

The Voice

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Discoveries

By Sandra Hayes

Once again the Discoveries well is coming up pretty dry. When you find and love a new restaurant or repairman, do let me know so we can share the news.

Pomodoro Ristorante

Here is a wonderful new find. The restaurant is located on Lopez Mateos and Justo Sierra, which the Weissmans report has lots of parking, and an excellent salad bar. The sample menu is extensive and the medallions and lasagna are both highly recommended.

Fonda de San Miguel

Downtown is generally lacking in fine dining but Fonda de San Miguel may fill the void. It is located in what may be an old convent, at Donato Guerra #25 (between Pedro Moreno and Morelos), just 4 blocks from the Cathedral. The courtyard is elegant, with fountains, and they claim to serve "high Mexican cuisine", which may make it worth a try. Saturdays there is folkloric ballet at 9 pm, a breakfast buffet on Saturdays and Sundays, and live music every day. It was reported as very good with no specific menu selections, so whoever goes first, please report back.

Mariachi Parade

What a lovely way to spend the afternoon. Thanks to Ruth and Alba, there were several street-front tables reserved at the restaurant above Sanborn's overlooking the parade route on September 3. Some glitches need to be worked out (like reserved signs on the tables and discounts for the deposit on the meal) but in general the parade was first class and the view perfect. It has been years since I have seen the parade and it was nice to see that many of the groups were car-

ried on nice floats with amplified music. The smaller groups took advantage of pauses to serenade spectators on the curb, which was a great hit. There was also a death-defying acrobatic motorcycle group and several elegant mounted riders. In all, a first class parade. I hope we can do this again.

September "Grito" Luncheon

There was no real Independence Day celebration for Wednesday's luncheon but who cares. We had our usual fine "taquizo" feast and the atmosphere was upbeat and congenial as always. The selection of taco fillers was good and included sufficient vegetarian choices. There were lots of salsas, guacamole and toppings for the tacos and many went back for seconds. Desert was super-sweet Mexican candies and sugared fruits that got well picked over. Thanks to the volunteers tending bar and helping to clear tables - as usual Lupita and Rocio held down the kitchen work - and the servers were efficient and polite, as always. Those of you who haven't taken advantage of one of these fine luncheons are missing out on lots of fun

Letter from a reader

In your latest issue of the Voice I see you mention *China In A Box*. Frances and I have used it a few times and, as Robert Moody said, they are good. I would like to add that they deliver to the house and have branches around the city.

The phone number of the one near Plaza Del Sol is 3133-0066, and in Providencia is 3630-4030, Patria is 3673-4848.

They deliver promptly and the food is always warm and comes in boxes with more than you can eat.

Frank Raimo

*Ed. It's good to know someone's paying attention.
Thanks for the info, Frank.*

October Events

Sale of Sales

Saturday, October 15
Doors open at 10:00 am

Preview for AmSoc members

Friday evening, October 14, 7:00 pm

WE STILL NEED DONATIONS!

Volunteers needed

to help with **Sale of Sales**. Please sign up at desk or with Walter and Brandy

Quotable Quotes

If it were absolutely necessary to choose, I would rather be guilty of an immoral act than a cruel one.

Anatole France

Politeness is the art of choosing among one's real thoughts.

Abel Stevens

Board Meeting

September, 2005

Present: Ann Whiting, Regis Soileau, Walter Januszko, Ruth Rentz, Dave Landes, Vicki Wootton. (Not a quorum)

- i. Informal meeting commenced at 11:48
- ii. August minutes noted
- iii. Treasurer reiterated the economic stability of AmSoc
- iv. President's special note: Thank you Bruce for the great cabinet work
- v. Old business discussed
 - a. September event needs more ticket sales and volunteers
- vi. New business discussed
 - a. Since AmSoc belongs to the 'World Lake Vision' Ann Whiting will represent us at the conference in Nairobi in October. Ann Whiting and AmSoc commended for the translation of WLV texts into Spanish
 - b. Sale of Sales advertising and donations needs discussed.
 - c. Bargain Boutique to be evaluated after sale for continuation or use as rental space.

- d. AmSoc donations to red cross to be matched by Carlos Slim of TelMex. Board to be polled as to amount and consent
- e. AmSoc members' discount availability to be published and posted.
- f. AmSoc donation to the American Legion's Orphan Christmas party suggested. Board to be polled as to amount and consent. (*Note: a check for \$5,000 pesos presented to Legion Commander at "El Grito" Luncheon.*)
- g. AmSoc brochures are now available and will be distributed to many locations around town.
- h. More AmSoc outings suggested after the great attendance at the Mariachi Parade.
- i. BAR invited to bring his guitar more often to the Friday night socials.
- j. Next board meeting to be announced.

Meeting closed at 11:44.

Recipe of the Month

A cool recipe for the coming hot weather.

Cucumbers and Sour Cream

Ingredients

2 large cucumbers
½ tablespoons salt
½ small onion thinly sliced, or 2-3 spring (green) onions, finely chopped
½ cup sour cream

Method

Peel and cut cucumbers into very thin slices (you can use the slicing side of the grater for this). Place in a bowl and sprinkle with salt. Cover and allow to sit for about an hour. Squeeze the juice from the cucumbers until they are fairly dry and discard the liquid. Mix with the onions and sour cream. Chill in refrigerator before serving. Garnish with chopped chives or green onions.

Flu and Pneumonia Shots

Dr. Avril Forsyth will be attending at AmSoc on the mornings of Monday, October 17, and Monday, October 24 to administer Flu and Pneumonia shots. Please sign up in advance so that Dr. Forsyth will have an estimate of the amount of vaccine to purchase. Sign-up sheets are available at the front desk. *Further information about costs and times will be posted on the bulletin board as it becomes available.*

Guadalajara Names

Did you ever wonder how Guadalajara streets got their names? Hundreds of city avenues and boulevards are named after historical personalities, but who were these men (there are very few women) and what did they do to rate having streets named after them?

Take *Lázaro Cardenas*, for example, (my favorite). Lázaro Cárdenas del Río was born in Jiquilpan, Michoacán in 1895. He started his rise to prominence as a revolutionary militant who became a general at the age of twenty-five. In 1928, he became the governor of Michoacán. As governor, he built roads, irrigation projects and schools. He united peasants, students, and laborers in an effort to advance their social progress.

Cárdenas became president of Mexico at the age of 39. He was known for his rigid honesty and integrity. One of his most famous acts was the nationalization of the Mexican oil industry. Cárdenas did not die a rich man.

Then there is *López Mateos*. Adolfo López Mateos was president of Mexico from 1958 to 1964. A former lawyer, he was best remembered for the economic boom of his presidency and for some liberal legislation, including profit sharing for workers and agrarian reform. López Mateos is also famous for negotiating the return by the United States of a 177-hectare strip of Mexican territory along the Texas border.

The one I find the most intriguing is not named after a single person, but a group of *Niños Heroes*, the Heroic Children of Chapultepec. During the US invasion of Mexico (1846 - 1848), a number of cadets from the military academy at Chapultepec lost their lives fighting side-by-side with regular troops in defense of the hill of Chapultepec and ended up fighting hand-to-hand for their school before being overpowered by superior American forces.

The name of the city itself, Guadalajara, has an interesting origin. It comes from an Arabic name, *Wad-al hidjara*, which means "River that runs between rocks".

(VW)

This Month in World History

October 1, 1987 - Los Angeles earthquake, measuring 5.9 on the Richter scale.

October 4, 1582 - The Gregorian Calendar took effect in Catholic countries.

October 4, 1957 - The Space Age began as the Soviets launched the first satellite, Sputnik.

October 6, 1927 - The first "talkie", *The Jazz Singer* starring Al Jolson, opened in New York.

October 8, 1871 - The Great Fire of Chicago.

October 10, 1973 - Vice-president Spiro T. Agnew resigned amid charges of corruption.

October 12, 1492 - Christopher Columbus made his first landfall in the New World (the Bahamas).

October 13, 1884 - The Greenwich Meridian was established as the universal time line.

October 14, 1964 - Martin Luther King, Jr., was the youngest recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize.

October 15, 1917 - World War I spy Mata Hari was executed by a French firing squad.

October 16, 1793 - Queen Marie Antoinette was beheaded.

October 18, 1945 - The Nuremberg War Crimes Trial began with indictments against 24 former Nazi leaders.

October 19, 1960 - The US embargo of Cuba began.

October 19, 1987 - Wall Street's "Black Monday" stocks plunged 508 points, the largest one-day drop in stock market history.

October 23, 1956 - Hungarian uprising against Communist rule began in Budapest.

October 23, 1989 - Hungary declared itself a republic, 33 years after Soviet troops crushed the 1956 revolt.

October 24, 1945 - The United Nations was founded.

October 26, 1881 - The shoot-out at the O.K. Corral in Tombstone, Arizona.

October 27, 1904 - The New York City subway began operating.

October 28, 1636 - Harvard University, the oldest institution of higher learning in America, was founded in Cambridge, Mass.

October 28, 1919 - Prohibition began in the US

October 29, 1929 - The stock market crashed as over 16 million shares were dumped.

October 30, 1938 - The *War of the Worlds* radio broadcast panicked millions of Americans.

October 31, 1517 - Martin Luther published his 95 theses, marking the beginning of the Protestant Reformation.

AmSoc September Calendar

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3 Aerobics 10:00 Lunch 12:30	4 Board Meeting 10:30	5 Aerobics 10:00	6 Lunch 12:30 Games 1:00	7 Aerobics 10:00 US Mail pickup 11:30 Social Evening 7:00
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31 Aerobics 10:00 Lunch 12:30 Halloween				