



February 2012 Edition

February Event Schedule

Super Bowl on Sunday

February 5th. Doors open at 3 pm

Game starts at 5:25 pm

A \$60 peso donation will cover admittance and chili.

Botanas (munchies) are welcome.

The bar will be open.



St. Valentine 's Day Luncheon

Thursday, February 16th

(combined with our regular Thursday luncheon).

The menu is lasagna, garlic bread, salad and dessert.

A donation of \$100 pesos for members and \$120 pesos for guests is requested.



Oscar night

Sunday the 26th of February.

Doors will open at 4 PM.

Popcorn, candy and pizza will be provided, and the bar will be open.

Contest prize: Leonard Martin's 2012 Movie Guide.

A \$60-peso donation is requested.

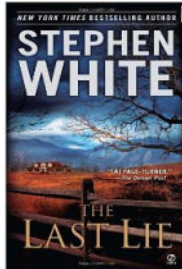
Preview nights on the 12th and 19th are planned (see next page)



AmSoc Bookclub

The meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, February 16th

Everyone is welcome to attend whether or not you are a member or have read the book of the month, which is *The Last Lie* by Stephen White. This intriguing, action-packed thriller turns on the arrival of the lead characters, a clinical psychologist and deputy district attorney married to each other, at the housewarming party of affluent new neighbors, that starts a devastating chain of events for everyone involved. The book holds more twists and turns than the winding mountain roads of Boulder, Colorado, where it takes place.



Cathedral Interior→

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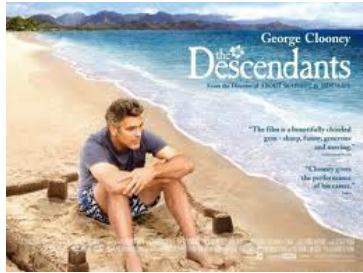




THREE OSCAR NIGHTS PLANNED

For the first time, AmSoc will host an **Oscar Nominee Preview Festival** from 2 - 5 pm. on the two Sundays before the final Academy Awards ceremony on February 26.

Starting on **Sunday February 12**, we will show a runner-up for Best Film, **The Descendants**, featuring George Clooney. After the movie, the audience is invited to critique and share their opinions of the film.



On the following **Sunday, February 19**, also from 2-5 pm we will show and discuss **The Iron Lady**, runner-up in the Best Actress



category, starring Meryl Streep. On these preview nights there will be free popcorn, soft drinks are \$12 pesos, and bar drinks at \$20 pesos and up. There will be a \$20 peso donation for each person.

On **Academy Awards Night, Sunday February 26**, the doors will open at 4 pm. We will follow the TV broadcast live from Los Angeles, starting at 5 pm. with Red Carpet coverage, followed by the Awards Ceremony beginning at 7:30 pm. Pizza will be served; guests please bring *botanas*, appetizers, or dessert. There will be a \$12 peso charge for soft drinks; \$20 pesos and up for bar drinks. \$60 peso donation for AmSoc members; \$70 for non-members.

We will have a contest to predict the winner for each category; the person with the most winners will receive **Leonard Martin's 2012 Movie Guide**. Join the fun, root for your favorite nominees and debate the whys and wherefores of the final picks. This promises to be one of AmSoc's most popular events.

Check the ad in the Guadalajara Reporter for any changes to the details of these events

Quotations

Behavior is a mirror in which everyone displays his own image
Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe

It was from America that the plain ideas that men ought to mind their business, and that the nation is responsible to Heaven for the acts of the State [...] Under the title "Rights of Man" [...] the principle gained ground that a nation can never abandon its fate to an authority it cannot control.

John E Dalberg. - Lord Acton

What is the use of a house if you haven't got a tolerable planet to put it on?

Henry David Thoreau

Los fanáticos no son nunca inteligentes, porque los inteligentes nunca son fanáticos.

E. Solari

Humorous Quote

Never [try to] keep up with the Joneses. Drag them down to your level.

Quentin Crisp

Board of Directors of the American Society Sworn in on January 21, 2012

Executive Board:

President	Ann Whiting
1st Vice-President	Bruce Newby
2nd Vice-president	Sergio Garcia
Treasurer	John Griffin
Secretary	Jerry Dankner

Directors - Term Expires 12/2012

Alejandra Vielma	Joan White
Jim Armstrong	David Ruiz
Jim Watkins	Regis Soileau
Klif D. Harrison	Cliff Esser (Honorary Director)



*Newly elected Directors L to R
Alejandra Vielma, Joan White, and Klif Harrison
Photos © Carlos Ruiz Checa*

AMSOC BOARD MEETING January 24, 2011

Present:

Ann Whiting, John Griffin, Bruce Newby, Jerry Dankner, Jim Armstrong, Klif Harrison, David Ruiz, Regis Soileau, Alejandra Vielma, Jim Watkins, Joan White, Cliff Esser and Cam Esser.

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

President's Comments

Ann welcomed the old and new board members.

Treasurer's report:

Due to estimated January and February expenses, money will be transferred into the checking account. The entire report was reviewed and accepted by unanimous vote.

Committee Reports:

The Christmas posada was successful with 47 in attendance. Thank you Cam Esser for all your good work with the Orphanage.

Old Business:

1. David Ruiz reported that he has taken almost all of the photos necessary to use for an AMSOC volunteer recognition wall and other potential future uses.
2. As proposed at the last meeting, more trash bags are available for events and this seems to be working well.

New Business:

1. Some people who use the bathrooms do not clean up after themselves. Jerry will propose signs to be posted asking people to be more conscientious.
2. Planned future events were discussed - please refer to the details in the event section on the front page.
3. Monday February 6th is a Mexican holiday - Lupita and Rosie will be off.
4. An information letter was received from the US Consulate. Jerry will add the information to the web site and Vicki will add it to the Voice. The letter is posted on the AMSOC bulletin board.
5. Juan, Laura Butler's son, has volunteered to transport members in emergency situations and go with them to translate as required, without cost. Details are available at the AMSOC desk.
6. Regis needs some help covering the front desk. Cam will cover the desk on Tuesdays and Jim A. will cover it during her absence. Ann will try to cover the desk on Wednesdays but another volunteer would be helpful.
7. There continues to be a problem of the last person to leave not locking up the facility. We will make up a letter asking all who use the AMSOC facility to be very conscientious in making sure that all doors and gates are locked. (February activities have been moved to the front page. VW)

Klif Harrison has since volunteered to man the desk one day a week. Hooray for Klif!

20 Cool facts about the human body

1. The human brain cell can hold 5 times the amount of information in the Encyclopedia Britannica.
2. The fastest growing nail is on the middle finger and fingernails grow nearly 4 times faster than toenails.
3. Human hair is virtually indestructible.
4. The human heart creates enough pressure to squirt blood 30 feet.
5. The acid in your stomach is strong enough to dissolve razorblades.
6. The human body is estimated to have 60,000 miles of blood vessels
7. Sneezes regularly exceed 100 mph.
8. During your lifetime, you will produce enough saliva to fill two swimming pools.
9. Feet have 500,000 sweat glands and can produce more than a pint of sweat a day.
10. The largest cell in the human body is the female egg and the smallest is the male sperm.

11. Your nose can remember 50,000 different scents.
12. The ashes of a cremated person average about 9 pounds.
13. Your eyes are always the same size from birth but your nose and ears never stop growing.
14. Monday is the day of the week when the risk of heart attack is greatest.
15. Over 90% of diseases are caused or complicated by stress.
16. The skin is the largest organ of the body.
17. The tooth is the only part of the human body that can't repair itself.
18. The hardest bone in the human body is the jawbone; the hardest substance is tooth enamel.
19. Three hundred million cells die in the human body every minute.
20. About 32 million bacteria call every inch of your skin home.



Edgar Allen Bell (Global media)

Announcements

Summer Book Club



The books listed below have been selected for the 2012 summer season.

The Book Club is open to everyone; there is no membership fee or formality. We meet once a month to discuss the selected book for that month. Times and dates of meetings will be announced in The Voice

April 12: **Steve Jobs** by Walter Isaacson, 2011.

Biography

May 17: **A Tale of Two Cities** by Charles Dickens, 1859. This Dickens classic taking place at the time of the French Revolution begins

June 21: **East of Eden** by John Steinbeck, 1952. The story is set in the Salinas Valley, California There is a movie with James Dean.

July 19: **No Life for a Lady** by Agnes Morley Cleaveland, 1977. The author was born in New Mexico on a cattle ranch in 1874.

August 16: **Water for Elephants** by Sarah Gruen, 2006. Find out what life in a circus is all about. The movie stars Robert Pattinson and Reese Witherspoon (2011).

September 20: **The Greek Passion** by Nicos Kazantzakis, 2009. A story set in Greece during the last days of the Turkish occupation in the early 1920s.

October 18: **The Last Prince of the Mexican Empire** by C. M. Mayo 2009. This historical fiction novel tells of Maximilian's short-lived career as Emperor of Mexico..

November 15: **The Help** by Kathryn Stockett 2009. This book is about African American maids working in white households in Mississippi during the early 1960s. The 2011 movie stars Emma Stone and Viola Davis.

Alternate: **Katrina in Five Worlds** by Kathy Kenny, 2010. Biographical story about a Palestinian woman's journey from Bethlehem to pre-revolutionary Russia then to Mexico during the Revolution, her return to Palestine, and finally life in California.

English speaking Dentist

Dra. Olga C. Sanchez Vergara

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X-Ray \$70 - Crown \$1,200

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Memorial Society Update

If you wish to PREPAY for your final arrangements with San Miguel Funeral Home.

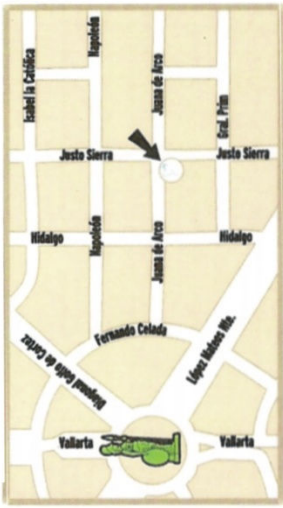
The current charge is \$10,200 pesos or \$750 USD. Contact Eduardo Munguia at T. 3825-1556/3825-1355/ 3825 9452 to answer any questions. *Jim Watkins*



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Handy Hint:

If you're storing mushrooms in the refrigerator, wrap them in a paper towel inside the plastic bag so they don't get soggy and will stay fresh longer.

New Language School in Chapalita

I have begun teaching English classes at the *Go Getting Language Institute in Chapalita*. The principal also offers classes in Spanish for foreigners. He is offering one week of free classes to AMSOC members as a trial. If there is any interest, he will begin a regular class. Classes could be held at AMSOC or at the school. The school is located at Av. Tepeyac 816—next to the Post Office, near Sandi's.

For more information, call Oscar Tovar or Rafael Muñoz Torre. The telephone number is 3121 - 6969. John Griffin

Weekly Calendar

Monday, Wednesday & Friday

Light exercise 10 a.m. - 11a.m.

AA Meeting 6 p.m.

Tuesday

Toastmasters 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Thursday

Lunch 12:30 p.m.

Games 11-4

Saturday

English conversation 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Toastmasters 10:30 - 12:30

Recovery Corner

Alcoholics Anonymous - Chapalita

Friends of Bill W. AA Group have 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 meetings at Mexicaltzingo 1238 corner of Pavo (downtown) 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.

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Supplement



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GUADALAJARA, JALISCO, MEXICO

December, 8th, 2011

Ms. Ann Whiting
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Dear Ms. Ann Whiting:

The American Citizen Services Unit (ACS) of the U.S. Consulate General in Guadalajara would like to extend warm greetings to you and yours as we begin the holiday season. As a source of frequent contact with American citizens living or traveling within our consular district, your institution serves as an important resource for ACS as we carry out our mission to serve the local American population.

In light of your important role within the American community, we have enclosed an updated, detailed booklet describing the functions and services the Consulate provides, as well as general information on living in Mexico. We hope that this reference guide can serve as a useful resource when dealing with American citizens in your area. The information contained in the booklet is accurate as of now, but since things change fairly frequently, we also would like to direct you to our website (<http://guadalajara.usconsulate.gov/service.html>) for the most up to date information. Unfortunately, no additional copies of the booklet are available, but interested individuals will soon be able to download an electronic copy from our website.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns you may contact ACS Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM -4:30 PM at:

- 33-3268-2173 for passports and nationality
- 33-3268-2273 for arrests or other consular emergencies
- 33-3268-2145 for emergencies outside of normal business hours
- Via email at acsRdl@state.Rov

Please note that the Consulate is closed on American and Mexican holidays and ACS is closed to the public on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month for in-service training and administrative processing.

In addition to our guide, we are providing information from the Federal Benefits Unit (FBU) which administers the pension programs for the Social Security Administration (SSA), Veterans Affairs (VA), Office of Personnel Management (OPM), Railroad Retirement Board (RRB), Department of Labor and Department of Treasury. FBU's public hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 AM-11:30 AM and their

toll free telephone line is open from Monday to Friday from 8:00 AM -2:00 PM. FBU can also be reached at via email at FBU.Guadalupe@ssa.Roy. Please feel free to contact them with any inquiry regarding federal benefits programs. The FBU office is closed on American and Mexican holidays in addition to the last working day of the month.

Thanks very much for your continued support,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the first name 'Nathan' on the top line and the last name 'Hara' on the bottom line. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nathan Hara
Acting American Citizen Services Chief