

## Why be a Compañero?

It costs you \$20.00 and a cake each year and what good does it do? Well, let me tell you. We are a small organization, but we catch a lot of things that otherwise would fall through the cracks. When the Braille society offered to provide dogs and training to six blind people from Ensenada, it was wonderful. These would be the first Seeing Eye dogs in Ensenada. BUT...even though the dogs and training were free, the recipients needed to get to Michigan for the training. That is where we came in. We held countless events to raise the \$3000 dollars needed by these five wonderful people. We held brunches, dances and just plain begged from our members until we got the money to pay for the plane tickets for all of them. We even found cold weather garments for them, as the training was in the winter.

Julio, (see attached picture) was just 2 when he lost his arm. Shriners' Hospital, in the US takes care of his medical needs. They replace the prosthesis when he outgrows it and add a new function each time he is seen. But...Julio's Mom can't afford to take him on the bus to the American Consulate in Tijuana for his visa, thus enabling him to get to the hospital. Your club has agreed to provide this relatively small sum for Julio and his mother each time he needs to go.

These are just 2 of the many extra things the Compañeros does for the people of our community. We also, of course, provide some funding toward supporting these and other charities: Angles on Wheels, Hogar Home for the Elderly, Abused Women's Shelter, Development of Integral Families (DIF), San Vincente Homeless Shelter, Center for Multiple Care, 1000 Smiles and Norcal.

Julio and his "Bionic" arm on two visits to our club.

