



# El Amistad Club

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## President's Message December 5, 2010

The officers and myself hope you had a great Thanksgiving. As part of that sentiment we all need to be mindful of our less fortunate brothers and sisters and take the initiative where we individually can be of assistance.

We have a number of year-end topics we need to discuss along with updates for our recent Golf Tournament and next year's Fiesta Amistad. Your attendance ensures your opinion is voiced and your vote counted.

As we close out the year, this month also completes the second term of our Board of Directors. During the last two years we have faced challenges and closed on a financially significant event that ensures the continuance of our club. We have reached two new plateaus in the awarding of scholarships – over \$100,000 in one year and over \$1,000,000 life to date. Additionally, while the day to day Board of Director's duties have increased, so has the club changed to address those new demands in the role of the Treasurer(s) and the Investment Committee. We all have a fiduciary duty to be good stewards and can do so by becoming involved and remaining vigilant so that our club's resources remain with the club and they continue to grow for the Hispanic youth of tomorrow.

I have been very humbled and happy to work with some of the best men our club has in our leadership team. Thank you Gentlemen for your work, help and counsel.

As President and as part of the outgoing leadership team, we have all been privileged to serve the club membership.

As usual, the club will have delicious tacos, empanadas, and hot coffee to keep us warm and nourished. Keep informed and bring a friend to the meeting.

Come early, enjoy, and stay late...

Michael Pavlik, President



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## Agenda

December 5, 2010

- I. Call to Order
- II. Invocation
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Minutes
- V. New prospective members and / or Second Time Prospective Member Vote
- VI. Treasurer's Report / Bingo Update
- VII. Investment Committee Update – David Carlin
- VIII. Club Outing – December 19<sup>th</sup> / Update – Roy Lopez
- IX. Fiesta 2011 Logistics / Entertainment Update – Val
- X. Golf Tournament Results Update – Al / Omar
- XI. Scholarships Updates - Gordon
- XII. Old Business - Flood Victim Outreach...
- XIII. New Business
- IX. Prospective Speakers. 11:30 – TBD
- XV. Adjournment



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## **Minutes of Meeting November 7, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Pavlik. Efrain Davila led us in the prayer. Val Velasquez led the pledge of allegiance. There were 31 members and two guests present.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** The minutes of the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Homer Sanchez, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Val Velasquez, and a unanimous vote.

**Guests:** Arnold Tijerina and Larry Gonzales.

Larry Gonzales, the newly elected state representative for Dist. 52, addressed the club.

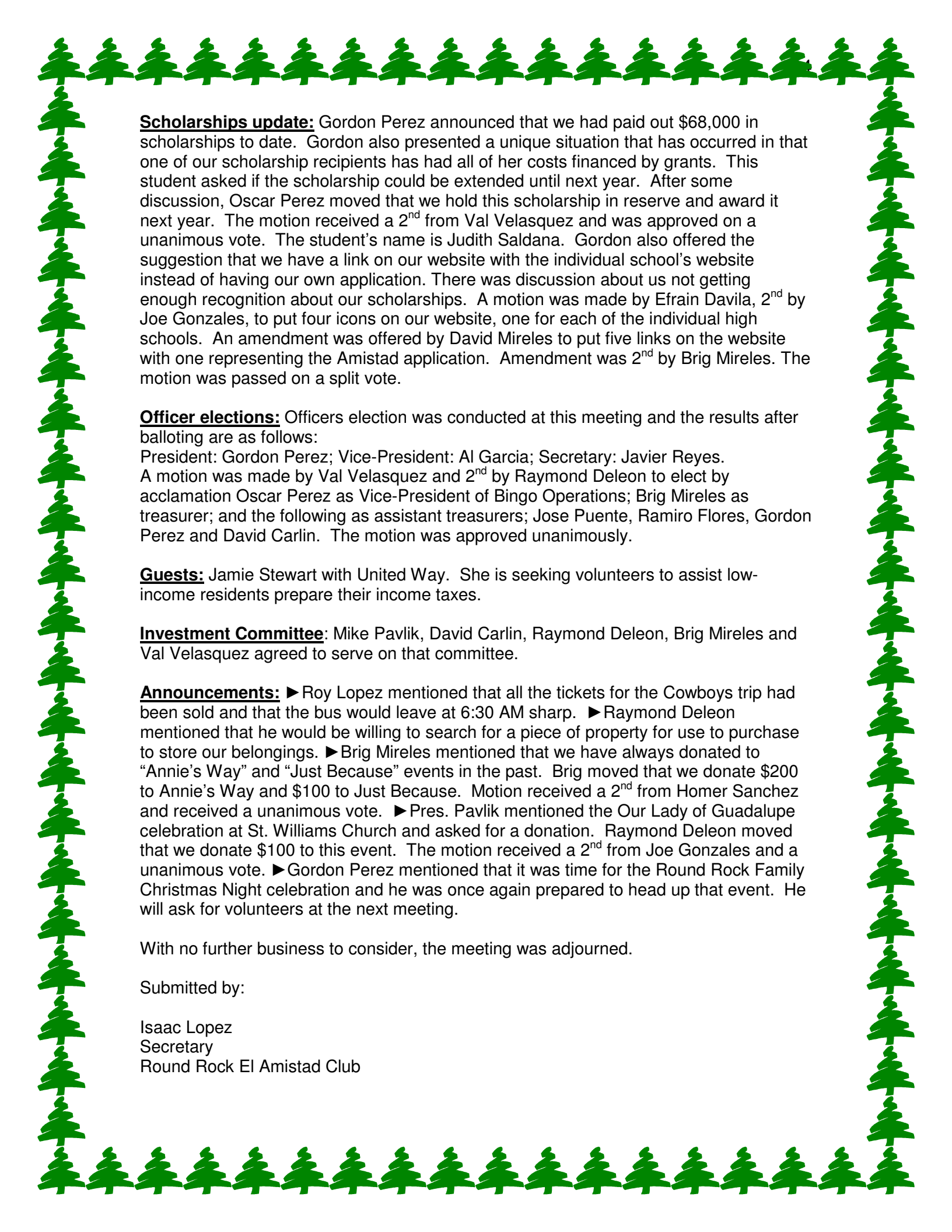
**Treasurer's report:** Brig Mireles reported that we had paid off our loan at First Texas Bank. Brig stated that we had used the interest from the CD at First Texas as well as \$2000 from our regular account to pay off the loan balance. Brig also reported that our investments had netted interest of \$19,509.01 plus \$18,186.00. The treasurer's report was approved on a motion by Val Velasquez, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Gonzales, and a unanimous vote.

**Golf tournament:** Al Garcia reported on the success of the golf tournament and stated that he would have a final report at the next meeting. Al also thanked all the members who had assisted in the success of the tournament.

**Financial Controls/Investment Committee Report:** David Carlin explained the roles of the four sub-committees of the treasurer's position and how these positions came about, and how it would benefit the club in the future. David also expounded on the audits of our funds. The ultimate goal is for the club to manage its funds and to provide transparency of our funds. All of the sub-committees would report to the treasurer. Pres. Pavlik is to research firms to do a comprehensive audit.

**Fiesta 2011 update:** Val Velasquez presented the proposed entertainment lineup for Fiesta 2011. A final decision has not been reached. There was extensive discussion on the site for Fiesta. Some of the members were of the opinion that we should return to the original McConico/Baca site in downtown Round Rock. The club is in discussion with the Round Rock Express baseball club for parking privileges. The club has already voted to hold Fiesta 2011 at the Old Settlers site. There was also discussion on the budget for the entertainment for our 2011 Fiesta.

**Announcements:** Pres. Pavlik announced that the donuts had been provided by Round Rock Donuts.



**Scholarships update:** Gordon Perez announced that we had paid out \$68,000 in scholarships to date. Gordon also presented a unique situation that has occurred in that one of our scholarship recipients has had all of her costs financed by grants. This student asked if the scholarship could be extended until next year. After some discussion, Oscar Perez moved that we hold this scholarship in reserve and award it next year. The motion received a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Val Velasquez and was approved on a unanimous vote. The student's name is Judith Saldana. Gordon also offered the suggestion that we have a link on our website with the individual school's website instead of having our own application. There was discussion about us not getting enough recognition about our scholarships. A motion was made by Efrain Davila, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Gonzales, to put four icons on our website, one for each of the individual high schools. An amendment was offered by David Mireles to put five links on the website with one representing the Amistad application. Amendment was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brig Mireles. The motion was passed on a split vote.

**Officer elections:** Officers election was conducted at this meeting and the results after balloting are as follows:  
President: Gordon Perez; Vice-President: Al Garcia; Secretary: Javier Reyes.  
A motion was made by Val Velasquez and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Raymond Deleon to elect by acclamation Oscar Perez as Vice-President of Bingo Operations; Brig Mireles as treasurer; and the following as assistant treasurers; Jose Puente, Ramiro Flores, Gordon Perez and David Carlin. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Guests:** Jamie Stewart with United Way. She is seeking volunteers to assist low-income residents prepare their income taxes.

**Investment Committee:** Mike Pavlik, David Carlin, Raymond Deleon, Brig Mireles and Val Velasquez agreed to serve on that committee.

**Announcements:** ► Roy Lopez mentioned that all the tickets for the Cowboys trip had been sold and that the bus would leave at 6:30 AM sharp. ► Raymond Deleon mentioned that he would be willing to search for a piece of property for use to purchase to store our belongings. ► Brig Mireles mentioned that we have always donated to "Annie's Way" and "Just Because" events in the past. Brig moved that we donate \$200 to Annie's Way and \$100 to Just Because. Motion received a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Homer Sanchez and received a unanimous vote. ► Pres. Pavlik mentioned the Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration at St. Williams Church and asked for a donation. Raymond Deleon moved that we donate \$100 to this event. The motion received a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Joe Gonzales and a unanimous vote. ► Gordon Perez mentioned that it was time for the Round Rock Family Christmas Night celebration and he was once again prepared to head up that event. He will ask for volunteers at the next meeting.

With no further business to consider, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Isaac Lopez  
Secretary  
Round Rock El Amistad Club



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## December 2010 Newsletter

### **Greetings:**

Congratulations to our newly elected officers who were elected at our last meeting. Leading our group next year as president will be Gordon Perez. Al Garcia will serve as vice-president and Javier Reyes as secretary. Brig Mireles will continue as treasurer and Oscar Perez as vice-president of bingo operations. Serving as assistant treasurers will be Jose Puente, Ramiro Flores, Gordon Perez and David Carlin. A well deserved thanks to Michael Pavlik and Michael Selvera for their many years of service.

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

- **December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010** – **Monthly meeting, 10:00 AM McConico Bldg**
- **Christmas Family Night** – **Downtown Round Rock 6:30PM**
- **January 9, 2011** – **Monthly meeting, 10:00 AM McConico Bldg**
- **February 6, 2011** – **Monthly meeting, 10:00 AM McConico Bldg**
- **March 6, 2011** - **Monthly meeting, 10:00 AM McConico Bldg**
- **April 3, 2011** - **Monthly meeting, 10:00 AM McConico Bldg**

**Birthday wishes:** to Luis Zervigon on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, Jesus Franco on Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>, Jesus Chavez on Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>. ***! FELIZ CUMPLEANOS!***

**Happy Wedding Anniversary:** Happy wedding anniversary to Joe and Maria Gonzales on Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>. ***!Felicidades!***

**A little humor:** This is the time of the year when we tend to overeat somewhat. For those of you who watch what you eat, here's the final word on nutrition and health. It's a relief to know the truth after all those conflicting nutritional studies.

1. The Japanese eat very little fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans.
2. The Mexicans eat a lot of fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans.
3. The Chinese drink very little red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans.
4. The Italians drink a lot of red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans..
5. The Germans drink a lot of beer and eat lots of sausages and fats and suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans.

**CONCLUSION: Eat and drink what you like. Living in America is apparently what kills you.** *"El menudo y los tamales no tienen la culpa!"*

**In memory:** Please remember in your prayers Amelia Pena, 92, of Round Rock, who passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Pena was my mother-in-law and the grandmother of member Matthew Lopez. She was also "madrina" to members David and Robert Carlin, and other Carlin family members. A more kinder and genteel person you will never meet. ***May God grant her eternal rest!***

**Farewell:** This will be my final newsletter as your secretary and newsletter editor. I have sincerely enjoyed this task and hope you have enjoyed reading this newsletter. It was my objective to try to keep the members as informed as I possibly could. At some point, you just have to decide that you have made your last ride. I don't plan on riding off into the sunset; on the contrary, I will attempt to stay as active in our club as possible. My sincerest best wishes to Javier Reyes for stepping up and taking over the reins. Let's all give him our utmost support. I may still have a few jokes I can let Javier use.

***From our house to yours! Wishing you and yours, a blessed and joyous Christmas, and a healthy and happy New Year!***



See you at the meeting this Sunday at 10:00 AM at the McConico municipal complex at 301 W. Bagdad in beautiful downtown Round Rock. Breakfast tacos and coffee will be available.

Isaac Lopez  
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