

manzamigos messenger

September 2009

OTHER HAPPENINGS IN OTHER PLACES

On Friday, September 11, 2009 in Guadalajara, The Vienna Boy's Choir and The Jalisco Philharmonic Orchestra will be performing at 8:30 p.m. at the Teatro Diana. If you want to attend, tickets can be purchased at www.teatrodiana.com

Tuesday, September 16 is Mexican Independence Day. The day celebrates the 199th anniversary of Mexico's independence from Spain. At this time, no word has been received on any celebrations going on in Manzanillo.

Willing hands wanted

Casa Hogar Los Angelitos. We need volunteers to work on our fundraiser in January 2010. If you have some time to spare for a worthy cause e-mail Janice at janicebmorgan@comcast.net

La Boquita restaurant at Palma Real On the lovely Juluapan Peninsular



Thirsty Thursday
3rd September

Thirsty Thursday at El Caballito
27th August



Thirsty Thursdays in September

3rd La Boquita Restaurant
10th El Tablao, Miramar
17th Cabana del Mono,
24th Bigotes I

To confirm attendance or to go on email list, email Jack Akers at: manzamigos@gmail.com

TT Restaurant reviews

Schooners 6th Aug.

This was another successful evening at the restaurant previously known as "Rosalba's". Manny put on a good meal for us, service was great, prices very reasonable. Already this is becoming a favourite restaurant for many as the daily specials are good and very reasonably priced.

Pedro's 13th Aug.

Once again, the summer specials were available for 99 pesos, they being Filet mignon, Coconut shrimp and Imperial Chicken. Meals were served promptly and were both hot and delicious. David was available to sing and play for us again and everyone had a good evening.

Pot Luck 20th Aug.

The 15 people who turned out for a great pot luck supper at the Villas del Palmar Beach Club, had probably the best meal of the season. It was a beautiful setting and the pool was tested and found to be a little warm but still refreshing.

El Caballito 27th Aug

It has been a long time since we visited this restaurant and it was as warm and inviting as remembered. The two waiters tended to drinks and meal orders efficiently, the meals (ordered off the menu) were excellent and well priced. No complaints were heard at all and hopefully we will have time to return again before the winter season.

Another Restaurant comment

Re 30th July report in August News letter

"We had the swordfish at Toscanas and found it to be very good. It is the nature of swordfish to be a touch dry for those who don't know. We expected the sauce to be more picante but it was not and complimented the fish very nicely. Just thought you might want to know." SO

HELP WANTED

Anyone going to Guadalajara or Tonalá in the next week or so?

Gerry has some pictures and a chair to bring back if you have an SUV or truck that can transport them. Please call 335-1343 or email gerry@mexicanbay.com
Thank you.

Driving to Manzanillo from Vancouver?

I have an air conditioning unit, the window kind, to send down to Manzanillo and was wondering if you could put the word out. If anyone is driving down from Vancouver and has the space, please have them contact me at danaparkinson@gmail.com. The unit weighs 70 pounds, I believe.

Sams Pizzeria



Have you tried Sams Pizzeria yet? It's worth the trip! We have sampled their food three times and enjoyed the food, the service, the music and the good conversation. Sams is located on Blvd. Miguel de la Madrid #14192 lote C in Santiago. In more common terms it's across from the cemetery and diagonally across from the brand new Kiosko/Pemex as you head out to Mira Mar beach.

You can do a virtual visit via their web site with one of the trendy new ".MX" extensions at: <http://www.sampizzeria.com.mx/>. Their phone number is 314-334-6688 and they are open Wednesday thru Sunday at 4:00pm.

Derek is the spouse of ERIKA TALIA ALCANTARA SMITH, the IdeaCOM Consulting group and attorney known to many. Derek has a distinguished history in the culinary arts in Canada and previously at Coco Loco. The name Sams come from their new daughter, Samantha. If the logo looks somehow familiar, recall "Cheers" where "everybody knows your name".

Sams sports a comprehensive menu of pizzas as well as tortas, salads and drinks. They have table space so you can eat there, enjoy the music and talk with Derek or take it away. They carry a selection of Mexican wines under the L.A. Cetto brand name and you can order a glass or buy a bottle to take away. Bottles are priced at \$100 pesos each. I sampled a bottle of the Cabernet and found it very drinkable and enjoyable at a reasonable price. Wine includes Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Sirah, Zinfandel, Chardonnay, Chenin Blanc and a Riesling. They also carry beer, sodas, juice and some of the energy drinks.

We sampled two of the salads, the Greek salad which is really quite well done in spite of the scarce availability of the some of the traditional ingredients. It was a delicious meal! We also tried the Spinach salad which includes candied pecans, red onion and mushrooms with a citrus vinaigrette. Both of the salads were well above average. Real salads are not always easy to come by here so a crispy salad is worth the price of admission for sure.

Their sandwich offerings include an Italiano, Chicken and Pork. We have not sampled their sandwiches yet but based on experience these should be excellent choices.

From the pizza list we tried the "Porkys" (from the movie of the same name) as a take-away. The Porkys is slow roasted pork, caramelized onion, goat cheese and apple. If it sounds like a strange combination it's not and works really well. It was an excellent pie. We ordered a "Hawaiian" to eat there and it was outstanding. Traditional ham & pineapple served at your table with little wooden plates that are shaped like a big slice of pizza. The crusts are the way I like them, a bit crispy. These are done up in a big wood-fired oven which adds to the charm. It all works well. Service was good, attentive and Derek and the staff are friendly and outgoing.

Plan to visit Sams!

J. Savil

This has been a very difficult year health wise for many Manzamigos

Our thoughts go out to Craig McDolc who underwent surgery for a broken hip on Monday.

Several other people, who prefer not to be named, have been undergoing various investigative surgical procedures lately and we wish them a speedy return to good health.

Pet Sitting

Stephen Jackson is available to look after your pet while you are away. He can be reached at: Cel'044-314-111-2762

Star Choice

Sveral people are interested in joining a Star choice group. For contact information contact: ian@manzanillosun.com

Manzamigo Web Site information and pictures wanted

We need roving reporters to continue supplying up to date information and pictures to our webmaster, who is starting to complain loudly about the lack of material being received. Please help us keep an interesting and informative site working.

Also - **Spanish speaking salespeople wanted** To sell advertising space to businesses on line listing and advertising space. Flexible hours, commissions paid.

Contact:

ian@manzanillosun.com



Lona Augier passed away very suddenly in Colima on August 17, 2009, from complications with colon cancer .

Lona had lived in Manzanillo for several years and was a founder member and deeply involved with A.R.A. A.C. (Amigos por Refugio Animal) the animal rights group who, in the past few years, have developed a neuter & spaying program in Manzanillo. She was also instrumental in producing and printing the Cookbook "A La Cocina de Manzanillo".

Lona left behind to mourn her loss, her best friend and husband Jerry Augier, her family in the United States and numerous friends in Manzanillo and the United States.

Manzamigos President Gerry Szakacs, members of the board and members at large, send their deepest sympathies to her family and wish them much strength in the dark time ahead.

Howard Maierhofer passed away on Monday 31st August 2009, after a very lengthy struggle with Parkinson's disease.

He was a brilliant business man and international athlete, so this disease was particularly difficult for both he and his family to cope with. Howard, with his wife Jean, lived in Manzanillo for many years after moving from San Francisco when the increasing severity of his illness became more troublesome. Jean has been his loving wife, friend, nurse and companion for many years and all of our hearts go out to her in this time of sadness.

Manzamigos President, Gerry Szakacs, members of the board and the membership at large, send their deepest sympathies to Jean and their children.

No other details are available at this time concerning remembrance services.