

mini manzamigos messenger

11th March 2009

Pig & Lamb Roast at Thursday Thursday this week

To be included for this great evening to be held at Don Andres Ranch on 12th March, please call Jack **today** at 333-9582 or email manzamigos@hotmail.com or Sharon at 333-1091 or email chapalasharon@yahoo.com Late advice will result in having to order from the menu rather than enjoying the barbecue.

Thirsty Thursdays continue into Spring

Following past tradition, Thirsty Thursdays will be leaving the current Rota of restaurants immediately after Easter when the numbers of attendees drop significantly. If you have a favorite restaurant or one that you think may be worthy of a visit over the next few months, let Gerry or Jack know.

Already planning has started for the next winter season and reflections of the many evenings we have spent together have come under scrutiny. It would be most helpful if you would let us know your comments, suggestion, criticisms and bouquets. If you have a plan that would help make the evening better or can help in that regard, please pass on your comments. We have many ideas already but need help in the implementation.

- Which was your favorite restaurant?
- Which was the most efficient?
- Who was the best or most helpful waiter?
- Where did you feel most comfortable?
- What was your favorite meal?
- Do you like the restaurants chosen?
- Is there one that could be added/dropped?

Responses please, to: manzamigos@hotmail.com or manzamigos@yahoo.com

Dining Out Book dropped for this year

With the health problems that have hit the Manzamigos executive hard this year, the difficulties of getting sufficient restaurants and advertisers for the book and with insufficient help in getting those mechanics in place, it has been decided to cancel the "Dining Out Book" for at least this year. The work involved is tremendous and there is insufficient interest from the restaurant industry in Manzanillo to make it worthwhile, unfortunately. Should this change, we will consider reversing the decision in the future. In the mean time,

there are a few places & people that have made a monetary commitment and they will be offered either a spot in the translation book, (which is still going strong and will be continued), a listing on our web site for the year, advertising in our newsletter or a combination of all these medias which are at our disposal.

Memorial for Joy Palmer

Following a suggestion from Ed Small, partner of Joy Palmer who died suddenly very recently, the new executive board have decided to make a memorial donation to the Casa Hogar para Menores Liborio Espinoza. Joy was a member of Manzamigos for several years until moving back to Chapala immediately before Christmas and was very interested and concerned for the underprivileged children in these situations.

Valuable Information of Car importation into Mexico

You can now get your temporary car import online. We did it in December for our trip down this year. The site is:

http://www.banjercito.com.mx/site/imagenes/iitv/instruccionesIITV_ing.html

and it works very well. The site is in English and easy to use. You submit all of the information that you would have to provide at the border by filling in their online forms. They then send you the permit via Fedex. We received ours three days after I completed the online registration.

When you receive them, you have to sign some of the forms and return them either via Fax or, as we did, by scanning them and attaching them to an email. They send me an Email the following day telling me, in English, that all the paper work was completed. We attached the sticker to the windshield just before you cross the border.

Remember you still have to return it at the border when you go back home. The only thing you still have to get at the border when you drive over is the visitor permit.

I hope someone can use this information.

Hans Germann

More great information but on Fideo Comiso

Changes are reported to be on the way to update this aggravating piece of real estate purchase requirements. For full details go to <http://www.mexidata.info/> and check on the Real Estate information section. Gilbert Price.

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LAST CONCERT OF THE
WINTER SERIES...

March 19th
19 de Marzo

MOZART AND TCHAIKOVSKY
BY THE
GUADALAJARA STRING ORCHESTRA

MOZART Y TCHAIKOVSKY INTERPRETADOS
POR
*LA ORQUESTRA DE CUERDAS DE
GUADALAJARA*

SALÓN MARBELLA, MANZANILLO

7:00 p.m. - Doors Open

Art Exhibit and Refreshments Available

8:00 P.M. Performance - \$300 Pesos

7:00 pm - Puertas Abiertas

Exposición de Arte y Refrescos Disponibles

8:00 p.m. Comenzar - \$300 Pesos

Looking for a little more St Patricks action?

Melaque and it's neighboring town of San Patricio, goes a little paddy whacky every 17th March. (and the week before and a few days after). With dancing in the town square, parades through town and special events to be seen and enjoyed every day, this is not a local specatacle to be missed. No program is available outside of the town, so go and see what they get up to first hand. Wearing green is optional but why not mix in with the locals!

New Board had first meeting

The new board of Manzamigos had their first official meeting on Saturday 7th March. President - Gerry Szakacs, Vice President Jack Akers, Secretary – Dorothy Szakacs, Treasurer – Nigel Rumford, Membership Chairman – Linda Breun, Special Events – Dennis Breun, Director – Don Campbell and Publicity/Newsletter – Freda Rumford, discussed the past year and the year in progress for almost 3 hours. It was a very productive meeting and the board was in great accord with ideas and plans for the next winter season. It was regretted that the Carnivale Parade was cancelled by the City this year and that the Christmas party for the Children had to be cancelled by us due to Santa's ill health, but changes are to be made in how we participate in the future and candies brought down and donated by members will not go to waste.

More on these potential events will unfold as the time nears.

Food & Clothing left over? What to do

FOOD: Arrangements for the collection of people's "left over at the end of the season" refrigerator contents are now being made with James Johnson, owner of Monkeys Chicken. Every year when time to leave Manzanillo rolls around, everyone is faced with many remnants in the refrigerator & larder and no idea what best to do with them. It is a waste to throw them away and neighbors and maids get a glut of stuff each year. Please take what you have to Monkey's opposite the Commercial who will keep them for Manzamigos to distribute to the many families desperately in need of help. We will pick them up and give them away as soon as we can after they are at Monkey's to prevent spoilage. Undoubtedly, the old folks home & the various children's homes around teon will be grateful legatees,

CLOTHING: Rosella Caligaris, of Maria Cumbe boutique, opposite the entrance to Barcelo Karmina Palace, has contacts and takes used clothing to the many small villages around Manzanillo, where the inhabitants have absolutely nothing. Men's women's and children's clothes will find new homes in very deserving places. Please put clean clothing in large garbage bags marked to denote which category they are and take them to Rosella any business hour. She is open every day except Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

New computer almost up and running

This has been a problematic spring as a new computer to replace the old and trusty Vaio had to be broken in. Not only was the old and familiar operating system not available anymore but the new and “better” Vista” did not like most of the programs that have helped so enormously over the years. Almost all has been re installed, to some semblance of order but there still are many snags and pieces of missing information to overcome. If you have sent us anything over the past few weeks and have not seen it produced in the newsletter, or have been inadvertently dropped from our mailing lists, please let us know, so that we can rectify the situation. If something hasn’t been announced, we apologize and hope that it is not too late for inclusion this year, if too late for this, we hope to do better next year,.

Thank you to the many contributors to our pages this season, we could not have managed without you and the many good and favorable comments we receive are truly due to your involvement in “our town’s” affairs.

If you have anything to share that you consider newsworthy or something that you would like to know more about, please let us know. We will do our best to help.

In the next few weeks we will be producing copies of some of the past information that has been given over the years but which is still relevant to living in Mexico and Manzanillo today.

Welcome to new Members

This year we have again had an influx of new members and welcome each and every one of you. We hope you enjoy the new friends you will make in Manzanillos for many years.

December: Reese & Glen Woods, Richard & Tracy Morin

January: Lorraine Hennessey, Steve & Stella Wasylyk, Susan & Steve Jernigan,
February; Doug & Pat Cook, Frank & Joan Pavan, Francine Goldberg, Victor & Wilma Didowsky,

March; Joel Fogel, Terry & Karen Taylor, Jan Anderson, Richard Coleman, Terry Govil & Nathan Peach

Hotel La Pergola have a new centre

Hotel La Pergola have announced that they a new Convention Centre available for up to 150 people at their new and neighboring Hotel La Pez Vela. For rates and availabilty contact: *314 333 22 65*