



Newsletter



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings to one and all!

I hope that you are doing well and enjoying your summer so far. Here in Mazatlan the

weather is starting to get fairly warm and on occasion very humid. As I write this, it is 10:30am in the morning and with the ceiling fans going (two in the family room) and a high velocity fan blowing out of the room it feels really pleasant. Now it would be another story out in the sun! Yesterday the sky was overcast and it looked very much like we were going to get our first rain of the monsoon season a couple of weeks early, but it all blew over by later in the afternoon. If you talk to a native Mazatlaneco he or she will tell you that the rains begin on June 24th. Last year our first rain was June 27th.

One benefit that the summer weather brings besides the luscious mangos, is the much sought after CFE subsidy! Well you will be pleased to see an article in this month's newsletter telling you all about the CFE subsidy and explaining the ins and outs of the CFE tariffs that are applicable to residential consumers in Mazatlan. This is another example of our focus on fulfilling our core statement of purpose "**Offer activities, information & services to the members of the organization**". Each month in the newsletter we attempt to bring you information that is useful and timely so that our members that live in Mazatlan can stay current on events and changes that impact their lives.

To make sure that we are also working to bring you activities that provide entertainment and help build bonds of community amongst our members we are close to announcing the much talked about Patzcuaro trip. As mentioned previously the trip will coincide with the "Dia de los muertos" or "Day of the Dead" celebration in Patzcuaro. While many details still need to be worked out here are some dates so you can plan your calendar:

1. Departure Mazatlan via chartered bus the evening of October 31st
2. Stay in the Morelia area November 1
3. Visit Patzcuaro and enjoy the "Noche de Muertos" November 2
4. Visit surrounding historic sites and attractions November 3 through November 5
5. Departure for Mazatlan November 5

Once prices, itinerary and logistics are firmed up, please stay tuned for an e-mail on this trip. *Please note that a 50% deposit will be required by the end of June (exact date will be published in special e-mail) to reserve hotel rooms etc. This deposit will be non-refundable because of the popularity of this destination during the "Dia de los muertos" celebration.* Many thanks to Susan Silva for doing all the leg work on this project.

The principal reason for founding the Friends of Mexico was and continues to be: "**Contribute to the local community by providing educational opportunities**

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Friends of Mexico Statement of Purpose

To be a non-profit organization of Mazatlan providing community services and promoting better understanding among Mexicans and non-Mexicans:

To accomplish this purpose we will:

- Offer activities, information and services to the members of Friends of Mexico, and
- Contribute to the local community by providing educational opportunities to those in need.

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FOR ART LOVERS AND THEATER GOERS...

On June 9 & 10th the Mazatlan Municipal Institute for Culture, Tourism and the Arts is sponsoring the celebration of "Dia de la Musica" or Day of the Mu-



sic. This event will be held for the fourth consecutive year and this year marks the fifth anniversary of historic downtown Mazatlan being named as a National Cultural Heritage site.

On June 9th at 8:00pm Iraida Noriega & The Big Band will perform at Angel Peralta Theater. Iraida is a nationally renowned jazz vocalist in México.

On June 10th there will be multiple musical events in Plazauela Machado, Plaza Venustanio Caranza , Monument Venadito and Olas Altas. Music events begin at 7:00pm and are scheduled to end at midnight.

For more information go to:

http://www.culturamazatlan.com/Noticias3_en/noticias.php?IdNoticia=145

FOUNDATION COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

JUNE 6, 2006

The committee met on May 25th.

2 2-ton mini-split air conditioners have been delivered to SOR JUANA SCHOOL for the classrooms with the enciclopedia equipment. Martin, the director along with the parents association is in charge of installation. The committee discussed the purchase of polo shirts and school supplies for this school. Champions Lee and Lynne were invited to attend the Teachers' Dav luncheon at the school and they also presented each teacher with a token gift from FOM.

At JOSE FELIPE VALLE, (Venadillo), Fr. Jim and Majid are researching an alternative way to protect the equipment.

FRIENDS OF MEXICO
Monthly Treasurers Report
JUNE 1, 2006

Executive Summary

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include BALANCE IN ACCOUNTS AS OF JUNE 1, 2006 (\$388,774.96), FOUNDATION RESERVE FOR 2006 (\$209,910.10), and TOTAL BALANCE (\$178,864.86).

Monthly Activities

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Administrative Account Balance-05/01/06 (\$10,000.00), This month's Income (\$1,000.00), This month Expenses (\$ 900.00), Transfer to Foundation Account (\$ 100.00), and Administrative Account Balance - 06/01/06 (\$ 10,000.00).

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Foundation Account Balance - 05/01/06 (\$ 395,593.96), This month Income (\$4,555.00), Transfer from Administrative Account (\$100.00), This month Expenses (\$21,474.00), and Foundation Account Balance- 06/01/06 (\$378,774.96).

Total FOM Accounts Balance \$388,774.96

Note: All totals are in Pesos

Respectfully Submitted
Susan Harp Silva

Money was delivered to the director for the installation of electricity to the classrooms that will receive the enciclopedia equipment at this school. This past year this neighborhood was improved with a drainage system, now FOM is helping them get electricity to 3 of the classrooms.

JOSEFINA OSUNAS' director would like to have more English teachers, and someone who could teach the students how to use computers. Students from the 5th grade will be attending the June FOM general meeting to entertain us with the songs they have learned in English and to dance for us. The committee recommends to the board that the FOM administrative account pay for breakfast for the students and for their transportation to and from the meeting on June 9th.

16 cubettas of paint were purchased for VICENTE GUERRERO SCHOOL. The paint is currently being stored in Fr. Jim's garage to be used in the fall when school resumes. FOM members will be asked to volunteer for a paint party to be held sometime in August-September 2006.

Tres Islas has made many improvements at Hogar San

Friends of Mexico
General Meeting Agenda
June 13, 2006

- 1. Call to order
2. Special Performance: 5th grade class from Josefina Osuna Perez school sing and dance
3. Remarks from the president
4. Approval of April 2006 Treasurer's report
Committee Reports
1 Foundation - Jacque Demmer
2 Events - Susan Silva (Bruce George)
3 Discount Services - Henri Jarrat
4 Membership - Fr. Jim Story (Robert Ryckman)
5 Volunteer Coordinator - Jerry Lippman
6 Member Service - Jim Story
6. Announcements
7. Drawing
8. Adjournment

Friends of Mexico
Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
April 5, 2006

The following board members were present: Majid Mir, Jacque Demmer, Susan Silva, Bruce George, Bob Ryckman, and Murry Page. Since a replacement for Joe MacDonald had not been elected, no board member was absent. The following were also in attendance: Jim Story, Jerry Lippman, Trish Kennison, and Rebecca Craven.

A quorum having been established, the meeting was called to order by the President, Majid Mir. The minutes of the March 2006 meeting were given to the board for their review. Bruce George moved that the minutes be approved, as submitted. Majid Mir seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. Murry Page provided each board member with a list of the dates of all minutes of board meetings and general membership meetings since the inception of Friends of Mexico. He asked members to check their files to see if they may have a copy of missing minutes.

Majid Mir inquired as to who the speaker would be for the April general membership meeting. No speaker had been selected and there was no one on the board that is charged with the responsibility of obtaining speakers in a timely manner. A discussion then followed on obtaining a speaker for next week's meeting. After much discussion Rebecca Caven said she would speak to her husband about making a presentation at the April meeting. Trish Kennison said she would see about getting a speaker to discuss the development going on in the marina area and Susan Silva will inquire into whether she could obtain as speaker to talk about the red tide a little later in the year. These three will touch base with each other to ensure we have a speaker for next week's meeting. Majid Mir created a committee comprise of Susan Silva, Rebecca Caven, and himself to establish a procedure to obtain speakers in an orderly manner and to develop a list of topics for future speakers. This committee will meet on April 16th at 10:00 a.m. and report back to the board.

The board then discussed the strategy retreat for the board and invited guests. It was decided to have the retreat on Monday, April 10th. Majid Mir will attempt to reserve space at Casa de Leyendas for the retreat. If space is not available there, the retreat will be held at the home of Majid Mir. The retreat will be scheduled from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. It was agreed that a facilitator would be beneficial to keep everyone on topic and on time. Bruce George said he knew someone that may be willing to act in that capacity and would check with them and report to Majid Mir. Majid Mir asked for agenda item ideas and said he would email all members a copy of the draft of the agenda he had developed before the end of the day. He asked for all agenda items to be submitted to him by Friday, April 7th.

Majid Mir then discussed the need for a continuity plan in light of the fact that most of the people in attendance would be leaving Mazatlan for the season. He suggested that everyone have a backup to act in his or her absence. Murry Page pointed out that could be done only for those that were not officers and directors. The officers and directors are elected positions. A discussion followed on communicating with those that would be absent during the summer months. Bruce George stated that minutes would be provided to them, as well as email communication. It was agreed that during the summer months plans needed to be finalized for the trips, events, etc. that would occur during the fall and winter of 2006. We could not wait until October or November to start that planning. No resolution was reached and the matter was tabled.

Majid Mir said he would like a critique of the Wine and Cheese Party in order to help in the planning and execution of future events. Bruce George stated that notwithstanding some of the complaints that had been received it was the most financially successful Wine and Cheese Party Friends of Mexico had held. He acknowledged that we had run out of wine and food. He attributed that fact to several things. First, there was insufficient communication with members regarding the need for members to bring hors d'oeuvres. Secondly, those in attendance ate as if we were serving a meal.

Finally, the attendance was higher than in past years and almost eighty-five percent (85%) did not purchase their ticket in advance. Jacque Demmer noted that she was surprised at the number of people she did not recognize. Bruce George agreed and said a lot of the attendees were non-members. Trish Kennison suggested that to reduce food consumption we should use servers. Murry Page suggested that if a large number of the attendees were not members we could use nametags in an effort to approach the non-members about joining Friends of Mexico while they were there. Bruce George also suggested that we made need to start purchasing the food because of the size of the group and the difficulty in getting volunteers to provide the quantity needed. Bruce George also noted that Sharon and Glen Sorrie, the owners of Casa de Leyendas, had provided food when we ran out and would not accept any remuneration for it. After discussion of their efforts and support Bruce George moved that Sharon and Glen Sorrie be given a life membership in Friends of Mexico and a free 1/8 page advertisement in the newsletter for twelve (12) months in recognition of all of their efforts. Jacque Demmer seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Majid Mir will present them with a plaque at the April membership meeting.

Susan Silva stated she had met with Cliff Brown and gotten the software program Money from him and would be converting the financial information to Money within the near future. Majid Mir requested that the conversion be kept on the agenda until it was completed.

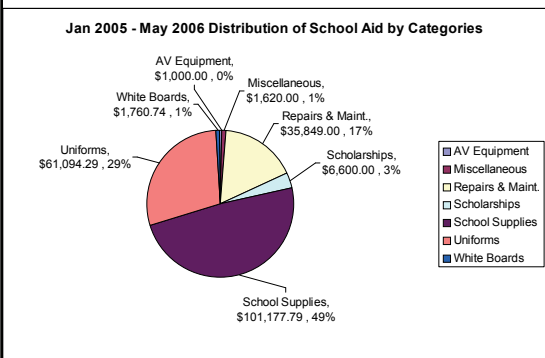
Bruce George discussed future trips stating that the Pacifico Brewery trip could be put together within a week as soon as the number of attendees was known. At the April membership meeting members will be asked to commit to the tour, if they are interested. Susan Silva will make the arrangements. The trips to Las Labradas and El Quelite will be postponed until the fall. Susan Silva will have the details for the trip to Pazcuaro finalized for the April membership meeting. There will be a sign up sheet available and a deposit will be required.

Majid Mir briefly discussed a National Charitable Organization Outreach in which we would have one of our board members attend the meetings of the other charitable organizations and hopefully we will have a designee from those organizations attend our general membership meeting. Majid Mir said he would make the necessary contacts and report to the board.

Bob Ryckman then distributed to the board members for their comments a draft of a new membership card that would more clearly reflect the expiration date. The question of when we would begin issuing membership cards for the calendar 2007 was raised. Jacque Demmer stated that in the past members joining on or after August the 1st of each year were issued a membership card expiring the end of the next calendar year. After some discussion it was agreed that the policy would not change.

Jacque Demmer gave the Foundation Committee Report, a copy for which is attached. She stated the Friends of Mexico's pilot class at Sor Juana would be graduating the first week of July 2006. She also noted that members of Friends of Mexico were treated to a demonstration of the new exciclomeida program at Sor Juana and that everyone was quite impressed. She said Henri Jarrat was working with Martin on the feasibility of Friends of Mexico helping the school get air conditioners in the rooms that have the new equipment. Jacque Demmer then advised the board that Lynne Hopkins and Lee Story have created a successful incentive program at Sor Juana. Prizes are awarded to the best student, the student with the best attendance, etc., as an incentive for the students. It is hoped this program can be expanded to other schools. She also noted that Friends of Mexico had contributed thirty percent (30%) to the cost of windows for Josefina Osuna Perez, while the city contributed the balance. Jacque Demmer thanked Susan Silva for efforts in getting the shoes for the boys at Hogar San Pablo. Finally, she stated what a great success the eye exams had been for the children. Thanks to the doctors from the Lions Club of Detroit over 1,000 students had eye exams with glasses provided, if needed.

to those in need”. To realize this statement, our Foundation team and the rest of the organization is constantly striving to ensure that the donations that you make and the funds that we raise through events and activities are spent in a manner consistent with the needs of poor school children of Mazatlan. While a vast majority of the funds we spend to help the needy children go directly for things such as school supplies, uniforms, shoes and school bags, of necessity we target some monies towards school infrastructure such as drinking water, sanitation and general condition of school structures. Any monies donated for such purposes are given not just as a grant, but as partnership money that requires sweat equity from teachers and parents. Thus your donations not only are helping the future citizens of Mexico by educating them but are also a catalyst in helping bring about positive change in attitudes towards education and community amongst the adult population of the colonias by giving them a sense of community pride, ownership and accomplishments. Along these lines, last week I visited Venadillo school with Fr. Jim Story. I was impressed by the improvements that the school infrastructure has undergone since my last visit



approximately a year ago. Alongside is a pie chart that shows you the distribution of monies spent for various categories of expenditures to help the needy children of Mazatlan.

A very special thanks to **Ted and Kattie Carney** for your extremely generous donation to the Friends of Mexico. We welcome your donation and will do our very best to make sure that it furthers the education of the needy children of Mazatlan in the most effective manner possible. Have a great June!

Majid Mir

Citizens Corner - CFE Summer Subsidy Begins

CFE and the state government of Sinaloa signed an agreement during the week of May 21st so that the domestic users of electricity can enjoy subsidized rates under tariff 1D. With the subsidy in effect, users covered under tariff 1D can enjoy rates more or less equivalent to those provided under tariff 1F.

So you may be wondering what in the world is this tariff 1D and 1F stuff? Under Mexican law governing the operations of CFE the country is divided into a number of tariff zones. These zones are determined by the daily average temperature reported for the locality. For example tariff 1D applies to all localities that have an average monthly temperature of 30⁰ Centigrade. The summer months are deemed to be the six consecutive months of the year with the highest average daily temperatures. Summer is deemed to have started when the temperature threshold is reached in a locality for two consecutive months. During the summer months the tariff rates for each tier of electricity consumption are considerably lower, while the tiers are generously expanded. For example tariff 1D has the following rate structures in July and December 2006:

| Tariff 1D in July | | |
|---|-----------------|--|
| Charges for energy consumed by consumers using 400 Kwh or less total/month | | |
| Basic Tier | \$ 0.529 | (52.9 Centavos/Kwh) Applicable to the first 175 Kwh of Usage |
| Intermediate Tier | \$ 0.630 | For each additional Kwh above 175 Kwh |
| Charges for energy consumed by consumers using more than 400 Kwh total/month | | |
| Basic Tier | \$ 0.529 | (52.9 Centavos/Kwh) Applicable to the first 175 Kwh of usage |
| Intermediate Tier | \$ 0.794 | Applicable to each Kwh upto 500 Kwh. |
| Upper Tier | \$ 2.122 | For each additional KWH above 500 Kwh of usage |

| Tariff 1D in December | | |
|---|----------|---|
| Charges for energy consumed by consumers using 200 Kwh or less total/month | | |
| Basic Tier | \$ 0.619 | (61.9 Centavos/Kwh) Applicable to the first 75 Kwh of Usage |
| Intermediate Tier | \$ 0.733 | For each additional Kwh above 75 Kwh |
| Charges for energy consumed by consumers using more than 200 Kwh total/month | | |
| Basic Tier | \$ 0.619 | (61.9 Centavos/Kwh) Applicable to the first 75 Kwh of Usage |
| Intermediate Tier | \$ 1.019 | Applicable to each Kwh for the next 100 Kwh. |
| Upper Tier | \$ 2.157 | For each additional KWH above 175 Kwh of usage |

Normally the subsidy is initiated on the 1st of May and ends on the 31st of October each year. With the subsidy tariff 1D will have the following rate structure until the end of October 2006:

| Tariff 1D with State of Sinaloa Subsidy May 19th – October 31 2006 | | |
|--|----------------|--|
| Basic Tier | \$ 0.43 | (43 Centavos/KwH) Applicable to the first 300 KwH of Usage |
| Intermediate Tier | \$ 0.71 | Applicable to each KwH for the next 900 KwH or upto |
| Upper Tier | \$ 1.32 | For each additional KwH up |
| Excess Usage Tier | \$2.10 | For each additional KwH above 2500 KwH of usage |

With the state government subsidy in place, tariff 1D is equivalent to tariff 1F. The state government absorbs the rate differential, which will amount to approximately \$200 million pesos in 2006 and will benefit 174,987 domestic account holders of CFE in the southern part of Sinaloa.

Please be aware that under tariff 1D any consumer that exceeds 1000 KwH of average monthly usage computed on a rolling average for the previous twelve months is classified as a “High Consumption” user. Such users do not receive the subsidy and are also charged under a penalty tariff which charges a flat rate of \$2.3/KwH.

For more information on this topic, please visit <http://aplicaciones.cfe.gob.mx/aplicaciones/ccfe/tarifas/tarifas/>

Some of this information was published in an article in Noroeste.com on May 24th 2006.

Majid Mir

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Pablo and the boys home has been renamed Father Tovar’s Home for Boys. FOM will continue to provide the boys with their school uniforms, shoes, and school supplies.

Jacque delivered some school supplies to **En Busca de Una Sonrisa**. She also has received a very generous donation earmarked for this school.

Future commitments were discussed: ie, breakfast for the students, medical checkups, improvements to the schools infrastructure, FOM volunteer English teachers, restocking the First Aid kits, the purchase of school supplies and

It was agreed that the program should be published in the upcoming newsletter. As a sidelight there had been some complaints about Friends of Mexico giving cash as the monthly door prize. After discussion by the board Majid Mir moved that in the future cash not be awarded to the winner of the monthly door prize. Bruce George seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Susan Silva then gave the Treasurer’s Report, a copy of which is attached. She noted that membership dues had generated \$2,800.00 during the month of March. The Foundation received \$16,880.00 in donations and it had received \$21,690.00 from the Wine and Cheese Party and \$240.00 from the cooking classes bringing the total income to \$41,610.00. There no administrative expenses and the total expenses for the Foundation were \$16,815.90, for a net increase of \$24,794.10.

Bob Ryckman then gave the Membership Committee Report, a copy of which is attached, and stated that since March 1st we had twenty-five (25) new members and three (3) members had renewed bringing the total membership to 441. Of that number 12 are lifetime members and 4 are complimentary. A complimentary membership is a non-dues paying membership for one (1) year, subject to renewal. After discussion it was agreed that the complimentary membership issued to Mike Veselik would not be renewed for the calendar year 2007.

Bruce George stated he had already given the Events Committee Report but noted that the annual 4th of July/Canada Day would be held again this year.

Henri Jarrat gave the Discount Services Program Report and stated he was working on updating the accuracy of the list of businesses giving discounts to our members. He noted that a couple of new businesses had been added to the list and the members would be advised of those additions within the next few days .Jerry Lippman gave the Volunteers Committee Report and stated he had been in contact with Cate Crawford regarding a proposed talk to interested members on the subject of Feng Shui.

After discussion by the board it was agreed that Jerry would contact her again and establish a date for her presentation at no cost to Friends of Mexico. The date will be announced at the April meeting and those interested in attending the talk will be asked to contact Jerry Lippman.

Rebecca Caven stated she would be out of the country from May 11th through June 10th, but that she should be able to produce the newsletter during her absence, if everyone would provide his or her information to her electronically.

The two-night stay given as a raffle prize at the Wine and Cheese Party was briefly discussed. The board also discussed the use of a Yahoo Group as a method by which the board could keep in touch with each other. Majid Mir said he would get one established and electronically advised the board when that had been completed.

Trish Kennison then discussed the Spanish classes noting that there would be an increase in price in order to retain the services of the current teacher. She also stated she was investigating cooking classes, as she had received inquiries regarding that program.

There being no further business to come before the meeting up motion duly made and seconded the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Murry Page
Secretary

EN BUSCA DE UNA SONRISA, - (In Search of a Smile)

In March, 2006 Marie Hermanson and Andrea Rule, two ladies who have worked in behalf of this school asked the Friends of Mexico Foundation if they would visit En Busca and consider it as one of their projects. The Foundation already has more schools than volunteer Champions can oversee but Jacque agreed to at least go and visit this kindergarten.

What we found out in this very poor colonia was an oasis not only for kindergartners but for elementary school children and at times even their parents.

En Busca de una Sonrisa provides the following services to children ages 4-12 years old:

- A nourishing breakfast before elementary school
- Day care before and after school
- Kindergarten for 4 and 5 year old children (50 children)
- After school classes in Math, Computers and Spanish
- Medical services and medicine

The Quintero family, Maria Elena, David and their daughter Ely, started the center eight years ago by providing food from a table that sat on a vacant patio in this poor community, Colonia Ampliacion Valle Del Ejido. Later they rented space to expand their services. Eventually the family purchased property and solicited donations to build a structure for the center. Two years ago the neighborhood got electricity and last year the first floor of the center was built. The center provides many needed services in this poverty stricken area. In addition to the one large classroom on the first floor, there is a kitchen, store-room, a small office and an area for computers. Currently the center offers two kindergarten classes in one large room. Kindergarten will soon be a mandatory prerequisite for starting first grade in Mexico. To meet the government requirements of one class

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per room a second floor is currently under construction. If donations permit, there will be 3 individual classrooms when this expansion is completed. The school provides food, educational materials and uniforms to all the children who want to attend at **NO COST** to the students or their families. No one is turned away. The school, the students, the kitchen, everything is immaculately clean. These very young students have a parade daily during which they pledge allegiance to the flag. It is a sight to behold! all kids standing quietly at attention and participating. These are kids that are 4 and 5 years old! The Quintero family is also providing an above average education and exposure to a life outside of this very poor colonia in an effort to demonstrate to these youngsters that there are opportunities available to them through education.

The FOM Foundation committee soon discovered that this location fits our goals to a tee; To get low income kids into primary school and keep them there. The school is located in the kind of neighborhood where we can make a difference, it fulfills more of the needs of students than a regular school, e.g. breakfast, private tutoring, after school activities in karate, etc., child care and medical attention. En Busca de una Sonrisa, with help from FOM and others could become a model school, located in a very poor colonia, offering opportunities to kids that would not otherwise be available to them.

If you'd like to *visit* En Busca,, please visit their web site <http://www.buscasonrisa.com/index.html>

Or contact Jacque, demmaza@yahoo.com if you'd like to be a champion here or at Vicente Guerrero School.

Discount Services UPDATE

This is the Month of MEDICAL AND ALLIED HEALTH SERVICES !

For those Members who are still in Mazatlan , you may be interested in the following Services and in particular, the "Free First Teeth Cleaning"(300 pesos value) offered by one of our Cosmetic Dentists with the first consultation. Those members currently abroad can of course enjoy this offer when they are back to Mazatlan.

Please lets WELCOME:

1-COSMETIC DENTISTRY -

Centro Especialidades Ontologicas

10% Discount + Free Teeth Cleaning with first consultation

Dra. Xochitl Samaniego Sanchez

Specialist on Orthodontics, Maxillary Orthopedic, Root Canal, Dental Surgery, Implants, etc...

Av. Cruz Lizarraga #1432- Corner Av. Los Deportes - Across from the Aquarium.

Tele: 954-03-57

2-REUMATOLOGIST 15% CASH

Dr Alberto Gaytan Barrera

Specialist on Arthritis-, Osteoporosis,lupus, Scleroderma, joint muscle pain etc..

Dr. Kumate #202-LB1-Across from SAMS club

Tele: 986-91-51 & 112-02-39

3-ORTHOPEDIC SURGEON 15% CASH

Dr Felipe Bojorquez Hernandez

Specialist on Arthroscopy, Joint replacement, Microinvasive surgery of feet,etc..

Dr. Kumate #202-LB1-Across from SAMS club

Tele: 986-91-51 & 112-02-39

4- PHYSICAL THERAPIST 15% CASH

Fernando Sanchez Ramires

Physical Therapy, rehabilitation, muscle joint problems, Arthritis, neurological problems ,etc..

Dr. Kumate #202-LB1-Across from SAMS club

Tele: 986-91-51 & 112-02-39

Also, an updated list of the Directory can be found in our Web Site: www.mazinfo.com/fom.

FOR THIS PROGRAM TO BE EFFECTIVE, WE URGE ALL OUR MEMBERS TO SUPPORT THE BUSINESSES LISTED. PLEASE CARRY WITH YOU YOUR FOM CARD AS WELL AS A HARD COPY OF THE DIRECTORY. You may need the latter when dealing with new personnel.

For further details, please contact Henri Jarrat - Phone: 988-05-26

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All the best,

Henri Jarrat

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after-school continuing education classes and activities. Cheryl D'Angelo has agreed to act as Librarian for Sor Juana in the fall as we once again try to set up a lending library for this school. The committee hopes to set up a meeting at one of the schools with all the directors present to determine the schools immediate priorities for the coming school year and how FOM can help them achieve these.

Graduation date for Sor Juana is yet to be determined. It will be between June 29th and July 3rd.

Last day of school will be the 5th or 6th of July.

Donations: Ted and Kattie Carney, new lifetime members, Nan Koerner, Peter Davis, Tom Whitmore, Bea Garay and Gail Hanlon.

Sister Ofelia one of the founding nuns at Ciudad de los Ninos died Sunday June 3. She will be greatly missed by many.

Respectfully submitted by

Jacque Demmer, chairman

WELCOME!

| New Member | Hails From |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Acosta Villarreal, Sofia | Mazatlan |
| Carney, Kattie | ? |
| Carney, Ted | ? |
| Backman, Steven | California |
| Moss, John | California |
| Horton, Barbara | California |
| Bramble, Cate | California |
| Akin, Doug | Nevada |
| Davis, Peter | Illinois |
| Koerner, Nanette | Illinois |

Happy Birthday!!

| Bramble | Kate | 06 | 22 |
|-----------------|----------|----|----|
| Baker | Richard | 06 | 17 |
| Bunnell | Vierl | 06 | 07 |
| Camille | John | 06 | 27 |
| Deane | Margaret | 06 | 27 |
| Drennon | Donald | 06 | 17 |
| Enos | Tom | 06 | 29 |
| García | Gisela | 06 | 27 |
| Gray | Robert | 06 | 17 |
| Hall | Chuck | 06 | 04 |
| Hudson | Diane | 06 | 11 |
| Kelly | Owen | 06 | 18 |
| Kontry | Janette | 06 | 06 |
| Konty | Janet | 06 | 06 |
| Laxen | Henry | 06 | 15 |
| Lewis | Ann | 06 | 02 |
| Markland-Coombs | Rita | 06 | 19 |
| McDonald | Joe | 06 | 28 |
| Miller | Harold | 06 | 04 |
| Ouellet | Doris | 06 | 25 |
| Peters | Mike | 06 | 07 |
| Pettler | Pete | 06 | 08 |
| Retterer | Ronald | 06 | 28 |
| Reuben | Sophie | 06 | 20 |
| Rubin | Mariel | 06 | 05 |
| Schenk | Jean | 06 | 18 |
| Schultz | Diane | 06 | 01 |
| Siemens | John | 06 | 14 |
| Slover | Mike | 06 | 13 |
| Story | Bob | 06 | 23 |
| Wojcik | Robert | 06 | 16 |

Friends of Mexico
General Membership Meeting Minutes
May 9th 2006

Meeting called to order by FOM President Majid Mir at 10:00am

Majid Mir presented the agenda as follows:

Call to order

Remarks from the President

Approval of March 2006 Treasurer's report

Presentation of Guest Speaker:

Jose Antonio Cevallos – Director of Construction Marina Mazatlan

Performance Incentives @ Sor Juana

Committee Reports

Foundation – Jacque Demmer

Events – Susan Silva (Bruce George)

Discount Services – Henri Jarrat

Membership – Fr. Jim Story (Robert Ryckman)

Volunteer Coordinator – Jerry Lippman

Member Service – Jim Story

Announcements

Drawing

Majid Mir announced that a TV and VCR were going to be silent auctioned for the benefit of the Foundation with a minimum reserve bid of \$1000.00 pesos. He encouraged members to bid vigorously for this good cause.

Majid Mir then proceeded to present the monthly remarks from the president. During his presentation he covered the FOM Statement of Purpose:

Offer activities, information & services to the members of the organization.

Contribute to the local community by providing educational opportunities to those in need. Majid then described how the FOM Board of Directors is working to fulfill each statement of purpose. He

mentioned services such as the Newsletter and Discount Services program and activities and events such as the monthly meeting and future planning for trips such as the one being planned to Patzcuaro. Majid then described how the Board of Directors was working to expand the number of children supported by the Foundation as it works to realize the second major statement of purpose.

Majid made a passionate appeal for more volunteers to assist the core group of volunteers and officers. He emphasized the fact that the future of FOM was in the hands of the membership at large. How many activities and events are offered and how many children are helped is directly dependent on how many members volunteer to help with these activities. Majid asked for volunteers in the area of Advertising, Events Planning, Trip Planning and Coordination, Newsletter Publishing and School Champions.

Majid presented the monthly "Little Known Facts about Friends of Mexico". This month's fact asked members to guess the number of school children being helped by FOM. The correct answer is 1011.

Next Lynn Hopkins and Lee Story presented to the membership on the Topic of Incentives at Sor Juana. The gist of their presentation was that they had experienced great success in motivating positive behaviors amongst school children at Sor Juana in the academic and behavioral areas by announcing various forms of incentives. Examples of incentives were money prizes for the most improved student, money prizes for the best academic performance by a boy and by a girl. Class party for the cleanest classroom etc. The guest speaker Jose Antonio Cevallos – Director of Construction Marina Mazatlan was next presented to the membership by Majid Mir. Mr. Antonio Cevallos described the construction projects going on in and around the Marina. Key highlights were that by the time construction is completed the Marina area will have approximately 5000 new residences, 3000 shops and restaurants and will a big new mall anchored by Sorianas. He also told the membership that the first 9 holes of the golf course being built in the Marina area will be in playing con-

dition by September of 2006. Majid Mir then recognized Mr. Antonio Cevallos by presenting him with a framed certificate to memorialize his presentation to Friends of Mexico. Next Jacque Demmer presented the foundation report. She reported on the trips to the aquarium that have so far been organized and sponsored by Friends of Mexico.

She also mentioned that Majid Mir was researching setting up a Pay Pal account for FOM so that our members or others who wish to donate can do so with ease and security regardless of where they are. Jacque also talked about a planned Paint Day at Josefina on May 20th and asked those interested in helping to be there at 9:00 or 10:00am in the morning.

Fr. Jim Story next introduced new members and guests. He reported total membership at 477.

There being a motion and a second to approve the Treasurer's report, the Treasurer's report was approved by a show of hands. There were no votes against the report.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00am

Muchas Gracias!



Ted & Kattie Carney