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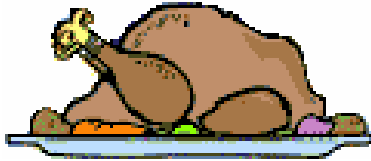
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November 2005



GOBBLE UP

Happy Thanksgiving 2005

Letter from President Nancy,

While so many of us were north of the border, the Foundation Committee had to carry on. During the hottest days of the summer, they were buying and distributing school supplies. Jacque and with her team of helpers carried out what FOM is all about. To those who pitched in and volunteered, I and the rest of the Board, want to say THANK YOU. Those volunteers included: Maureen Dietrich, Lee Toney, Lee Story, Tom Whitmore, Pat Lathi, Maggie Spencer, Cheryl and Joe D'Angelo.

The time for the elections of officers is fast approaching. The Board is pleading for you to come forward and be part of this very rewarding activity. There's something for everyone. Put your name on the ballot. The President and Secretary are up for election. There are positions for Volunteer Coordinator, Continuing Education, plus any new positions that you could create. Think about it and then step forward. The Board meets the week before the General Meeting (the first Tuesday of the month). If you want to know us, come to the next Board meeting in December. It's the 5th at Mr. As at 9:30 AM.

Friends of Mexico Board Members

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Nancy Blakeslee

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Thought for the Month:

Dear Friend,

I shall seek and find you.

I shall take you to bed and have my way with you.

I will make you ache, shake and sweat until you moan and groan.

I will make you beg for mercy...beg for me to stop.

I will exhaust you to the point that you will be relieved when I am finished with you, and you will be weak for days.

*All my love,
The Flu*

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Friends of México A.C.
General Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2005

Number in attendance: 61 (55 members, 6 guests)

1. Meeting called to order by Nancy Blakeslee
2. **Guest Speaker:** Jackie Peterson introduced speakers – Raúl Rico Gonzáles, Director General Instituto Principal de Cultura Turismo y Arte de Mazatlán [CULTURA] and Raúl Manuel Flores, Director El Centro Municipal del Artes [CMA]
3. Motion to approve the September general meeting minutes; 1st-Cheryl, 2nd-Lena; approved
4. Motion to approve the September Treasurers report; 1st-Trish, 2nd-Giesla; approved
5. **Committee Reports:**
 - A. Foundation: Jacque Demmer – see report in newsletter
 - B. Events: Bruce – Stars of Tomorrow on 11/26; Copper Canyon trip on 2/15; also planning numerous day trips
 - C. Membership: Cliff – current membership is 356, including 7 new members and a renewal
 - D. Member Services: Jim – Survival Guide will be ready in November
6. Announcements: Spanish classes are forming
7. Attendance drawing winner: Anne Murphy
8. Meeting adjourned at 11 AM

Submitted by Lee Story for Diane Schultz, Secretary

The Challenge:

BUMBLE BEANS

The Globe and Mail

Warren Clements, March 5, 2005

The challenge was to suggest and briefly describe, genetically modified foods that for some reason didn't make it onto the grocery store shelves. *Bon appetit.*

The winner:

Blamb: an extremely fast-cooking lamb.

Sandy Lemm, Toronto

Other fringe foods:

Zookini: a vegetable so wild it must be caged.

Michael Derblich, Toronto

Collie flower: shows a marked tendency to herd your lamb chops.

Barrie Collins, Courtenay, B.C.

Wry bread: Talking food says things like, "Oh-oh, now I'm toast."

Natalia Mayer, Toronto

Bumble beans: They have a bite - or is it a sting?

Roger LeMesurier, Kingston

Broncoli: broccoli as chewy as horsemeat.

Al Wilkinson, Barrie, Ont.

Cannibaloupe: man-eating cantaloupe.

Paul Davy, Parry Sound, Ont.

Banyana: never ready today, only ripe tomorrow.

Esther Becker, Ottawa

Rudeicchio: salad that burps before you eat it.

Jeanie Maennling, Lanark, Ont.

Carrottweiler: muscular carrot that has to be restrained until cooked.

Fred Moyes, London, Ont.

Lolliflower: New for kids - cauliflower florets that grow like lollipops.

Sandra Woods-Lecourt, Montreal

Sour trout: genetically modified fish that goes well with beer and sausage.

James Matheson, Port Hope, Ont.

Withermelon: takes up less space in the fridge, but isn't at all juicy.

Mary Humphries, Toronto

Scanola: oilseed with built-in bar code.

Jack Francis, Winnipeg

Rhubarbed wire: leaf stalk that protects itself from poachers.

Bill Kummer, Halifax

Parsonley: Herb is indigestible unless you say grace.

Charles Crockford, Waterloo

Clamb: Young sheep fed on an exclusive diet of shellfish to give new meaning to surf n' turf.

Susan Kilby, Hamilton

Pamperknuckle: bread dough that is easy to knead.

Don Lennox, Edmonton

Parsnips: take wing when dug up and have to be shot down before cooking.

Malcolm Flowerday, Sutton, Que.

Repears: fruit you have to keep taking back to the shop.

Bill Moore, Winnipeg

Escargotcha: Every sixth snail is alive.

David Roberts, Victoria.

Grapple: the apple that reaches out for you.

Gordon Findlay, Toronto

Pomegranade: a tinned fruit punch, but people are afraid to open the pull-tab.

Patrick Gage, North Vancouver

Funion: onion that doubles as a child's toy.

Carla Hagstrom, Toronto

Spuddles: potatoes that turn to water when boiled.

Les Robling, Port Hope, Ont.

Potattoo: potato that develops tattoo-like patches as it deteriorates, instead of sprouting eyes.

Claudia Kingston, Halifax

Baloony: inflatable luncheon meat.

Sandra Bell, Saint John, N.B.

Artistchoke: an artichoke so tough it can be used only for still life.

Colin Eyssen, Toronto

Festival Cultura de Mazatlan
Friends of Mexico
proudly announce the 2nd Annual

Stars of Tomorrow

to benefit the Paul Kolyer Scholarship Fund for the Art to support talented young Mazatlan artists in their studies toward careers in Voice, Instrument, or Dance.

Saturday, November 26th
Angela Peralta Theater - 8:00 pm
Reserved Seats: 150 pesos

This year, while the judges select the winners we will be entertained by

Folklorical Group Raices de Sinaloa
(Just back from a National competition in Mexico City)

Plus Martin Gavica
Exposition
(Photography of the Arts)

Wine and cheese provided by: The Inn at Mazatlan. Sr. Gavica is also donating 3 of his works for a Silent Auction the evening of the performance. All proceeds from the auction will be donated to the contestant of his choice.
(The Artists Award)



Saturday, November 26th
Angela Peralta Theater Lobby - 6:30 pm

Tickets available at the Friends of Mexico November meeting and the Angela Peralta Box office.

Remember: 100% of the proceeds go to support these deserving students



Hails from

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| Ellen Anderson | California |
| Gloria Augustine | Arizona |
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| Karin Nielsen | Alberta |
| Lynn Renard | Colorado |
| Connie Wilson | Washington |

FRIENDS OF MEXICO

Monthly Treasurer's Report -November 1, 2005

Executive Summary

Balance in Accounts as of 11/01/05	\$269,567.74
Projected 2005-06 Expenditures	(\$150,800.81)
TOTAL BALANCE	\$118,766.93

Monthly Activities

Administrative Account - 10/01/05	\$ 7,816.00
This month Income:	\$ 1,300.00
This month Expenses:	\$ (1,250.00)
Transfer to Foundation Acct. \$ (- 0 -)	
Administration Account Balance- 11/01/05	\$ 7,866.00
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Foundation Account - 10/01/05	\$261,701.74
This month Income:	\$ - 0 -
Transfer from Admin. Acct.	\$ - 0 -
This month Expenses:	\$ (- 0 -)
Foundation Account Balance - 11/01/05	\$ 261,701.74
Projected 2005-06 Expenditures	(\$150,800.81)
Foundation Account Balance	\$110,900.93

Respectfully Submitted

Note: All totals are in Pesos



Mazatlan

Events



Angela Peralta Theater

NOVEMBER

9th - Norarte, a group exposition of works by 25 Mazatlan artists, presented in honor of the 25th anniversary of the newspaper Noroeste, is inaugurated, 7:00 p.m., upstairs gallery,
12th - Susana Zabaleta, the actress-singer in a far-ranging musical performance with accompaniment of two pianos, 8:00 p.m.
18th - Sinaloa Arts Festival closes with a free concert combining the music of the Sinaloa Symphony Orchestra and the Banda El Recodo, 7:00 p.m., Sanchez Taboada Glorieta
19th & 20th - Mexican National Ballet: "Swan Lake, 8:00 p.m. and noon, respectively,
26th - "Stars of Tomorrow," the second annual show in which the most talented students of voice, dance and music compete for scholarships, 8:00 p.m.
27th - Open studio tour, a group exhibition of works by 20-plus local artists as a prelude to a weekend when the public may visit their studios, 7:00 p.m., upstairs gallery

DECEMBER

3rd - "Cuba en mi Corazon" (Cuba in my Heart) An orchestra plays the music of that tropical island, 8:00 p.m.
5th - Christmas Concert by Mazatlan Youth Symphony, 6:00 & 8:30 p.m.
6th - Mainly Mozart, concert performers from the San Diego classical music series, 8:00 p.m.
8th - Experimental performance by the School of contemporary Dance at Mazatlan Arts Center, 8:00 p.m.
9th - Jazz by the Mark Aanderud Sextet, 8:00 p.m.
11th - Concert by the National Polytechnical Institute Orchestra, 6:00 & 8:00 p.m.
16th - "The Nutcracker," an entirely new production, 8:00 p.m.
17th - "The Nutcracker," in a repeat performance, 8:00 p.m.
20th & 21st - Christmas Gala with the Angela Peralta Chorale, 8:00 p.m.

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NOVEMBER/DECEMBER HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

NOVEMBER

9th - Eliot Deutsch
 13th - Btl Henderson
 14th - Ethel Stockton
 17th - Ann Roll
 20th - Karin Nielsen
 21st - Ken Rash
 22nd - Mary Lou Lockhart
 25th - Howard Patton
 26th - Beverley Kreutzer
 27th - Odie Rals
 28th - Nathan Andrews
 28th - Dick Dearsley

DECEMBER

2nd - Lupita Bernal
 3rd - Gayle Villalobos
 5th - Patricia Henderson
 6th - Pahl Goff
 6th - Donna Quigley
 7th - Teri Kuzma
 7th - Doreen Young
 8th - Ed Cattrell
 9th - Maggie Spencer
 10th - Carol Keane
 11th - Lana Reid
 12th - Dorotea Camarena

PRE-PAID FLU SHOTS

FOM has arranged to give FLU SHOTS on November 12 at the Solamar from 10 to 11:30. If you want a flu shot, you must **reserve** by November 8 and must be **pre-paid**. The cost is 280 pesos. FOM does this as a service to the foreign community and receives NO proceeds from this. We will collect money for this at the back table today, November 12.



Notice!!

The Angela Perlata Theater will be admitting handicapped people before others are admitted. The doors directly in front of the handicap ramp will be opened early for people with handicaps and their partners.

Bingo Bingo

Don't forget to join in the fun every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. for BINGO at Canucks benefiting the Amigos De Los Animales. Who wants a kitten? The shelter currently has plenty of kittens - 2 for the price of 1!!!!

We are getting geared up for our annual garage sale which will be scheduled the first part of December. If you have items you would like to donate, please give Daniel (986-4235) or call JoAnn (913-2562) we would be happy to arrange pickup.

American Legion

Friday, November 11th, Annual Veterans Day breakfast and ceremony held by the American Legion Post of Mazatlan. 9:00 am no-host breakfast at Los Flores hotel beach. Non-religious ceremony follows (approx. 11:00) to honor all past and present servicemen. Dress is casual - everyone is invited.

Salsa Dancing Anyone?

We would like to see how many people want to take Salsa Dancing lessons. The classes would be Saturdays at 10:30 am to 1pm and the cost would be 500 pesos. The class would be limited to 12 people. There will be a sign up sheet at the back table. Location to be announced.

Friends of México A.C.

Board Minutes

November 1, 2005

Attending: Nancy Blakeslee, Bruce George, Lee Story, Kim Peters, Susan Silva, Cliff Brown & Jim Story

1. Meeting called to order at 9:30, without a quorum
2. October board meeting minutes were read; motion to approve; 1st-Susan, 2nd-Kim; approved 4-0
3. Treasurers report-Susan: see report in newsletter
4. **Committee Reports:**
 - A. Programs-Bruce: November-State head of Tourism; December-John Carpenter, archeologist of the University of AZ, working in the El Fuerte area; January-FOM accomplishments to be held at the Aquarium auditorium. Nancy questioned the feasibility of having the January meeting at the Aquarium
 - B. Newsletter-Nancy: Discussed the help Maureen Dietrich can give Susan Luce when it is necessary
 - C. Events-Bruce: Tickets are available for the Stars of Tomorrow. Also considering a day trip to Cosala and a tour of the Christmas lights
 - D. Discount Services-Jim: Printed copies are current
 - E. Membership-Cliff: Report is on Zulio
 - F. Web Page-Kim: Will be current by general meeting
 - G. Member Information Services-Jim: New member packet is available
 - H. Continuing Education-Nancy: 35 students signed up for Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced classes
5. **Old Business:**
 - A. Policy-Consider a proxy vote when a board member is absent or a policy concerning elected board members who are unable to attend meetings.
 - B. Copper Canyon trip-Bruce: Dates are 16 February to 22
 - C. Tonalá trip-Susan: The first trip is scheduled for 20 January; the second is possibly 3 February. The bus has 47 available seats
 - D. Cosala day trip-Bruce: Plan on making the announcement at the general meeting
 - E. Nominating committee-Cliff: Voting on Secretary and President in January; contact either Cliff Brown or Bruce George to volunteer
6. **New Business:**
 - A. Flu shots-Nancy and Susan: 29 signed up
 - B. Nancy introduced a guest, Lissy Bernal
 - C. Tour of Angela Peralta Theater and School of the Arts-Bruce: 16 November at 5:30 PM
7. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM; motion, 1st-Bruce, 2nd-Jim; approved 4-0

Submitted by Lee Story

MEET A FELLOW MEMBER

Prior to moving to Mazatlán in May, 2005, Anne and her husband lived in the beautiful Olympic Peninsula in Washington State where she was an English teacher and owner of a real estate brokerage firm. What attracted them to Mazatlán were the vibrancy of the city, and the warmth of the climate and the people. They have happily settled in Colonia Los Pinos with an incredible view of the ocean.



Born and educated in Edinburgh, Scotland, Anne studied to be a concert pianist. She met her husband of 38 years in the Middle East and they returned to Scotland to marry. Together they lived in eight different countries, including six years in Zambia when their two daughters were youngsters.

Anne has graciously volunteered to teach English at one of our sponsored schools. Be sure to say hello to her at the next Friends of Mexico meeting.

(Anne was the winner of the attendance drawing at the October 2005 General Meeting.)

WHY? ... are bucket seats made for everyone, but not everybody has the same size bucket.

Friends of Mexico Statement of Purpose

To be a non-profit organization of Mazatlán 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 México, and
- Contribute to the local community by providing educational opportunities to those in need.

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And Don't Forget....

✉ Outgoing mail to the USA is collected at the back table.

📠 FOM has a **blood donor list**. Contact Fr. Jim, fom@mazinfo.com Silva or Jacque Demmer at fom@mazinfo.com to **sign up or if in need**.

🏠 Gisela Garcia is the person to call if you are shut-in and in need of some companionship or you know someone who is. She'll visit you at the hospital or in your home. Contact her at fom@mazinfo.com

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SPANISH CLASSES

Continuing our tradition, the Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced Spanish classes are being organized for the season.

We have a limit of 7 people per class, so register early!

The cost for the 8 classes of 2 hours each (16 hours) is 400 pesos for FOM members and 450 pesos for non-members.

If you are interested in learning or refining the language spoken all around you, contact Nancy at nancyinmaz@yahoo.com or call at 916-7846.

BEAT THE RUSH!!

Membership fees are due by the Annual General Meeting in January.

There is usually a rush to pay at that meeting so if you want to avoid standing at the table in January you can pay anytime between now & then.

Cliff Brown, Membership Chairman

Favorite Activity in Mazatlan?

by Mary Lou Lockhart

What is your favorite activity in Mazatlan? Since I am separated from my Stateside family, friends, and usual routine, I look for ways to spend my time while wintering in Mazatlan. I play golf, tennis and bridge. I read, knit and walk the beach. My husband and I spend time with Mazatlan friends and do some casual entertaining. I have lots of fun and enjoy all the activities mentioned but- the time that I enjoy the most is teaching English to children at the Sor Juana School.

Where else do you enter a room and are greeted by smiles, hand clapping and cries of Americana, maestra, English? Bright eyed children are eager to learn and stimulating to be with. Yes, it takes a little time to prepare lessons and I spend about a half hour driving to and from the school, and teaching is indeed a challenge, but I receive so much more that I give by spending time and helping in a small way these beautiful children.

Hopefully some of you FOM members will consider volunteering to teach or to assist a teacher. I do not

speak or understand much Spanish so a bilingual person would be a great help when the children ask questions.

I promise you your time will be interesting and most rewarding and possibly you will find teaching your favorite activity in Mazatlan



Holiday Helper

November 11	Veterans Day (US) Remembrance Day (Can)
November 12	Dia del Cartero (<i>Mailman's Day - Post Office Closed</i>)
November 20	Mexican Revolution Day (<i>National Holiday</i>)
November 24	Thanksgiving (US)
November 26	"Stars of Tomorrow"
December 8	La Inmaculade Concepcion de la Virgen Maria (<i>the Immaculate Conception Day</i>)
December 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe Day

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