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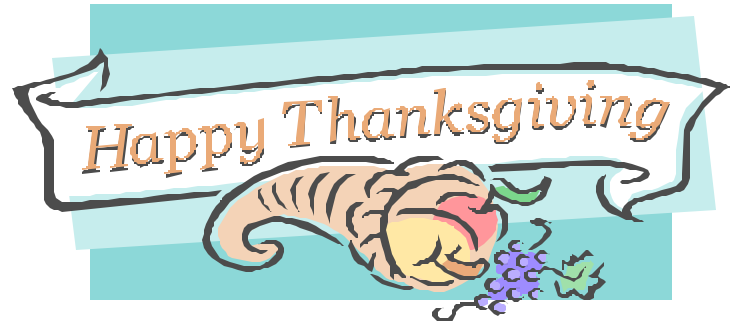
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General Meeting Agenda

November 14, 2006

1. Call to order
2. Speakers – Patrons of the Arts
3. Business Reports
 - Approvals:
 - September General Meeting Minutes
 - October General Meeting Minutes
 - November Treasurers Report
4. Committee Reports:
 - Foundation – Jacque Demmer
 - Events – Susan Silva/Bruce George
5. Announcements
6. Attendance Drawing
7. Adjournment



HOLIDAY CALENDAR

Nov 14 – Pickle Appreciation Day ?
Nov 20 – Día de la Revolución
Nov 23 – Thanksgiving
Dec 12 – Día de la Virgen de Guadalupe

Friends of México, A.C. Minutes of the General Membership Meeting October 10, 2006

Attendance: 70

Dee Hulen, Vice President, called the meeting to order & welcomed everyone.

Jackie Peterson introduced the speaker, Raul Rico, Director General of CULTURA, who spoke on forthcoming events of culture & the arts. See the CULTURA web site: www.culturamazatlan.com.

Motion-To approve the October Treasurers Report by Trish Kennison; 2nd-Cheryl D'Angelo; approved.

The minutes of the September general membership meeting will be approved in November; due to the fact that they were inadvertently omitted from the newsletter.

Committee Reports:

Foundation-Jacque Demmer: Thanked the volunteers who attended the paint day at Vicente Guerrero School on October 21st. Thanked Helen Loman for her donation. See report in newsletter.

Discount Services-Fr. Jim Story: Requested any corrections be sent to Henri.

Events-Bruce: Encouraged members to visit the CULTURA website. *Susan:* Bus trip to Tonalá is scheduled for 1/19 & a trip to the Copper Canyon is scheduled for 2/22. Interested parties, please contact her.

Membership-Fr. Jim Story: This day 13 new members have joined & 13 member renewals were received.

Member Services-Fr. Jim Story: No report

Continuing Education-Trish Kennison: Spanish classes are being formed; interested parties please contact her.

Announcements: A local community based hospice is being formed & expected to open in late 2007.

Attendance drawing winner: Nancy Blakeslee

Motion to adjourn by Cheryl D'Angelo; 2nd-Gayle Villalobos; approved; meeting adjourned at 11 AM.

Respectfully submitted-Lee Story, Secretary/ad hoc

Susan Silva requested Lee Story, former President, to conduct the meeting.
Attendance: 55 – 47 members & 8 guests
Lee Story called the meeting to order at 10 AM & welcomed everyone.

Lee introduced the speaker – César González Mera of Aztech Pc Support – www.aztechpc.com; who spoke on maintenance of pc's in this climate.

Motion-To approve the September Treasurer's Report, as published on page 4 of the newsletter. 1st-Diane Schultz; 2nd-Cheryl D'Angelo; approved.

Committee Reports:

Foundation-Lee Story [for Jacque Demmer]: Approximately 1,308 children will receive school supplies. Report is on page 3 of the newsletter.

Events-Susan Silva: The bus trip to Morelia is full. Plans are being made for trips to Copper Canyon in February & Tonalá in January.

Discount Services Directory-Fr. Jim Story [for Henri Jarrat]: Please report discrepancies to Henri

Member Services-Fr. Jim Story: Notices are at the information table.

Membership-Fr. Jim Story [for Robert Ryckman]: 8 guests & 14 new members signed up today.

Volunteer Coordinator-Lee introduced Gayle Villalobos.

Announcements:

Jackie Peterson introduced Jesús Ibarra of the Sinaloa Department of Economic Development; who presented a survey to make Mazatlán more attractive as a home for retirees from Canada & the USA.

The attendance drawing was held.

Motion to adjourn meeting; 1st-Ethel Stockton; 2nd-Gayle Villalobos; approved.

Respectfully submitted; Lee Story – Secretary/ad hoc

**NOTICE – FLU OR PNEUMONIA
SHOTS WILL BE AVAILABLE;
CONTACT SUSAN SILVA**

Mazatlán attracts celebrities

While not exactly a mecca, Mazatlán was an attractive destination for celebrities of both the large and small screen; especially in the late 60's and 70's. It was not unusual to see a famous face at the Hotel Playa, which more or less catered to the Hollywood crowd. This was probably due to the fact that the Georges, Gene and Virginia of the Playa were formerly L.A. residents. They had grand parties at their apartment there and entertained Robert Mitchum and his entourage many times. Mitchum also enjoyed the local "grass". It was also possible to see someone like David Brinkley walking the beach and maybe run into John Wayne browsing in a gift shop. During the season, Wayne often anchored his converted sub chaser, *The Wild Goose*, moored off Deer Island. This was also a favorite spot for the impressive yacht belonging to the Dallas Cowboys who ferried the fair sex back and forth in a large rubber dinghy.

The pilot for a TV show called "The Black Pearl" was filmed here and the pool at the Playa was used for some underwater scenes. The cast of this project included Anne Archer and Ralph Bellamy, among others. Unfortunately, it didn't make it to primetime.

Many local restaurants adorned their walls with photos of stars dining there; but have since been replaced by different decors. It's sad that this bit of history is now hidden.

Mitchum starred in: Midway; Heaven Knows, Mr. Allison; Thirty Seconds over Tokyo

Ralph Bellamy starred in: Hotel; The Love Boat; Rosemary's Baby

Anne Archer starred in: Clear and Present Danger; Patriot Games

In 1975, a made for TV movie was released, The Log of the Black Pearl. ?

**If you like articles like the above,
please send Lee a note at
bstory@prodigy.net.mx**

Friends of México Statement of Purpose

To be a non-profit organization of Mazatlán providing community services & promoting better understanding among Mexicans & non-Mexicans.

To accomplish this purpose we will:

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

Friends of México Board Members

President: Majid Mir

Vice President: Dee Hulen – pro tem

Secretary: Murry Page

Treasurer: Susan Silva

Foundation: Jacque Demmer

Membership: Robert Ryckman

Newsletter: Lee Story – ad hoc

Member Svcs: Fr. Jim Story

Discount Svcs: Henri Jarrat

Events Coordinator: Bruce George

Volunteer Coordinator: Gayle Villalobos

Continuing Education: Trish Kennison

Email: fom@mazinfo.com

Consulate Numbers

US Consulate Agency in Mazatlán:

Patti Fletcher de Arteaga

Canadian Consulate in Mazatlán:

Wendy Osuna

FOM by-laws are on our website: mazinfo.com/fom

Friends of México, A.C.
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2006

Members present: Dee Hulen, Susan Silva, Jacque Demmer, Bruce George; committee chairmen Fr. Jim Story; proxy holders Jerry Lippman [for Murry Page], Fr. Jim Story [for Robert Ryckman]; Lee Story acting secretary & Gayle Villalobos-Volunteer coordinator proffer.

Meeting was called to order by Dee Hulen, Vice President at 9:15 AM. A quorum was established. Susan made a motion to approve the August Board meeting minutes; 2nd-Jacque; unanimously approved.

Old Business:

Membership report-Fr. Jim Story [for Robert Ryckman]: 489 total members. Robert will return by the November meeting. Murry Page sends a personal e-mail to new members, welcoming them.

General meeting location for December, January & February- Susan: La Vinea seats 300 people, she will talk to the principals as soon as they return to town to discuss booking the location.

Clarification of the duties of a proxy-Dee: Reviewed & explained the procedures for the Board.

Committee Reports:

Treasurers Report- Susan: See report in newsletter.

Foundation-Jacque: See report in newsletter.

Membership-Fr. Jim Story [for Robert Ryckman]: 11 members away from the goal of 500.

Member services-Fr. Jim Story: Committee is out of town.

Discount Services Directory-Fr. Jim Story [for Henri Jarrat]: The board reviewed the list, pointing out some corrections.

Newsletter-Susan: Will talk to Rebecca to see how it is progressing.

Events-Susan: 2 cancellations for the bus trip to Morelia; she is confident that the spaces can be filled. 22 February is the tentative date for the Copper Canyon trip. The end of January is planned a trip to Tonalá. *Events-Bruce:* Will discuss the Stars of Tomorrow with the MCA School.

Volunteer Coordinator-Gayle: 44 volunteers living in town year round. She requested that all committee chairmen –email her a detailed list of the help that is required for each committee.

New Business:

CPR classes-Dee: Asked the Board to consider offering classes. Will ask the Continuing Education Committee to research this.

Flu Shots-Susan: Will organize administering them to interested members in November. Possibly include pneumonia shots also.

New proxy form-Dee: Lee has suggested a self explanatory form for the Board members; which will be taken under review.

Jacque made a motion to adjourn; 2nd-Susan; approved. Adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted; Lee Story–secretary/ad hoc

No shirt, no calzoncillos = 1 pesos fine

On multiple occasions, the town council considered the shameful way the dock workers dressed. Their uniform, or lack thereof, was the subject of many outcries concerning not only the dock workers, but also a considerable portion of the male population of the city. Isidro Beruben, Prefect of the District, declared on May 12, 1856,

“Considering the shameful and hardly decent manner of dress of the men of the lowest class of society, crossing the streets in the course of their daily labor, dressed only in thin loose linen shorts, leaving their upper body uncovered, or worse when they wear only a loose shirt cinched with a sash or belt that leaves nothing to the imagination concerning their lower body. Even worse, they hide all types of small weapons under their clothes, which they use to commit grievous injuries and horrible murders. This behavior has been unstoppable, either by the most energetic measures of the police who are in charge of this or application of severe corporal punishments. They continue to offend the population with indecorous, uncivilized and barbarous behavior, not caring how it affects the more cultured and sensible citizens of the city who by example haven’t been able to eradicate this disgusting manner of dress, and also considering that taking legal measures to correct this behavior will not offend that portion that understands how to dress, I have agreed to the passage and publication of the following articles:

1. It is prohibited under a fine of from one to five pesos to present oneself in the street in loose thin linen shorts (calzoncillos), bare-chested or with only a loose shirt. It must be verified that pants are worn, tied at the waist.

- The reoccurrence of this infraction will be punished by a doubling of the fine; tripling for the second reoccurrence; quadrupling for the third. If the fines cannot be paid, a jail sentence of one week for every five pesos will be imposed.

Because we have often remarked about the way the Mexican men dress. Shirrtails in, no jeans (until recently) and belted. They always look so dapper , compared to our visitors. So when I found this, I had to share .It is from a book written by Osés Cole called “Las Viejas Calles De Mazatlan” translated by Mary...

My advice for this month.--

Never try to baptize a cat.

'till next month ..Lila Denton

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**MEXICAN GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE
BECOMES AVAILABLE TO ELIGIBLE FOM
MEMBERS**

FOM is pleased to announce to its members that group health insurance will be available for eligible FOM members. This insurance is being provided through PLAN SEGURO, S.A. Plan Seguro, a Mexican company, has been in business for 10 years and has grown to the largest private health insurance company in Mexico. Its principal clients are TELEMEX, Banco de Mexico, State of Morelos, Spanish Embassy, employees of Mexican ports, etc.

Unlike other private health insurance companies here in Mexico, health insurance coverage via Plan Seguro is available to healthy individuals over the age of 65. For individuals age 60 and over, a physical examination, and some medical tests would be necessary as part of the application process. Specific details about existing conditions and those health issues which would preclude eligibility can be discussed with the agent during the next few FOM general meetings or by making a private appointment with him to discuss the application process.

This coverage won't work for all of FOM's members, some already have extensive coverage in Canada and the USA, and want to keep it; some have more severe or chronic health issues and won't be eligible despite their age; some will feel they are better served by continuing with another carrier or IMSS. This

coverage would be a great benefit for those who are not old enough for Medicare and want to have major medical coverage here. It will also benefit those of us who qualified earlier for individual health insurance programs here but want to take advantage of the group rate, which is sometimes 40 to 50% less than current premiums.

This policy would include inpatient treatment at Sharp Hospital, Clinica del Mar, and Divina Providencia here in Mazatlan. It also covers up to \$50,000 USD in emergency or accidental care outside of Mexico. And it has a percentage participation or co-pay fee for various prescribed outpatient services.

For additional information, please look for the Plan Seguro table at the December meeting, and spend some time with the agents to get more details or to schedule a private appointment. They will be available from 9-10 and 11-11:30 at the December meeting.

Submitted by Lynne Hopkins de Hernandez

**DEPORTES
VENADOS BASEBALL**

Nov.		Vs.	
17	Fri.	Mochis	8 PM
18	Sat.	Mochis	6 PM
19	Sun.	Mochis	6 PM
28	Tues.	Navojoa	8 PM
29	Wed.	Navojoa	8 PM
30	Thurs.	Navojoa	8 PM
Dec.		Vs.	
1	Fri.	Hermosillo	8 PM
2	Sat.	Hermosillo	6 PM
3	Sun.	Hermosillo	6 PM

[www.venadosdemazatlan.com]

SHOP – SHOP - SHOP

LaQuerencia Galeria De Arte located on Belisario Dominguez in Centro Historico (½ block from the Plaza Machado) is pleased to invite all Friends of Mexico Members to a special afternoon of shopping. FOM special day will be Friday, December 8, 2006, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (just in time for Christmas Shopping). FOM Members will be invited to enjoy a glass of wine, beer or soda while strolling around the store enjoying 15 % off cash purchases and 10% off credit card purchases that day. Please make sure you have your FOM card with you for this special discount.

A FOM Member will also be on hand to renew your FOM Membership if you have not already done so. We at LaQuerencia look forward to meeting you all and spending the afternoon with you at our store.

For more information on LaQuerencia, please take a look at the website:

<http://www.laquerenciamazatlan.com.mx>

Welcome New Members

		Annually in Maz
Banner, Larry	CA, USA	full time
Byrd, Valerie	?	?
Carlson, Marvin	WI, USA	full time
Croly, Lois	CA, USA	full time
Denton, Lila	?	full time
Englund, John	WA, USA	10 months
Kernan, Marybeth	TX, USA	full time
Marina, Sandy	GA, USA	?
Medicus, Chuck	CA, USA	6 months
Mendoza, John	HI, USA	10 months
Mendoza, Susanne	HI, USA	10 months
Navarrette, Mary	IL, USA	full time
Russel, Pam	?	?
Stenson, Susan	NY, USA	10 months
Stenson, William	NY, USA	10 months
Vandiver, Harry	CO, USA	full time
Warner, Sally	FL, USA	full time

Thank you! You took us over the 500 member mark (our goal for 2006)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

11/14 Larry Banner
 11/15 John Mendoza
 Hella Siemens
 11/18 Carol Maclean
 11/19 Karla Lambert
 11/20 Karin Nielsen
 11/21 Ken Rash
 Janet Saborio
 11/22 Mary Lou Lockhart
 Teresa McFarland
 11/23 Marybeth Kernan
 11/25 Howard Patton
 11/26 Fred Herlihy
 Beverley Kreutzer
 Oli Schubert
 Connie Wilson
 11/27 Odie Rash
 11/28 Soitza Aquayo
 Nathan Andrews
 11/30 Sharon Bush
 Susan Stenson
 12/01 Paul Norris
 12/02 Dan Bradford
 12/03 Gayle Villalobos
 12/06 Pahl Goff
 Gloria Welyki
 12/07 Teri Kuzma
 12/09 Michael Bradbury
 Maggie Spencer
 12/11 Lana Reid
 12/12 Dorotea Camarena
 Garry Fieseler

FOUNDATION REPORT October 31, 2006

The committee met on Oct. 26th.

Sor Juana:

All the students including those that registered late have received shoes, socks, 2 polos and a full complement of school supplies.

All of the scholarship recipients have received their monies and a new system of distribution is in place thanks to Lynne and Lee. Martin, the director for this school has retired.

Jose Felipe Valle: El Venadillo

All the students in this school also received a complete packet of school supplies.

The foundation paid \$7,500.00 pesos to the city for the installation of windows in the three classrooms at this school that have the encyclomedia equipment. . The school will reimburse the foundation for \$2,500.00 of the expense and the city will pay the balance of \$17,750.00

Fr. Jim Story delivered the necessary batteries for the students using hearing aids. The parents and teachers have been working to improve the school grounds. This school has requested the Foundations financial support to purchase a cover for their patio. (see below).

Josefina Osuna Perez:

All of the students in both the morning and afternoon session at this school each received a packet with some school supplies. (Total of 691 students)

Mary and Summer are already teaching Spanish to a few morning and afternoon classes at this school. .

Vicente Guerrero :

All of these students also received individual packets of school supplies.” Paint Day was October 21st. 16 cubettas of paint was donated by the Friends of Mexico Foundation. Lee Story, Mary Navarrette and Jacque joined about 30 parents who made very quick work of sprucing up all the classrooms and part of the exterior. (the remainder yet to be completed). Lee Story also cleaned black boards and floors. Thanks Lee and Mary! **Sorry** the other volunteers were unable to attend. It was a very productive “good will” day for the FOM Foundation.

Hogar San Pablo:

All the boys have received their school supplies, uniforms and shoes and socks. One boy had a defective pair of shoes and Lee Story was kind enough to take care of that problem.

En Busca de una Sonrisa. Two of the new classrooms are completed and in use. With funds donated specifically to this project from Ted and Katie Carney, \$3,033.75 was paid by the Foundation and an equal amount by the city to purchase 44 sacks of cement and a truck load of sand to further the new construction to on the second story.

Ted and Katie Carney are working on a web site they would like to link to FOM and obtaining U.S. tax free status for the charity they are creating for En Busca.

English classes: Mary Carlson has spent many hours of time and creativity preparing a curriculum for our

volunteer English teachers. She has prepared lessons, games, and exams for several topics. THANKS MARY. The board approved the funds required to make this curriculum available to all the FOM volunteer English teachers. Lynne Hernandez is hosting a meeting of the Volunteer English teachers Saturday November 11th.

The Foundation would also like to thank Mary for contacting her friends in the U.S. to see if they would like to contribute to the Foundation. Donations have been received. THANKS AGAIN Mary.

City Proposal:

Hector Peña head of the Bienestar Social office at “city hall” contacted the Foundation and wanted to know if they would be interested in joining the city and the schools in an effort to provide a cover for the patio/activity center at each school. The board has agreed to consider this project once more information is available and the schools have agreed to participate.

Stars of Tomorrow:

The board approved a motion for the Foundation to donate \$3,000.00 pesos to the Municipal Center of the Arts for an in house contest in lieu of a Stars of Tomorrow Program for the year 2007. Each school would receive \$1,000.00 pesos to be given as a prize for the winner of a competition in dance, voice and instruments.

Breakfast:

The board approved a breakfast meeting between all the school directors and a few members of the Foundation committee to discuss the needs of each individual school.

Lynne and Jacque will also be hosting a breakfast with the head of the state and local school boards to enhance the relationship between FOM and the school officials.

Rotary Club of Mazatlan:

The Rotary Club is having their annual fund raiser Sunday November 19th beginning at 12:00. There will be a variety of delicious Mexico food available for your enjoyment. It will be held at Plazuela Zaragoza which is located on Zaragoza Street between Belisario Dominguez and Cinco de Mayo streets. (Zaragoza is about 4 blocks off the Malecon on Belisario Dominguez Street. There is a traffic signal at this intersection).

Coupons will be used to purchase the food. There are some available at the meeting for \$100.00 pesos or they can be purchased at the Plazuela on the 19th..

Respectfully submitted. - Jacque Demmer

To those members who have just returned to Mazatlan and not been keeping abreast with the Foundations activities, over 1,300 students received school supplies from the FOM Foundation in September.

The Foundation THANKS:

**Sheila Hansen & Kathy Sayer
for their donation**

FRIENDS OF MEXICO	
Monthly Treasurers Report - NOVEMBER 1, 2006	
<u>Executive Summary</u>	
BALANCE IN ACCOUNTS AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2006	\$271,176.56
FOUNDATION RESERVE FOR 2006 (BUDGET)	\$126,132.15
TOTAL BALANCE	\$145,044.41
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<u>Monthly Activities</u>	
Administrative Account Balance-10/01/06	\$ 9,345.00
This month Income	\$ 3,550.00
This month Expenses	(\$ -0-)
Transfer to Foundation Account	(\$ -0-)
Administrative Account Balance- 11/01/06	\$ 12,895.00
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Foundation Account Balance – 10 /01/06	\$ 287,742.28
This month Income	\$ 1,067.00
Transfer from Administrative Account	\$ -0-
This month Expenses	(\$ 30,527.72)
Foundation Account Balance- 11/01/06	\$ 258,281.56
Total FOM Accounts Balance	\$ 271,176.56
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Respectfully Submitted - Susan Harp Silva	