

# The Voice



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## Getting better!

We are happy to report that Frances Raimo, daughter of Frank Raimo, is home from hospital and back at school. We're thinking of you Frances and Frank, and hope everything continues to improve.

Also home from hospital is Bruce Newby We miss you, Bruce, and hope you will be back at work soon and feeling much better. We need you *here!*

## New Project

### 2008 Community Guide to Guadalajara

A group of AmSoc members has embarked upon the task of updating the Survival Guide published by the Friendship Society several years ago.

Regis Soileau and Jim Watkins were the chief instigators in getting us moving on this daunting task.

The new guide will perhaps be a bit more ambitious than the one it is replacing, therefore, we have formed a committee to work on it and assigned some tasks.

Committee members are:

- ♦ Sergio Garcia Gil
- ♦ Don Mencl
- ♦ David Ruiz
- ♦ Jim Watkins
- ♦ Ann Whiting
- ♦ Vicki Wootton (coordinator)

Even before we had our first meeting, Jim had made remarkable progress on compiling a new list of services for the guide.

**We do need more contributors and collaborators** to help us make this a success. These are the areas in which we could use some help:

- ♦ Hands-on help with some of the labor involved.
- ♦ Suggestions of businesses and professional services that could be listed in the guide.
- ♦ Other organizations that might be willing to collaborate with us on this project.
- ♦ Sponsors - organizations that might be willing to contribute some money to help cover costs in return for publicity.
- ♦ Advertisers who would like to place paid ads in the publication.
- ♦ Ideas

Anyone who wants to help can contact Vicki (e-mail is best), or leave a message at the front desk at AmSoc.

## AmSoc Website

### Domain name hijacked?

We recently discovered that our website had disappeared from the Net and been replaced by a company out of Schipol airport in Amsterdam. After a little investigation, we discovered that our domain name registration had expired and someone else had snapped it up before we could renew it.

Unfortunately, this all happened while the webmaster was distracted by a broken arm.

We have now registered a new domain name and found another server for our site. The new domain URL is: [www.amsocmexico.com](http://www.amsocmexico.com). We are online once again.

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### May Birthdays

Richard Berg	2nd
Christopher Daw	15th
Jack Sinon	17th
Oscar Javier Alvarado	19th
Steven Sullivan	30th

Happy Birthday! ¡Feliz Cumpleaños!

# Discoveries

## Decoración y Limpieza "Rodríguez" (Decoración & Cleaning "Rodríguez")

Yesterday Alfonso cleaned my car seats & floor coverings, 3 folding chairs, 1 love seat & 2 matching chair seats all for \$300. pesos. He & his wife come to your home to perform their tasks.

They specialize in making curtains, hanging them & cleaning them. They also clean rugs, upholstery, & car interiors at your residence. They drive an old V.W. van. . . . They are very reasonable, honest & very clean in their work & presentation, however, they do not speak English.

Tel. 3646-7637 Cels: 04433 3462 6763 & 04433 140 2297 (Jim W.)

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### Minutes of April 25 Board Meeting

Present: Sergio Garcia Gil, David Ruiz, Regis Soileau, Ann Whiting, Vicki Wootton. Guest Chuck Parsons

Absent: Bob Fields, Bob Letendre, Don Mencl, Bruce Newby, Frank Raimo,

Meeting called to order at 10:40 by Ann Whiting.

1. Treasurers Report:
  - a. Regis gave a brief report in which he announced that, although income was up in March, it was offset by the cost of the roof, leaving us with a net loss for the month.
  - b. The St. Patrick's Day luncheon sold around fifty tickets and made a profit of \$5,382 pesos.
2. Old business.
  - a. Vicki reported that the brochure is ready for the printer and that the AmSoc website will be online by the end of the week (it is).
  - b. The roof maintenance work is finished and paid.
3. New business:
  - a. We are going to contact Art Wigdahl, new commander of American Legion Post 3 about the 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic and will recommend having it on Sunday, July 8.
  - b. A committee has been formed to update the Guadalajara Survival Guide with Vicki Wootton as coordinator. We will try to recruit more people to help with this project, which we hope will be completed in time for Christmas.
  - c. David Ruiz inquired about our policy on renting space twice a week for dancing classes. There are two options, either a flat rate of \$500 per month, or a donation to AmSoc of 20% of fees earned..

- d. The Friday night will be restructured to allow for time devoted to socializing, and also for dancing and entertainment. It was suggest that we had socializing from 7:00 - 8:30, and dancing & entertainment from 8:30 to 10:00.

## Technology: Computers

### Does adding more RAM to your computer make it faster?

Up to a point, adding RAM (random access memory) will normally cause your computer to feel faster on certain types of operations. RAM is important because of an operating system component called the **virtual memory manager** (VMM).

When you run a program such as a word processor or an Internet browser, the microprocessor in your computer pulls the **executable file** off the hard disk and loads it into RAM. In the case of a big program like *Microsoft Word* or *Excel*, the EXE consumes about 5 megabytes. The microprocessor also pulls in a number of shared DLLs (dynamic link libraries) -- shared pieces of code used by multiple applications. The DLLs might total 20 or 30 megabytes. Then the microprocessor loads in the data files you want to look at, which might total several megabytes if you are looking at several documents or browsing a page with a lot of graphics. So a normal application needs between 10 and 30 megabytes of RAM space to run. On my machine, at any given time I might have the following applications running:

A word processor

Two or three browser windows

Two graphics programs

Webpage design program

Besides all of those applications, the operating system itself is taking up a good bit of space. Those programs together might need 100 to 150 megabytes of RAM. My computer has 512 megabytes of RAM installed, but even with that much, the swapping out is noticeable when I play some high-resolution video games.

The extra space is created by the virtual memory manager. The VMM looks at RAM and finds sections of RAM that are not currently needed. It puts these sections of RAM in a place called the **swap file** on the hard disk. For example, even though I have my e-mail program open, I haven't looked at e-mail in the last 45 minutes. So the VMM moves all of the bytes making up the e-mail program's EXE, DLLs and data out to the hard disk. That is called **swapping out** the program. The next time I click on the e-mail program, the VMM will **swap in** all of its bytes from the hard disk, and probably swap something else out in the process. Because the hard disk is slow relative to RAM, the act

of swapping things in and out causes a noticeable delay.

If you have a very small amount of RAM (say, 16 megabytes), then the VMM is *always* swapping things in and out to get anything done. In that case, your computer feels as if it is crawling. As you add more RAM, you get to a point where you only notice the swapping when you load a new program or change windows. If you were to put 256 megabytes of RAM in your computer, the VMM would have plenty of room and you would never see it swapping anything. That is as fast as things get. If you then added more RAM, it would have no effect.

Some applications (things like Photoshop, many compilers, most film editing and animation packages) need tons of RAM to do their job. If you run them on a machine with too little RAM, they swap constantly and run very slowly. You can get a huge speed boost by adding enough RAM to eliminate the swapping. Programs like these may run 10 to 50 times faster once they have enough RAM!

Adapted from an article on *How Stuff Works*.  
<http://www.howstuffworks.com/>

## *May Mother's Day Luncheon*

Saturday, May 12

### Menu

Chicken stuffed with ham and cheese

Tickets - \$110 pesos or \$130 at door

## Quotes

*The thing that impresses me the most about America is the way parents obey their children.*

King Edward VIII (Duke of Windsor)

*As scarce as truth is, the supply has always been in excess of the demand.*

Josh Billings

*People have to talk about something just to keep their voice boxes in working order, so they'll have good voice boxes in case there's ever anything really meaningful to say.*

Kurt Vonnegut

## Bus Routes & Schedules Online:

<http://sistecozome.jalisco.gob.mx/rutas.html>

## May Parrot Cage Menus

Thursday May 3 – Pork filet stuffed with ham and vegetables, pea soup and strawberries.

Thursday May 10 – Meat loaf, spinach soup, ice-cream

Thursday May 17 – Broiled fish, vegetable soup, mango mousse.

Thursday May 24 – Chicken w/mustard sauce, lentil soup, brownies.

Thursday, May 31 – Club sandwich, tomato soup and peaches

## Notices & Announcements

### *Salud Integral*

Physiotherapy · Massage Therapy  
Anti-stress · Rehabilitation  
Sciatica · Sprains  
Reflexology · Bioenergetics  
Pain Management · Post-surgery Therapy

**Terapeuta: Leticia (Leti) Rodrugues**

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### The Memorial Society

Information desk open Mondays at AmSoc from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

**Enrollment:** AmSoc Members: \$250 pesos  
Non-Members; \$300 pesos

#### Costs of Services:

Donation of remains to Med School \$400 US  
Cremation: \$500 US

**Funeral Home:** Capillas San Miguel

**Notary:** Ruben Alberto Santana

**AmSoc Representative:** Chuck Parsons

***The Memorial Society needs volunteers to work the information desk on Mondays.***

## Humor

The doctor who had been seeing an 80 year old woman for most of her life finally retired. At her next checkup, the new doctor told her to bring a list of all her medications that had been prescribed for her. As the young doctor was looking through these, his eyes grew wide as he realized she had a prescription for birth control pills.

"Mrs. Smith, do you realize these are BIRTH CONTROL pills?" "Yes, they help me sleep at night.", she said.

"Mrs. Smith, I assure you there is absolutely NOTHING in these that could possible help you sleep."

She reached out and patted the young doctor's knee and said, "Yes, dear, I know that. But every morning, I grind one up and mix it in the glass of orange juice that my 16 year granddaughter drinks... and believe me, it helps me sleep at night."

You gotta watch them grandmas, God love 'em.

(Submitted by Lupita Elizondo)

# MAY CALENDAR

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Aerobics 9:00	<b>3</b> Lunch 12:30 Games 1:00 – 4:00	<b>4</b> Aerobics 9:00 Social Friday 7:00
<b>7</b> Aerobics 9:00 U.S. Income Tax 10-1	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Aerobics 9:00 <b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>10</b> Lunch 12:30 Games 1:00 – 4:00	<b>11</b> Aerobics 9:00 Social Friday 7:00
<b>May 12 - Mother's Day Luncheon</b>				
<b>14</b> Aerobics 9:00 U.S. Income Tax 10-1	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Aerobics 9:00	<b>17</b> Lunch 12:30 Games 1:00 – 4:00	<b>18</b> Aerobics 9:00 Social Friday 7:00
<b>21</b> Aerobics 9:00 U.S. Income Tax 10-1	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Aerobics 9:00	<b>24</b> Lunch 12:30 Games 1:00 – 4:00	<b>25</b> Aerobics 9:00 Social Friday 7:00
<b>28</b> Aerobics 9:00 U.S. Income Tax 10-1	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Aerobics 9:00	<b>31</b> Lunch 12:30 Games 1:00 – 4:00	

\* See this month's lunch menus on page 3.