



May 2019



## **Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta Sister City Committee Newsletter**



### **CELEBRATE CINCO DE MAYO IN STYLE (BUT ON 1ST OF MAY)**

**JUAN MORALES, GUITAR-SINGER 6:00 TO 7:00 P.M.**

**“MARIACHI ISLA VISTA” FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 P.M.**



#### **BEVERAGES**

**Agua fresca de piña**

**Agua de Sandia**

**Water on each table**

#### **SALAD**

**Romaine Lettuce**

**Mixed Greens**

**Avocado, Jicama & tomatoes**

**Cucumbers & Mango Dressing**

#### **FAJITA STATION**

**Lightly seasoned chicken, steak, shrimp**

**Corn & Flour tortillas**

**Chips w/ salsa & guacamole**

**DESSERTS: Home-made flan & pastel de tres leches, Mexican café or chocolate de leche**

**Location: PILGRIM TERRACE**

**Cost: \$26.00 if reserved by April 28th (\$31.00 if later)**

**RSVP to Jill Stassinis at “jstassinis@aol.com” or phone: 805-895-2580**

## **VIAJE A CUBA**

Marti Correa reports that the fund-raising trip to Cuba is now set. The trip takes place from May 26 to June 2nd and thus far, 12 people have signed up to go.

The trip is being planned by Professor of Political Science, Jonathan Benjamin Alvarado, of the University of Nebraska. He is the son of Romie Alvarado and he has sponsored trips to Cuba for many years, so he knows the country well.

The tentative trip is planned to first land in Cancun, Mexico for an overnight stay and then on to Havana, Cuba. The cost is approximately \$2,500 for the land portion plus air fare.

Any member interested in joining the group should contact Marti right now, ‘cause time for planning is drawing to a close.



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**Puerto Vallarta /Santa Barbara  
Sister City Sends It's Winner To  
I Madonnari Festival At The Mission**



*Chalk drawing of her children from 1918*

AYDÉ JUÁREZ GUADALUPE of Guadalajara Jalisco won the top artist honors at the I Madonnari Festival held in Puerto Vallarta recently. As her reward, she is being sponsored to participate in the I Madonnari Festival of Santa Barbara which will be held during Memorial Day weekend at the Mission.

Ayde also won top honors at the Chiapas I Madonnari Festival earlier in the year.

Sister City members are urged to come by to greet our visitor, winner in Sister City Puerto Vallarta I Madonnari Festival.



In a show of solidarity with this event, the Board of Directors agreed to contribute \$250.00 in partnership. The public is cordially invited.

## **No RSVP costs \$5.00 more - Why??**

Your New Board of Directors decided to address a longstanding problem of **no RSVP's**. Anyone planning an event must provide a number of guests to the restaurant or the caterer. This assures there **is (are)** sufficient quantities of food and seating is available. Our situation is no different. We must provide this info at least 3 days in advance to allow the caterer to order the necessary quantities of food stuffs.

We are thrilled to have a large turnout at our dinner meetings and we can plan for a few extras but when we have had 10 – 15 over the projected amount, it is a little much. **Please RSVP by deadline and save \$5.00.** Look at this as the actual cost of dinner is \$31.00, but members who RSVP get a \$5.00 discount as a perk.

Lastly the board has worked very hard at keeping the dinner cost to \$26.00. Your board will continue to do so as long as we can, and buffet service is one way to keep cost down.

*Margaret Saavedra  
Past President*



## Young Artist and Authors Showcase 2019

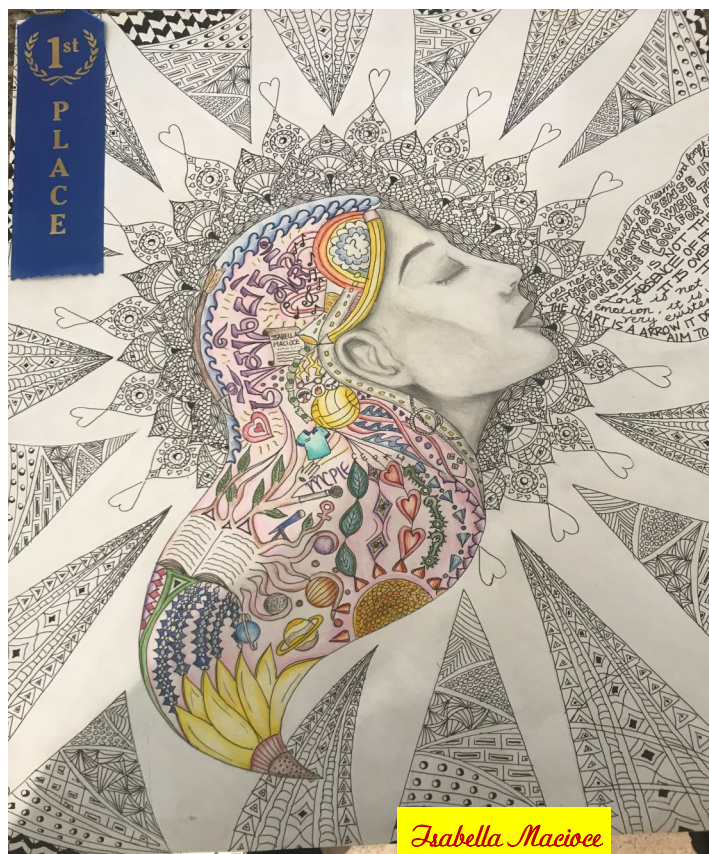
A couple of weeks ago, Sister Cities International held a “Young Artist Showcase” at Pilgrim Terrace Senior Housing Recreation Room with the theme “Global Citizens - Resilient Communities”. The event attracted twenty entries from students, including three pieces submitted from the Philippines. Judges Kathy Koury, Maggie McClennahan and Yuliya Lennon scored the students' art work on creativity, theme, and presentation.

This year's top three artists, Isabella Macioce (first place), Aria Jimenez (second place) and Cora Vides (third place) were all students from Santa Barbara High School. Macioce not only won top honors and \$250 in prize money, but she will go on to the Sister Cities International event in Washington, D. C. to compete for an additional \$1,000 and to be included in the top 10 pieces that will tour the country.

Sister Cities International (SCI) was created by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1952 to “Promote peace through mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation.” The Young Artist and Authors Showcase is held annually to involve students in a worldwide young artist competition. Santa Barbara has seven sister cities; Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; San Juan, Philippines; Toba, Japan; Patras, Greece; Dingle, Ireland; Weihai, China; and Kotor, Montenegro.

Guests included Pat Fallin, president of the Santa Barbara Sister Cities Advisory Board, many members of the Santa Barbara Sister Cities group and Margie Yahyavi from the Santa Barbara Education Foundation and Kimberly Hoj from Santa Barbara Unified School District.

The event was made possible with the support of sponsors Pacific Premier Bank and Morgan Stanley.



Honorable Mention entry submitted by Theodore Jayde S. Balindo, a student from the Philippines

Submitted by Margaret Saavedra

# New Date For 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 14th to 23rd, 2020

SEE THE NEW SB/PV SISTER CITY WEB PAGE: [“SBPV sistercity.org”](http://SBPV.sistercity.org)....  
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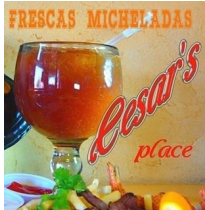
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