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Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta Sister City Committee Newsletter

President's Column



BALANCE SHEET (JANUARY 2019)

CASH

Pacific Premier Bank	\$14,541.41
Pacific Premier Bank (Restricted Funds)	\$10,459.79
Park Avenue Securities-Blackrock	\$18,372.52
MexUSA - PV Actinver Account (approx end of Jan.)	\$37,798.00
TOTAL CASH	\$81,171.72

RESTRICTED FUNDS (JANUARY 2019)

• I. Madonnari Festival (bal. 2018 Fiesta Booths)	\$ 100.00
• 2018 PV trip Visitation	\$ 8,606.39
• Rotary Club SBN Charitable Foundation	
◦ P.V. Police Academy - Computers	\$1,000.00
• Web-Page up-date	\$ 753.40
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	\$10,459.79

DINNER MEETINGS *by Jill Stassinios*

Please Join Us on Wed. March 6th at 6pm for a delicious Taco Bar Buffet, in the Cielito Banquet Room, at Viva Restaurant, 1114 State St. Santa Barbara. The Taco Bar Buffet includes 4 different fillings: Negra modelo-guajillo braised short rib; mildly spiced stewed chicken; seared local white fish; and roasted seasonal vegetables, corn and zucchini Plus numerous toppings.

Our Guest Presenter will be Mariela Marin, MA, MFT who is an adjunct professor for the Latino Mental Health Concentration in the Masters of Clinical Psychology at Antioch University, and Executive Director of Community Counseling and Education Center. Mariela will be speaking about **Multicultural Competence:**

Why It's Good for All of Us.

Convenient parking is available next to the Santa Barbara downtown library and behind the Santa Barbara Art Museum (Lot #7). \$26 per person includes all you can eat! A no host bar will be available serving wine, beer, signature cocktails, and sodas. Come early and enjoy Viva Restaurant's Happy Hour Appetizer & Drink Specials at the bar.

Please RSVP to Jill Stassinios at: jstassinios@aol.com or (805) 895-2580 by Sunday, March 3rd.

Please Note: An additional \$5 will be charged for all members who don't RSVP by March 3rd and for all

Mark your calendars to note that April's Dinner Meeting will take place on **Tuesday, April 2nd**, at The Creekside Restaurant & Bar, 4444 Hollister Ave., Santa Barbara.

Our Guest Presenter will be local author Betsy Green.



Christina Martell and young client at Dental Clinic Inauguration. She was the driving force for adding the dental clinic to the Boca de Tomatlan Clinic

In Memory of “Earth Angel” Christina Martell

by Gil Garcia

The passing of our dear friend Christina Martell was like an Earth Angel returning home after a life of service in the community and region of Boca de Tomatlan. She dedicated her life at the spiritual level to help others, to spread kindness, have compassion and make a difference. She did this by bringing the light and love of the higher spiritual realms into physical realities of life.

She exhibited the loving signs of an Earth Angel in her ideas or solutions to problems, in support of lives of almost everyone she knew, always looking for a better way to do things. She had a grace that inspired people, that could lift people's energy and spirit without much effort. She always saw the good in people even when she was criticized. She would take criticism with a smile always seeing a silver lining in every situation. She always thought in terms of possibility and potential. She loved the idea of freely spreading love, compassion, and guidance.

Members of Sister City honor and celebrate the Life of Christina by continuing her work in striving to support, heal, empower, encourage growth and accountability in others. We continue to support all Earth Angels that are here on an incredible mission and adventure to spread the light, anchor ascension energy and make a difference in the world.

Christina lived and showed us how to love each other, how to serve others, our communities and our planet. What more important role model could we have right now? Her legacy inspires us to be persons who show up in the present moment with love, with the willingness to serve others and the earth, to be a friend and a shining light in the world, and to commit to reawakening our inner divine light.

Christina encouraged us to keep asking, “How may I serve?” How may I more fully step into my light? How may I more fully and vibrantly shine? Guide me. Show me. Activate me. Awaken the earth Angel in me.

We can be assured that she will look down from heaven and smile with gratitude when she sees Sister City members and others open their hearts, tune into their light, and lift, expand, shine, and serve in support of

Upgrade to Volcanes Community

The Sunrise Rotary Club of Santa Barbara applied for a Rotary District Grant to build a sidewalk around Los Volcanes School in Puerto Vallarta. The Rotary Club of Santa Barbara North contributed the club's allocation of district funds to complete the project.

This is especially good news for SB/PV because our club has been a long-time supporter of upgrading the Los Volcanes Community by supporting the Sewing School Project.



MEDICAL SUPPLIES PURCHASED BY SB/PV ARRIVE

It's a pleasure to report that urgently needed supplies and medications purchased with funds donated by Santa Bárbara/Puerto Vallarta Sister City were delivered by sister city friend Jaime Velásquez to Boca de Tomatlan medical center and received by nurse Martha Saturday Feb 9, 2019. We thank Jaime Velasquez for his tenacity in navigating the complex process of getting these supplies ordered, paid and delivered. In the picture below, nurse Marta and Jaime display the delivery at the clinic.



FREE MUSICAL DOCUMENTARY FILM OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC

Tribu is returning to Antioch University Santa Barbara! Their documentary, **Camino Rojo**, premiered in Mexico City, and has now been translated by AUSB alumnus Lena Moran. A FREE screening is scheduled for March 14, 6:00- 8:00 PM in the Community Hall at Antioch University Santa Barbara.

Tribu is a musical group founded by Augustin Pimental Diaz, Alejandro Mendez Rojas, Jose Antonio Mendez and Jesus Herrera in 1972. With almost 50 years of experimenting with different musical genres, integrating traditional Mestiza and ethnic music with pop and modern music, members of Tribu are among the most formidable scholars of the pre- Hispanic, organological tradition.

Before the screening there will be an informal information session for potential AUSB students.

Trip To Puerto Vallarta For 2020

For those of you who like to plan ahead, the SB/PV Board has made Arrangements for the next visitation to Puerto Vallarta. You might like to save the dates for your calendar.

January 9th to 19th



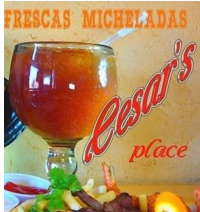
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Esperanza Najera Wins Prize!

All one had to do was to renew their membership before the deadline and the idea was a success!

The special drawing was held during the February General Meeting and the winner was Esperanza Najera. The prize was a \$50 Amazon Purchase Card.

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