

manzamigos messenger

October 2009

Changing Lives, One Child at a Time'

13th Annual Casa Hogar Los Angelitos Benedit

Date: Friday, January 22nd, 2010
Place: Gran Pavilion, Fair Grounds, Valle de las Garzas, Manzanillo
Program Times:
Silent Auction begins ----- 5:30 pm
Dinner, Live Auction -----7:00 pm

Live Auction items from which to choose:

- * In lovely Playa Grande condo, Isla Navidad - Seven days - a whole Weeks holiday.
- * Overlooking the bay and watching for whales at Vida del Mar condo
- * Enjoying the Colorado Rockies in a beautiful house in Breckenridge
- * An international wine tasting event with 16 of your friends

That's not all, more items to be announced!

You will have the opportunity to learn about Casa Hogar los Angelitos—why it is unique, how the children's lives have changed and how you can help.

For tickets contact Marge Tyler-----
-044 314 337 3175 or at
maggiet19@earthlink.net

To donate items to the silent auction contact Liz Dillard-----
lizbobby@ymail.com

For information or to volunteer contact Janice Morgan-----.
janicebmorgan@comcast.net



Attention fishermen

Fishing licenses can be obtained at the Manzanillo Fishing Club from Sylvia who is there from 9 am til ???. She will take the money and issue the license, eliminating the need to go to the bank to pay for it.

To get to the Fishing Club turn right by the DIF building in San Pedrito (as if to go to the Harbour Masters Building for the Immigration offices,) but once you cross the railway tracks turn left **immediately** and go through the cement arch ahead of you and into the quite large parking lot which is to the right of the railway track.

There is a small building almost on the parking lot and apparently there is a sign saying Manzanillo Fishing Club.

Linda Breun

MUJERES AMIGAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

This popular annual event is now slated for 12th December at 6.00 p.m .at Condominios Pelicanos as usual

Please advise Lydia Bevaart if you intend to attend, so that adequate seating may be arranged. Entry fee is 100 pesos towards the cost of rentals and the musician, plus a dish to share at the Pot Luck Supper.

Lydia can be reached at 334-0002
Or at lydiabevaart@yahoo.ca

Improv night with the Spanglish Imposition

See the notice accompanying this newsletter.



La Pergola Restaurant 333-2265
For reservations

Annual Casa Hogar Los Angelitos Open House

Sunday, January 24, 2010

Times: 4:00 pm - 5:00pm
- 6:30 pm

Location:

16 Privado Pedro Flores Salagua,
Manzanillo

Phone: 33-4-0878

For additional information please contact

recepcion@casahogarlosangelitos.cm or
info@chidrensfoundationinc.com

This is your opportunity to see all the changes and improvements at Casa Hogar Los Angelitos, meet the children and staff, learn more about the operation, goals and vision that makes this casa hogar so different from other casa hogars. There will be light refreshments and a very special program presented by the children of the casa hogar which will include music, dance and presentation of the quinceañeras.

Annual Casa Hogar Los Angelitos Golf Tournament

Date: Tuesday, February 2nd, 2010

Place: Isla de Navidad
Golf Course
Barra de Navidad,
Jalisco

This tournament is being made possible through the generous support of the management of Isla de Navidad.

Prizes include 8 free rounds of golf at Isla de Navidad!

For information contact Jack [Babcock](mailto:JackBabcock@comcast.net)-----
jackbabcock@comcast.net

Follow up to Beach Clean up letter of last month

Hi Freda

On Sept.7th I received the following email from Gaby the vet.

Subject: Invitación a Limpieza de Costas 2009

Date: Mon, 7 Sep 2009 22:01:09 - 0500

La Universidad de Colima a través de la Facultad de Ciencia Marinas, convoca a usted y al público en general a participar en la Campaña Internacional de Limpieza de Costas 2009, que se llevará a cabo el día sábado 19 de Septiembre del año en curso a partir de las 8:00hrs en las Playas de las Bahías de Manzanillo y Santiago.

Dicho evento tiene como finalidad la limpieza de nuestras playas, así como fomentar la conciencia ecológica y contribuir con la educación ambiental y de esta forma contribuir al mantenimiento, conservación y preservación del litoral manzanillense, en dicho evento se contará con la participación de estudiantes y profesores de diferentes dependencias educativas, trabajadores y público en general.

Para mayores informes contactar a Dra. Lidia Silva Iñiguez- 3311205- lsilva@ucol.mx
Karla Laureano Nieves -314 33 7 47 10- karla5145@ucol.mx

I passed the info on to my contact at Casa Hogar Los Angelitos and yesterday morning 14 of the kids and their bus driver joined the students in cleaning up the beach between the foot bridge over the Boulevard at La Casa del Deportista and Gaetano's office. At least 12 big bags of rubbish were collected and later on it was all sorted and categorised as in the past. I will enquire into the final

score! I don't know if other groups worked in other places. The publicity was a bit lacking and I had to call in on Gaby to find out where and when we were meeting. The only other ex-pats were the ever-faithful M.J. and Stan who have been busy sterilizing dogs and cats today.

We need a closer contact with the active Mexican groups and not think we have to do everything ourselves. Susan and Carlos' efforts of previous years are bearing fruit among the younger generation.

Perhaps this is worth passing on.

Diana

Received your Sept. Mini Newsletter here in New Jersey. Thanks.

1. Re: Beach clean-up:
I guess there are other reasons there why a beach clean-up is costly, but I recall participating in a clean-up of a lake shore that Leti and I did last year. We had a borrowed canoe and were given two or three large buckets, and we scoured an assigned of shore (not accessible by land) and filled up the buckets. They were then somehow brought to a garbage pick-up point. We didn't do that part. I'm sure Susan had other expenses, - I know she's a doer - especially if they were cleaning under water, but our limited expedition didn't seem to cost anything. Could something like that be feasible? I would like to help.

A couple of other letters have also been received but request anonymity) to the effect that they would also like to help with beach clean up. If you are of like mind, let me know at manzamigos@yahoo.com I will pass it on ED.

Avoid Taxes on Charitable Donations

I meant to send this message out a little earlier.....It came to our attention too late last year that the Mexican government automatically takes 2% of all cash deposits in the amount of \$25,000 pesos or more. Unfortunately, last year we were unaware of this new law and some of the funds raised at the Hotel Tesoro and cash donations received for Casa Hogar Para Menores Liborio Espinosa were subject to this taxation. **This tax only applies to cash deposits.**

This note is to request that you take your cheque book with you if you think you might possibly participate in some of the larger ticket auction items and/or donations for Liborio Espinosa kids or any of the other charitable organizations assisting the community. Any cheque is acceptable whether it be a Mexican, American or Canadian bank.

Please share this information with everyone. Thank you.

**Joan Pavan
Fund Raising
Coordinator
Casa Hogar para
Menores Liborio
Espinosa**

Affordable Healthcare in Mexico

More Americans than ever before are seeking medical and surgical care overseas, and Mexico has emerged as a first choice destination for Americans seeking overseas care services, due the convenience of its proximity to the USA and the exceptional quality of the healthcare proffered at private clinics and hospitals in Mexico. Angeles Health International is the medical travel division of the largest private hospital network in Mexico, offering exceptional and affordable healthcare in Mexico through Angeles Health, Mexico's largest private healthcare provider.

For more information see:
<http://www.mexperienc.e.com/angeleshealth/>

MILAN OPERA GALA CONCERT

Chamber Music

MUSIC MENORE

Czech Republic

SABRINA de MORAES

Soprano

Italy

FERNANDO DE CIUFFO

Baritone

Argentina

IGOR KUCER

Tenor

Slovakia

WEDNESDAY Oct 28

Salón Marbella 8:00 PM

**250 Pesos Pre-Concert
300 Pesos at the Door**

ADOPTION AVAILABLE



This is "Comala", three months old, and she is already sterilized. She will grow up medium sized and is looking for a home. Right now she is very hyperactive but a love. You can get information from the Vet. Dra. Gaby at 33 37621. Likewise if you wish to see her, you can do the same with Dra. Gaby. Call her to let her know you are interested.

Without sounding repetitive, perhaps you are not interested in adopting her but one of your contacts, or their contacts is interested. We won't lose anything if we forward this email around. Remember, "We help to help them", please.

Please support our animal groups in Manzanillo!!!

RESTAURANT REVIEWS

Schooners

At the top of the hill in Santiago just north of the Pemex is a little restaurant now known as Schooner's (formerly Rosalba's). It has new owner's and the food there is very, very good. If you have an inclination for some down home cookin' this is the place to go.

Specials include pot roast, beef stew, chili, ect. They also have American Style Buffalo Chicken Wings in varying degrees of hotness.

The onion rings are wonderful and a nice treat in the afternoon with a glass of ice cold beer. Also on the menu are some traditional Mexican dishes and the price is just right.

Schooner's is like the little corner tavern you left back home where "everyone knows your name". The food is good, the price is right, and the staff is the friendliest in Manzanillo.

Thirsty Thursday September Reviews

3rd Sept. Palma Real

This was a new venture for many people and we were surprised at the turn out considering it is so far from town.

The meal and service was really good and definitely this should be worth another visit when we have low numbers. They are restricted to cater for larger numbers. The restaurant is not open in the evening until November when the winter season begins. Several of us have been there for breakfast and enjoyed it immensely.

10th September El Tablao

As usual, there are few surprises at this restaurant. Unfortunately neither Pascal nor Laura were there due to

his being called back to France for a family illness. We have not heard any news but hopefully all is well.

The appetizers were the best part of the meal for me and quite a few others. In general the service was good but the main meals rather ho-hum. Despite the hope for a change, there was still spinach offered as a vegetable. El Tablao does not open in the summer for evening trade apart from special events.

17th September El Cabana del Mono (the Monkey House) La Pergola offshoot.

As usual Wolfgang went above and beyond in food and service.

They were well organized, had everything ready when everyone started arriving at 5.45 pm.

They had offered discounted bar prices, and upon arrival offered a free beer, tequila, or pop per person. The menu was choice of schnitzel or mahi-mahi, and everyone was more than pleased.

They also offered 2 door prizes of a free massage at their new La Pergola Cabina Spa.

The winners of the draw were guest Spence and member Linda Paulson. G.S

25th Sept El Bigotes1

Many people were very disappointed on this evening as despite being advised in good time, there was only one waitress struggling to cope, she did as well as could be expected, but this was just inexcusable. They are a much better restaurant than was in evidence on this night. Their prices, small wine for 62 pesos etc. were just ridiculous.

They ran out of food, many people did not get a meal and left in disgust, others ate elsewhere on the way home. Many, many complaints were received and are appreciated as we need to know where to go for a nice evening out and not have everyone aggravated.

This place will be off everyone's radar screens for a long time. GS

A sample of mail received on Bigotes;

I don't like to write this and I'm sure you've already heard it. Disaster and after waiting two hours a bill for 52 pesos for 1 beer and 1 Coke Light. We didn't get any beverages until we placed the food order. We finally just bailed and left. Not high on my list. I think it topped the Japanese place for worst experience, but maybe not. Not sure why they moved us upstairs which made it even harder

for the servers when most of the downstairs was empty. Just my opinion and everyone has one.

N, who rarely complains about anything, says: "It was handled poorly. They were not prepared for a group our size. He will never return there." TS

NB: *It is too bad that many restaurants do not realize what a great opportunity they have for showing visitors to the town just what they can do when we go to their restaurant for Thirsty Thursday. This is possibly the best advertising tool available to them.*

Good tip of the week

Please do not turn on A/C immediately as soon as you enter the car. Open the windows after you enter your car and turn ON the air-conditioning after a couple of minutes. Here's why: According to a research, the car dashboard, sofa, air freshener emit Benzene, a Cancer causing toxin (carcinogen - take time to observe the smell of heated plastic in your car). In addition to causing cancer, Benzene poisons your bones, causes anemia and reduces white blood cells. Prolonged exposure will cause Leukemia, increasing the risk of cancer. May also cause miscarriage. Acceptable Benzene level indoors is 50 mg per sq. ft.. A car parked

indoors with windows closed will contain 400-800 mg of Benzene. If parked outdoors under the sun at a temperature above 60 degrees F, the Benzene level goes up to 2000-4000 mg, 40 times the acceptable level... People who get into the car, keeping windows closed will inevitably inhale, in quick succession excessive amounts of the toxin. Benzene is a toxin that affects your kidney and liver. What's worse, it is extremely difficult for your body to expel this toxic stuff.

So friends, please open the windows and door of your car - give time for interior to air out - dispel the deadly stuff - before you enter.

ANOTHER ANIMAL PROTECTION ASSOCIATION COMES TO TOWN

There is another new group supporting PATA'S ventures in aiding the animals of Manzanillo.

Their mail outs are rather large and thus not suitable for inclusion in our newsletter but if you would like to be on their mailing list or help them in their endeavor please go to:-

<http://www.friendsofpata.org>

Mex-ECO Tours

2009/10 BIG CITY TOURS

Guadalajara the Tequila Express and Tonalá.

Dec 11 – 13

Jan 22 – 24

Mar 05 – 07

2,300 per person inc. hotel, transport, breakfast & guides. Tequila Express + 950 pesos (optional)

Guanajuato city, silver mines Dolores Hidalgo & San Miguel De Allende.

Jan 12 – 15th, Feb 16th – 19th
3500 pesos per person.

La Ruta de Don Vasco, Michoacan, Jan 26th – 29th
3400 pesos per person
Historical Mexico City and on.

Feb 1 – 6 8500 pesos

Morelia Butterfly tour

Jan 18 – 21 Feb 22-25 3400 pesos per person

For more information or to make reservations, go to:-

[info@mex-ecotours.com]

COSTA ALEGRE ROTARY DANCE

Date Dec 16th

Place Hotel Cabo Blanco,
Barra De Navidad

Time 6:30-11:30

Cost 250 pesos per person
in advance, 300 at the
door...reservations
reccommended

How to make
reservation...Bill Pletsch,
fotobill@prodigy.net.mx

there will be music, a no
host bar, a flame dancer,
and maybe someone thrown
in the pool

Fun times, silent and live
auctions with golf/hotel
offerings, meals, etc

All proceeds to go to Rotary
projects in the
Melaque/Barra/Cihuatlan
area

John Jankovsky
VP Costalegre Rotary

ROOSTERS BY THE SEA

Roosters are moving again,
this time on the ocean and up
from the trailer park. Full
directions will be coming
soon. But it is a new hotel and
the restaurant has a new
Palapa.

Initially Joyce & Gary thought
they might not be able to open
until mid November, but now
hopes are that they will be on
schedule for 1st November. We
will keep you informed.

CASA HOGAR LIBORIO ESPINOZA WISH LIST

I would like your help in
getting some assistance
for this orphanage. The
children there get very
excited for the simplest
projects and they work
very hard as they are
doing now in getting the
new garden started,
unfortunately, the soil
there is the worst I have
ever seen, half sand and
the other half is stones
and peoples...

The children would love
some art supplies,
books(in Spanish),
puzzles, games, coloring
books and anything useful
you can think of... I would
love some garden supplies,
a fence for the garden and
if possible, a truck load of
good dirt.... Also some
seeds and plant cuttings...

It would be great to have
some volunteers to visit
with the children when
they have no school or on
the weekends, to do some
simple projects with them,
or just be there... They are
so loving. Once they know
you well, you will be
getting tons of hugs...
They are so appreciative
for the smallest things...

I like to take some candies
or cookies every time I
go... They look forward to
this, even if they only get
two Oreos each.. small
things make them so
happy.... so if you visit
them, please remember to
buy a couple bags
of cookies or candies.

The children at hogar
Librio Espinoza seem to be
well fed and well dressed,
all they really need are
things do, some attention,
love and care and you will
get tons in return... They
only get family visits on
the last Sunday of every
month...

Thank you so much..

Diyana Frey
casa - 333-1785
cell - 314-125-0183

MANZAMIGOS A.C. PRESENTS

FOR 1-NIGHT ONLY !!!



21 JANUARY 2010

A NIGHT AT THE IMPROV



Clark Drummond, Michael McLaughlin, Randi Watkins, Jim Griswold & Sally Jo Bartlett

WHERE: MANZANILLO COUNTRY CLUB

**WHEN: HAPPY HOUR AT 6.00 P.M. DINNER AT 7.00 P.M.
ENTERTAINMENT AFTER DINNER**

**TICKETS: 350 Pesos per person- includes dinner
and 2 glasses of wine or beer**

Available AT ANY Thirsty Thursday –
Or Call: 314-334-7927 Limited Tickets available so book early



"MUJERES AMIGAS" CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday 13th December at 6.30

At Condominios Pelicanos in Las Brisas

Get ready to boogie.



Live Keyboard Dance Music

&

A Great PotLuck Supper

Contributions, to cover the cost of the music, tables & chairs, plus set up and booking fee,
100 pesos per person.

Should that be more than needed to cover costs, the balance will go to the old folk's home.

Bring a dish to share and your drinks.

Please RSVP. TO LYDIA. 334 0002 OR lydiabevaart@yahoo.ca