

US MATTERS

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"Ask not what USMA can do for you, but what you can do for USMA!"

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YOU Are a Member of USMA!

You may not realize it, but just by being a part of the Embassy community, i.e. an employee or family member of someone who works for the Embassy, AID, or the military, you are a member of USMA. USMA has been in existence for 15 years. It enhances the experience of living in Guatemala through a variety of community social events, and helps support Guatemalan organizations working to improve the lives of poor Guatemalans. How you make use of your membership is up to you.

How Can You Get Involved?

You can participate by offering to host a potluck, signing up to help with upcoming events, joining the Board, and/or sharing your ideas with the Board on how to make USMA a better association. Each of you bring unique experience and perspective to post and we are eager to hear from you!

USMA Calendar

September Luncheon

Tuesday, September 19

Fun Day at the Residence

Saturday, September 23

Around Town with Kids

Tuesday, September 26

October Board Meeting

Thursday, October 12

October Dinner

Date to be announced

Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, November 4

*A Big Thank You
to Ally Geller
for hosting
September's luncheon.*

Fun Day at the Residence

Saturday, September 23 11 – 3

USMA's first big event will be held at the residence of Ambassador Prudence Bushnell and her husband Richard Buckley. The **Fun Day** will be an afternoon for everyone to enjoy – games, swimming, tennis, food, friends, and FUN. And a great way for everyone to meet new arrivals.

The Marines will be selling hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks, and Blue Bell will be scooping up their delicious ice cream. So mark your calendars now!

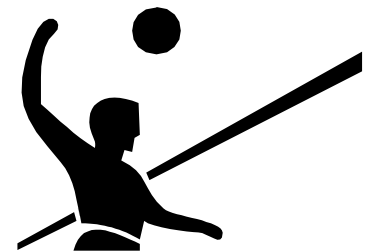
Potluck Dinner In October

Next month will hold its first Potluck at the home of Romana Campos. This will be a great opportunity for those of you who work, or who cannot normally make it to lunch, to join us. We look forward to seeing many of you then. As soon as the date is selected, it will be announced in *The Quetzal* and you will of course receive an invitation.



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Make sure to pack your swim suits, tennis rackets, and plenty of energy for all the activities planned. There will be touch football, and volleyball as well as all kinds of games for kids.