

# mini manzamigos messenger

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## United States Consulate General Guadalajara

### Warden Message #6 FY2008

#### **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT**

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Effective Monday, April 7, 2008 all passport applications must be filled out electronically prior to arrival at the Consulate. As of the same date, we encourage applicants to secure appointments ahead of time. Note: The on-line passport application and appointments are available in English only.

#### **Electronic Forms for Passport Applications**

As of Monday, April 7, 2008, the American Citizen Services section of the U.S. Consulate in Guadalajara will require all passport applications to be filled out prior to arrival. We will no longer accept hand-written passport applications. All passport applications can be filled out [here](#). Note: This policy does not apply to emergency passport applications involving lost and stolen passports.

#### **Appointments**

Effective Monday, April 7, 2008, the American Citizen Services section of the U.S. Consulate in Guadalajara will offer appointments for all passport applications and Consular Reports of Birth Abroad (CRBA). Appointments will be required effective May 2, 2008. Applicants with appointment confirmations may proceed directly to the Consulate's public entrance for security screening. They will not be required to wait in line. All appointments can be made on-line [here](#). Note: This policy does not apply to emergency passport applications involving lost and stolen passports.

## Great News from Fundo Enrique Corey

Besides sponsoring 34 children this year, this school scholarship foundation has just presented a local Secondary school with 5 computers for the computer lab.

Fantastic work. This is a great foundation to support and Manzamigos is proud to do so.

### Following the piece about Canadian Taxes last week we have received this informative letter from a reader about US taxes

check out this website: [www.balancebooksonline.com](http://www.balancebooksonline.com)

These days if a person MAILES in a income tax return the people at the IRS have to input that data to their computer system, so the U.S. IRS *prefers* to have taxes filed online. Balance Books Online is a good company to assist us in keeping our financials in order.

It offers programs to do as little or as much as each individual needs.

They can:

1. Keep receipts "filed" in a e-filing cabinet where one can access them any time, or anywhere.  
This is really good for those of us who travel "back and forth" or come down for the "season"  
No matter where we are in the world, we would have access to our data.
2. Records are kept organized so at any time if one wonders "How much have I spent so far this year on postage?" for example, that info is available easily and immediately.
3. With this data organized on a regular basis, it is easy to either electronically file your own taxes or electronically send accurate data to your accountant for filing.

This company does this coordination with the use of Quick Books.

*C Hoffman*

## **DON'T EVER DIAL AREA CODE 809, 284 or 876**

**This is another scam to be very aware of:**

**Telephone calls are being received and people are being asked call numbers with these area codes for news about a life threatening situation concerning a member of the family or something similar.**

**If you call from the USA , you will apparently be charged \$2425 per-minute.**

**You'll often get a long recorded message. The point is, they will try to keep you on the phone as long as possible to increase the charges. Unfortunately, when you get your phone bill, you may be charged more than \$24,100.00**

#### **WHY IT WORKS:**

**The 809 area code is located in the British Virgin Islands (The Bahamas). The charges afterwards can become a real nightmare. That's because you DID actually make the call. If you complain, both your local phone company and your long distance carrier will not want to get involved, and will most likely tell you that they are simply providing the billing for the foreign company. You'll end up dealing with a foreign company that argues they have done nothing wrong.**

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#### **Electric Vehicles now available in Manzanillo**

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## **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

Thirsty Thursday this week, 24<sup>th</sup> April, will be at  
Toscana's Restaurant  
on Blvd. M. de la Madrid,  
opposite the playing fields. 6 p.m. as usual.

Restaurante Roca del Mar, also opposite the playing fields has  
been postponed to next week, 1<sup>st</sup> May.

To help prevent problems with more people turning up than  
expected, please let Dorothy 335-1343 or Sharon 333-1091  
know if you intend to join us.

Also, please, **Manzamigos** don't forget your name tags. it  
helps everyone get the correct bill at the end of the evening.

Don't have a name tag? Ask Vivian Molick, Membership  
Chairman, how to get one.