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Halloween Luncheon

The attendance at this year's Halloween lunch was a record breaker with more than seventy people showing up to help us celebrate.

The aroma drifting in from the outdoor grill made even this vegetarian's mouth water. By all reports, the food was delicious and to prove it, there were no leftovers.

The new Consul General, Edward Ramotowsky, who came dressed as Dracula, was the guest of honor. He was accompanied by his charming wife, Jemile (Jemmy) Bertot, and their two very well-behaved sons.

An inflatable playhouse was provided on the front patio for the children who wore themselves out bouncing and rolling around inside.



Jemile Bertot and Consul Ramotowsky (Left)

Although Halloween costumes were a little sparse, those who did dress up were spectacular and imaginative. The prize for best female costume went to Patricia Olarte, who wore stunning medieval regalia, and the best male costume went to Regis Soileau as Miami Vice Undercover. Second prizes were won by Consul General Edward Ramotowsky, and Lucy Holmes, the lovely wife of Jack Holmes, former commander of American Legion Post 3.

Thanksgiving Luncheon

Will be held on
Thursday, November 23

Menu: Roast Turkey
with all the trimmings,
Baked Ham, Salad, and Vegetables,
followed by Pumpkin Pie

Times: Bar will open at 12:00 noon
Lunch will be served at 1:30PM

The Perfect Tequila

By Gail Glasser

I have ventured far afield in my search to find the perfect tequila. For all of you, not just myself, I have unselfishly tried thirty-six (yes, I count-ed and have a list of the brands) tequilas. I didn't bother with the *mixtos*, those not made with 100% *agave*. Why waste my time and taste buds? That's tantamount to asking a serious scotch aficionado to try a nice blend vs. almost any single malt—there's just no comparison.

That left me with about 500 plus brands of tequila to try, but I truly feel that after three dozen over the last month I can make an intelligent decision. First between *anejo* tequilas, those kept in their casks for a one-year minimum; the silvers or *blanco* tequilas that are pure distillate without any caramel coloring and are distilled in metal casks to avoid taking on any wood essences; and *reposado* tequilas, those distilled in wood casks for a minimum of 60 days to a max of 12 months, I much prefer the *reposados*. And of those I've tasted I prefer those distilled in Canadian oak casks for a minimum of four to six months.

Hands down my *numero uno* favorite is *Corazón ~ Reposado* and my second choice would be *Don Julio ~ Reposado*.

So if you are in the mood to try "sipping tequila", i.e., the very finest of the tequilas sipped straight up without ice, might I suggest a *Corazón*, made by *Distiladora San Nicolas*, in Arandas for the last three generations? I did a whole lot of blind tasting and picked this one every time. And to top it off, the bottle is gorgeous. Many of the brands' bottles are really works of art. Okay, that's all you're going to hear from me about tequila.



Board of Directors Meeting October 11, 2006

Present: Don Mencl, Frank Raimo, Regis Soileau, Ann Whiting and Vicki Wootton

Absent: Sergia Garcia Gill, Walter Janusko, Al Klob, Bob Letendre Bruce Newby,

Meeting called to order at 10:30, Ann Whiting presiding.

1. Treasurers Report: The Society broke even in September.
2. Halloween: Menu was discussed and decided. Ann reported that the Consul General and his family have been invited. Prizes of wine and tequila were decided for best costumes.
3. Don Mencl suggested we hold our annual book sale in the middle of November and that we sell tables to vendors, making it a combination book/yard sale.
4. New board of directors: The Annual General Meeting and election of officers will take place in December. David Ruiz was nominated as a new member and he accepted the nomination. Bob Fields said he will think about standing for election.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Quotes

Politics has got so expensive that it takes lots of money to even get beat with.

Will Rogers

I never forget a face, but in your case, I'll make an exception.

Groucho Marx

If one tells the truth, one is sure, sooner or later, to be found out.

Oscar Wilde

Words of Wisdom

If you can start the day without caffeine or pep pills,
 If you can be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,
 If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,
 If you can eat the same food everyday and be grateful for it,
 If you can understand when loved ones are too busy to give you time,
 If you can overlook when people take things out on you when, through no fault of yours, something goes wrong,
 If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,
 If you can face the world without lies and deceit,
 If you can conquer tension without medical help,
 If you can relax without liquor,
 If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,
 If you can do all these things,
 ...Then you are probably the family dog.

Washington Intercepts Message to Outer Space

By: Kitty De Michiel

Washington (Disassociated Press)

Government sources reveal text of message to outer space recently decoded by the National Security Agency.

To: The Control Galaxy

From: The Messed Up Planet (Local Name: Earth)

From: Agent Code Name: Antara

Subject: Jeans

Local Date: November 2006

Today I would like to comment on one of the strange behavioral features of the inhabitants of the above-referenced planet. It is about one of the many varied garments worn here. It is a garment that covers from the waist down, called "jeans". There is something quite peculiar about this garment. It is made of heavy cotton and was created for heavy duty and long wear. That was the case years ago, however, earthlings have now developed this garment in a very strange way. They now antique it, (antique is the word they use to define making something look old) tear it, and sell it at outrageous and unreasonable prices. Usually, they would sell a ridiculous garment like this to women, in the name of a strange custom called fashion, but in the case of jeans, these are eagerly bought by men as well.

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Thus, the fashion issue is as follows: for social occasions, men and women wear these extremely expensive jeans, which look old (the label reads "antiqued") and ripped. The price rises according to the name of the designer, that is, the person who decided where it should be worn by beating it with stones, and where it should be torn. Some jeans are first carefully embroidered and then torn up. These jeans are paired with very good looking jackets, blouses or tunics, also very expensive, but in this case worth their while, as these are high quality garments.

The effect of these pairings is quite disconcerting. I could not yet figure out the reasoning for earthlings to wear antiqued jeans. I will try to penetrate the computer files of some of the best medical colleges in order to find out which is the defective gene in the human brain that compels earthlings to wear such an absurd garment.

I would also like to request permission to purchase a pair of antiqued jeans, signed by Donna Karan (a well-known designer) which are embroidered and adorned with small metal pieces and, of course, torn so that the embroidering craftsmanship is completely ruined. It will be a very expensive test but when I saw this particular pair of jeans I had a feeling that I could start to understand the above-explained phenomenon.

Please, reply as soon as possible. I would not like to miss this opportunity and the model I mentioned is selling out.

End of message.



1st Prize winners,
Patricia Olarte and
Regis Souleau



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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.

AA Meetings at AmSoc

AA meetings are held in the Parrot Cage on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 6:00 pm.

Apts. For Rent

1BR apartments, furnished or unfurnished, Las Fuentes (nr. American Legion). In quiet compound with beautiful garden. \$3000 pesos/mo. Call Guillermo Pulos (33) 3631-1576 for more information. Speaks English.

Apartment Rental Agency

Sra Silvia Soto de P.
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Agent for apartment rentals near AmSoc. No English.

The Voice by email

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Bus Routes & Schedules Online:

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

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
		1 Aerobics 9:00	2 Lunch 12:30 Games 1:00 – 4:00	3 Social Friday 7:00	4 Aerobics 9:00
6 Aerobics 9:00 Lunch 12:30	7	8 Aerobics 9:00 Board Meeting 10:30!	9 Lunch 12:30 Games 1:00 – 4:00	10 Social Friday 7:00	11 Aerobics 9:00
13 Aerobics 9:00 Lunch 12:30	14	15 Aerobics 9:00	16 Lunch 12:30 Games 1:00 – 4:00	17 Social Friday 7:00	18 Aerobics 9:00
20 Aerobics 9:00 Lunch 12:30	21	22 Aerobics 9:00	23 Thanksgiving Luncheon Noon	24 Social Friday 7:00	25 Aerobics 9:00
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