



Friends of México, A.C.

# Newsletter

Amigos de México, A.C.



October  
2006

“Promoting acceptance among all nationalities”  
“Promoviendo amistad entre todas las nacionalidades”

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## Letter from Vice President Diane

Welcome to our October meeting. Some of you are just returning from cool places up north, where you were maybe canoeing or fishing for trout (that's how I picture you anyway!), but a great deal was accomplished this summer in Mazatlán by some very busy volunteers. Jacque Demmer, in particular, deserves a load of thanks from all of us for the immense job of coordinating the ordering, purchase and delivery of clothing, shoes, backpacks and school supplies for students to our target schools around the city, and doing plenty of that work herself. She was ably assisted by hard-working volunteers. Read the Foundation report in this Newsletter for more information. It might be a good idea right now to think of ways you might like to get involved this year in the many activities of Friends of Mexico. A list of needs for volunteers is being compiled right now, and the Volunteer Coordinator will try to help you find a job that you will love to do! Today, we are pleased to have Raul Rico, speak to us about the coming cultural season in Mazatlán, which starts this month and promises to be wonderful.

Best wishes to all Members and Visitors,  
Diane Hulen - Vice President

## Reflection of the day



### General Meeting Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Guest Speaker – Raúl Rico Gonzáles,  
CULTURA = Director General  
Instituto Principal de Cultura Turismo  
y Arte de Mazatlán
3. Approval of Treasurers Report
4. Committee Reports:
  - Foundation – Jacque Demmer
  - Events – Susan Silva/Bruce George
  - Discount Services – Fr. Jim Story
  - Membership – Fr. Jim Story
  - Member Services – Fr. Jim Story
5. Announcements & Attendance drawing
6. Adjournment

# RENEWING YOUR FM-3 AND CAR PERMIT???

By Jacque Demmer

After renewing your FM-3, if you need to renew your car permit, below is a list of the documents required for this year.....

**4 copies** of the letter stating that you have received permission from Immigration to stay in this country for 365 days; therefore you are requesting permission to extend your car permit for 365 days. \*

**2 copies** of the letter you received from DELEGACION REGIONAL EN EL ESTADO DE SINALOA REGULACION DE ESTANCIA when you renewed your FM-3. C.P. José Alfredo López Arregui  
Administrador de la Aduana de Mazatlán.

**2 copies** of the original permit to import your vehicle. (Administración General De Aduanas Permiso De Importación Temporal De Vehículos)

\*(letter requesting permission to extend vehicle permit)

C.P. Alfredo López Arregui  
Administrador de la Aduana de Mazatlán

Presente

Por medio de las presente, me permito informar a usted que el Instituto Nacional de Migración de este país, me ha concedido prorroga en mi calidad migratoria por el tiempo de 365 días para permanecer en México que concluye el día (insert expiration date of your renewed FM 3 here i.e., 10 de Octubre 2007), lo que estoy avisando a esa autoridad aduana para efectos del artículo 106, fracción IV, inciso a de la Ley Aduanera, en la importación temporal de mi vehículo marca (make of car i.e. Chrysler), modelo (model year i.e. 2004) y número de serie (serial number on vehicle), efectuada por la Aduana Fronteriza (city and state in México where you received permission to bring your vehicle into México). Al amparo del Permiso de Importación con número de Holograma (Hologram number on the permit that you have on the windshield of vehicle) de fecha de entrada (date you received “fecha de ingreso” the permit/hologram) y vencimiento el (date that permit/hologram expired “valido hasta”).prolongarse el plazo mientras dure mi calidad migratoria.

Acompaño copia de la prorroga de migración y del permiso de importación temporal del vehículo.

Le doy las gracias anticipadas por su amable atención a la presente, enviándole un cordial saludo.

EL TURISTA

(Your name & signature here)

**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: Diane Hulen  
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 - proffer  
Continuing Education: Trish Kennison

Email: [fom@mazinfo.com](mailto: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](http://mazinfo.com/fom)

**BIRTHDAYS FOR  
OCTOBER & NOVEMBER**

10/11 Fran Grantham  
10/12 May Wong  
10/13 Deb Lord  
10/14 Nadia Dubee  
10/15 Betty Bradford  
Darlene Hayward  
10/17 Angel Weeks  
10/18 Pat Poses  
10/19 Paul Clayton  
Rose Ann Dyson  
10/20 Anne Copsey  
10/23 Kelly O’Niel  
Kim Peters  
Sue Retterer  
10/24 Sharon Laird  
Michael Matthews  
10/25 Jill Ferrier  
Adriana Gloeckler  
Silvia Kemp  
10/26 Anne Hennen  
10/27 Arlene Tupper  
10/28 Jana Graves  
10/29 Betty Donaldson  
10/30 Roy Barnacal  
10/31 Nancy Blakeslee  
William Huffman  
11/01 Nancy Huffman  
11/05 Susanne Van Elslande  
11/06 Pat Lahti  
Andrea Rule  
11/07 Lynne Hernandez  
Dorothy Owre  
11/09 Cheryl Gray  
11/10 Sandra Burnes  
11/11 Ziva Cohen  
11/13 David Doty

**Hippo birdie tew ewe!**

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## Welcome New Members for September 2006

	Hails from:	Annually in Maz:
Corely, Jennifer	California USA	2 months
Geissler, Nancy	Kansas USA	9 months
Gray, Cheryl	Illinois USA	full time
Houston, Robert	California USA	?
Irvin, Brenda	Oregon USA	?
Kemp, Michael	? USA	full time
Kemp, Silvia	Mazatlán México	full time
McQuin, Nila	? USA	full time
Meyer, Laura	BC Canada	?
Pierpoint, Ed	Ohio USA	?
Pierpoint, Sandy	Ohio USA	?
Sieber, Jack	MO USA	8 months
Sieber, Peggy	MO USA	8 months
Smith, Greg	Washington USA	full time
Smith, Sharon	Washington USA	full time
Strachan, Nancy	New Jersey USA	full time
Zehner, Rose	Washington USA	2 months



## MUCHAS GRACIAS THANK YOU

To the following people for their generous donation to the Friends of Mexico Foundation.

Jill and Shane Demmer  
Betty and Loren Olson  
The Rotary Club of Nanaimo  
Gracias Jack and Val Moreau  
Thank you also to **Lee Toney** and her friends:

Robert Houston  
Jill Peter  
Barbara Hill  
Joanne Bunker  
Norma Hughes  
Laura and Mark Flager  
Don Bisbee  
Carolyn Franklin  
Catherine Sheldon  
Ed and Marge Hand  
Anita Boragno  
Patricia Gallager  
Eileen Barnes  
Julia Thomas  
Katie Hassett  
C. Michael Traw

100% of all donations are used to help less fortunate children of Mazatlán obtain an education.

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## DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES

I sincerely want to thank the following volunteers for all their help in packaging and or distribution of school supplies to the following schools: Sor Juana, Jose Felipe Valle, Josefina Osuna Perez Matutino, Josefina Osuna Perez Vespertino, Vicente Guerrero, and Hogar San Pablo.

Lee Story, Mary Carlson, Pat Lahti, Maggie Spencer, Lee Toney, Jennifer Corley, Cheryl D'Angelo, Fr. Jim Story, Lana Reid, Gayle Villalobos, Summer McKean. I could not have done it without you!!!

**MANY THANKS TO YOU ALL!!!**  
**Jacque & Diane**



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; 2<sup>nd</sup>-Jacque; unanimously approved.

Dee made a motion to approve the September Board meeting minutes; discussion followed with suggested changes; Jacque made a motion to accept the amended September Board minutes; 2<sup>nd</sup>-Susan; unanimously accepted.

**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. A bus trip is planned to Tonalá at the end of January. *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.

*Adjournment*-Jacque made a motion to adjourn; 2<sup>nd</sup>-Susan; approved. Adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted;

Lee Story – secretary – ad hoc

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**A HUGE THANKS TO THESE PEOPLE FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THIS ENDEAVOR  
IF IT WEREN'T FOR THEM; THIS NEWSLETTER COULDN'T HAVE BEEN COMPILED IN 3 DAYS**

**Jacque Demmer**

**Gayle Villalobos**

**Bob Story**

## ¡DEPORTES!

IF YOU LIKE BASEBALL & HAVE A SENSE  
OF HUMOR – MAZ HAS IT

THE VENADOS SEASON OPENER IS  
WEDNESDAY 11 OCTOBER  
[WWW.VENADOSDEMAZATLAN.COM]

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For basketball fans – get ready

The Tiburones season starts  
27 January

[www.tiburonesdemazatlan.com]



### FOUNDATION REPORT

September 28, 2006

Due to the fact that the committee members who are present in Mazatlan at this time have been working diligently to assemble and distribute school supplies, we have cancelled the September meeting of the committee.

School supplies, backpacks, polo shirts and vales for shoes and socks have been distributed to all students at Sor Juana School including a follow up order and second distribution of additional polo shirts, supplies, etc. for students that were not registered at the time the teachers provided student names and numbers per classroom. All six teachers received packets of supplies as well.

All the students at Vicente Guerrero and Josefina Osuna Perez afternoon session have received individual packets of school supplies and their teachers 6 at Vicente Guerrero and 12 at Josefina Osuna Pérez have also received packets of supplies.

Distribution of school supplies to all students and 12 teachers at Josefina Osuna Perez morning session will take place on Friday September 29<sup>th</sup>.

Sister Aurora, who is now in charge of the boys at Hogar San Pablo, has not yet submitted her list for school supplies, but she has taken the boys down to purchase their school uniforms, shoes and socks. There are currently 25 boys at Hogar that attend school.

The foundation has given En Busca de una Sonrisa \$6,600.00 pesos from the Ted and Katie Carney donation to pay for 2 weeks of labor by brick layers. En Busca will

receive an additional \$3,600.00 pesos for labor expenses for the week of September 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>.

The foundation to date has spent \$375.99 for supplies for En Busca.

There are two students at Jose Felipe Vale School (El Venadillo) who require the use of hearing aids. Jim Story has provided the necessary batteries for their hearing aids. The foundation is researching the feasibility of providing some type of breakfast for the kids in “our” schools. The directors have expressed that one of the major problems at their schools is that the kids come to classes hungry.

The Foundation would like to sincerely thank those who generously donated \$19,225.20 pesos to the Foundation. See the newsletter for the names of our donors.

The foundation committee would like to make a motion that FOM order more FOM T-shirts.

Painting Vicente Guerrero: The school would like to have the paint delivered to them on Oct 19 for painting to be done on Sat the 21st October. The school needs to be checked to make sure the walls inside and out have been prepared for painting...i.e. scraped where needed, nails removed from interior and exterior walls. Also, I recommend that the FOM logo be painted on the side of the school.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Jacque Demmer

## DID YA KNOW

MAZATLÁN'S ANNUAL AVERAGE

PRECIPITATION IS 33 INCHES

A LOCAL PRIVATE WEATHER STATION

HAS RECORDED 86 INCHES FOR

JULY, AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

## Hurricane Lane Per Noreste

- Ponds at shrimp farms overflowed, destroying 2,000 tons of shrimp
- 33 schools received damage
- Most of the orphanages received damage
- Numerous trees were uprooted
- Water was a meter [3 feet] deep in some areas
- Out of 600 cooperative fishing pangas; 200 received damage
- Noreste's Robert-ito gave Maz a new name

# “Mazaguatlán”

### FRIENDS OF MEXICO

#### MONTHLY TREASURERS REPORT OCTOBER 1, 2006

BALANCE IN ACCOUNTS AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2006

ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT	\$ 9,345.00
FOUNDATION ACCOUNT	287,742.28
TOTAL	297,087.28
FOUNDATION RESERVE (Budget) 2006	\$ 153,626.12
BALANCE	\$ 143,461.16

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Administration Account	\$ 7,295.00
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Income:

16 New Members and 1 Lifetime (17)	\$ 2,050.00
Total Income	\$ 2,050.00

Expenses:

Total Expenses	-0-
Balance in Administration Account	\$ 9,345.00

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Foundation Account	\$ 342,390.96
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Income - Donations:

Total Donations/ Income	\$ 19,225.20
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Expenses:

School Supplies	\$ 53,689.88
Deposit for Shoes - Sor Juana & Hogar San Pablo	10,000.00
Deposits for Socks and Uniforms	5,000.00
Polo Shirts Reorder	2,184.00
En Busca de Una Sonrisa Building Supplies	*** 3,000.00
Total Expenses	\$ 73,873.88
Balance in Foundation Account	\$ 287,742.28

TOTAL \$ 297,087.28

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Petty Cash Account

Balance in Account as of October 1, 2006	\$ 500.00
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Respectfully Submitted - Susan Harp Silva

\*\*\*Note: Nothing being earmarked for En Busca/Sonrisa is being subtracted from the Budget or Reserve Total.