - 12 noon. Contact: Daryl 33-3507-4746

#### Alcoholics Anonymous - Chapalita

Friends of Bill W. AA Group has their meetings in the main AmSoc building. Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

#### Alcoholics Anonymous - Centro GDL

Lunch and a Meeting (Open) AA Group meets at Mexicaltzingo 1238 esq. Pavo in Centro on Tuesday, Thursday & Saturdays from 12 - 1:00 PM. The location is 1-1/2 blocks from the Mexicaltzingo light rail [Tren] Station, between La Paz & Niños Heroes.

## Cirugía Plástica

Dr. Rodrigo Navarro

Equipo de cirugía plástica

Cirugía Oral

Odontología Cosmética

Consultas

Bilingual English/Spanish

Mobil: 044-33-1285-5124

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\*AmSoc Member

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Please use plain text and don't try to do any formatting. Don't use ENTER for spaces between paragraphs, or repeated SPACES for indents at start of paragraphs. Also, omit all the ENTERS used to indicate a new page; just write "page break". There should be a single SPACE after a period at the end of a sentence.

Before I can put the articles into the style sheet, I have to go through every submission and remove all the excess Enters and Spaces.

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Stress            Self confidence  
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## Weekly Calendar

<b>Monday</b>	Breakfast	9 a.m.
	Aerobics	8:30 a.m.
	AA Meeting	6 p.m.
<b>Tuesday</b>	Breakfast	9 a.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	Breakfast	9 a.m.
	Aerobics	8:30 a.m.
	AA Meeting	6 p.m.
<b>Thursday</b>	Breakfast	9 a.m.
	Lunch	12:30 p.m.
	Games	11-4
<b>Friday</b>	Breakfast	9 a.m.
	Aerobics	8 a.m.
	AA Meeting	6 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	Breakfast	9 a.m.
	Overeaters Anon.	11 a.m.
	English conversation	1 p.m.
	Toastmasters	1 p.m.

## Salud Integral

Club de AmSoc

Stress Management

Physiotherapy · Massage Therapy

Rehabilitation

Sciatica · Sprains

Reflexology · Bioenergetics

Pain Management · Post-surgery Therapy

Rehabilitación post-cirugía

Masaje relajamiento · Manejo del dolor

Reflexología · Depilación laser

Terapeuta: Leticia (Lety) Rodriguez

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### Two in One Dictionaries

This handy little pocket book contains a wealth of information for visitors and Anglophone residents in Mexico. It is available at Sandi's bookstore on Tepeyac at Las Rosas in Chapalita (Next to Banco Santander Serfin)

