



February 2019



Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta Sister City Committee Newsletter

President's Column



Carlos Velasco

Hello Sister Cities members!

It is a privilege and an honor to have been selected president of this amazing organization.

During the past two years, Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta Sister City has been led by the incredibly talented and hard working Margaret Saavedra, whose tireless efforts have elevated this organization to where we are today. Under her leadership, this non-profit group of volunteers has been voted as the best sister city club in the nation! With her guidance and help from the board of directors, I will try to do my best to continue all the good work that embodies our organization.

Carlos Velasco



During a recent visit to Puerto Vallarta, Carlos Velasco, president of SB/PV Sister City and Ismael Perez, president of Puerto Vallarta/Santa Barbara Sister City (both standing) listen to a report of the work of sister cities at the weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Puerto Vallarta Sur.

February General Membership Meeting

The February General Membership meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 6th, 6:00 p.m. at Pilgrim Terrace.

Program for the meeting will be Barry Cappello, former attorney for the City of Santa Barbara.

Please call Jill Stassinis, 2nd Vice President 1-805-566-9939 or email: jstassinis@aol.com -to make your reservation.



Do It Now, Quick!

Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta Sister City Committee Membership Dues Renewal Form, 2019

(Annual dues expire December 31st)

\$25 (individual) ____ \$50 (couple) ____ Hard copy newsletter (optional) \$10 ____

Name(s) _____

Mailing Address _____

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PAYMENT OPTIONS:

Check payable to: **SB/PV Sister City Committee** Ck # _____

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Card # _____

Expiration Date _____ Security Code # _____ Zip code _____

Address (if different from above) _____

Total Membership dues \$ _____

Credit Card Processing Fee, \$1.00 \$ _____

Additional Donation (project of your choice) \$ _____

Total Payment..... \$ _____

By-Laws state, "there shall be no prorating of dues depending on date of enrollment and all membership dues must be paid by January 31st."

Mail entire form and payment to:

SB/PV Sister City Committee, PO Box 3718, Santa Barbara, CA 93130

Any questions, please contact: Margaret Saavedra, President (805) 708-0770

Marti Garcia, Treasurer (805) 680-2142

Robin Cederlof, Membership (805) 455-5257

Funds received from the annual dues help to support the mission of the Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta Sister City Committee, a 501c3 non-profit organization.

Thank you!

ROBIN CEDERLOF, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

PUERTO VALLARTA COMMITTEE SELECTS NEW PRESIDENT

Long-time member and personal friend of many Santa Barbara Sister City Members, Ismael Pérez, is the new president of the Puerto Vallarta Sister City group.

Ismael, in checkered shirt is pictured here along with the rest of the group's executive committee.



CHANGE OF P.V. VISITATION DATE

In an action item, the SB/PV Board of Directors has changed the annual visitation date for our annual trip to Puerto Vallarta. Much discussion was presented that going in November puts quite a rush for our members to prepare for the holiday season upon our usual return to Santa Barbara in early December. Consequently, the next visitation date has been set:

JANUARY 9TH TO 19th, 2020

Please mark this date down in your calendars if you plan to go on the next visitation.

YOUNG ARTISTS SPONSORED ART CONTEST

The Santa Barbara City Sister City Advisory Board will again sponsor a local art contest to select a winner from local entries to submit to Sister Cities International. Members of the City Advisory Board are representatives of all Santa Barbara Sister City Committees. The Theme this year is **"Global Citizens – Resilient Communities"**. The deadline to submit to your particular Sister City Group is March 15. The categories are Art, Literature and Photography, **local awards are \$250, \$150, \$100**. Please encourage your children, grand children, nieces or nephews to submit an entry for this great opportunity. For more info with details on requirements for submissions go to Sister City Internationals website at [//sistercities.org/YAAS](http://sistercities.org/YAAS).

MEMBERS ONLY \$50 AMAZON GIFT CARD RAFFLE PRIZE DRAWING!

Join or Renew your Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta Sister City Membership by [January 31st, 2019](#) to be eligible for a special raffle prize drawing of a \$50 Amazon Gift Card! Only new and renewing memberships received by the [January 31st, 2019](#) deadline will be entered in the Members Only \$50 Amazon Gift Card Raffle Prize Drawing to be held [on Wednesday, February 6th, 2019](#) at the SB/PV Sister City dinner meeting.

The winner does not need to be present at the time of the drawing and will be contacted by a SB/PV Sister City Board Member regarding if they would like to pick up their prize at a future dinner meeting Or have their \$50 Amazon gift card mailed to them.

The winner of the \$50 Amazon Gift Card Raffle Prize Drawing will be announced in the March SB/PV Sister City Newsletter.

.....So be sure to Join or Renew your SB/PV Sister City Membership by [January 31st, 2019!](#)

Robin Cederlof, Membership Chair □

Dear Past-Fellow Travelers & other Travelers:

I'm working with Jonathan Benjamin-Alvarado, Ph.D., Assistant Vice Chancellor, Professor of Political Science, University of Nebraska Omaha (Romie Alvarado's son.) Anyway, Jonathan and I have been discussing a group trip to CUBA in late May. Jonathan just returned from Havana, Cuba, he has been going to Cuba for over 20 years with political science students and people interested in visiting Cuba.

Jonathan works with an American travel agent that moved to Cuba. They have come up with tentative cost based on 10-15 participants (land cost only \$2,440-double occupancy) OR 16-20 participants (land cost only \$2,260-double occupancy). This is an arrival date on Sunday and departure date the next Sunday. This includes accommodations, breakfast everyday, 7 meals, ground transportation in Cuba, entrance/program fees associated with scheduled activities, guided visits and other expenses.

I have not looked at airfare or ground transportation to and from LAX. I would like to look into flying from LAX to Cancun, Mexico, staying a few days then flying directly from Cancun to Havana, Cuba. Tentatively, the cost of air, ground transportation and hotel would add another \$1,000 to the cost. Again, these are tentative cost.

If you are interested in being part of the travel group, please get back to me ASAP.

Hope to hear from you soon,

Note: Cuba has a warm tropical climate with two distinct seasons. The best time to visit is from December to May, when you can expect dry, sunny days and plenty of blue skies. The wet season begins in June and, previously, visitors to Cuba would have avoided travel entirely between August and October, when there is also a risk of hurricanes.

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SANTA BARBARA/PUERTO VALLART SISTER CITY COMMITTEE

FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME & EXPENSE REPORT - JANUARY - DECEMBER 2018

INCOME:

| | |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Membership Dinners | \$10,760.00 |
| Membership Dinner - Raffle | \$1,003.00 |
| Membership Dues | \$3,485.00 |
| New Badges | \$200.00 |
| Interest Income | \$18.18 |
| Miscellaneous Income (Restricted/Unrestricted) | \$900.26 |
| Annual P.V. Visitation | \$34,797.83 |
| ANNUAL RAFFLE INCOME | \$10,324.00 |
| PROJECTS/EXCHANGES - RESTRICTED FUNDS | total \$24,001.00 |

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| Yelapa Biblioteca | \$2,000.00 |
| Magisterio Hostel | \$3,700.00 |
| Volcanes Sewing School | \$950.00 |
| Volcanes Community Building | \$1,200.00 |
| Tomatlan Boca Health Clinic | \$6,917.00 |
| I. Madonnari Festival | \$1,350.00 |
| Law Enforcement Exchange | \$4,240.00 |
| Rehabilitation Clinic - PV | \$1,294.00 |
| Student Scholarships - Rotary Sur | \$2,350.00 |

TOTAL INCOME

\$85,489.27

EXPENSES:

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|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Board & Administrative Expenses | \$1,505.57 |
| Accounting Service | \$800.00 |
| Liability Insurance & Board | \$654.78 |
| P.O. Box rental | \$140.00 |
| Badge Expenses | \$206.63 |
| Community Contributions | \$100.00 |
| Dues & Misc. other organizations | \$558.57 |
| Membership Dinner - Month of March | \$11,796.93 |
| Newsletter Expenses (postage) | \$208.17 |
| Bank Service Chg/Credit Card Fees | \$447.05 |
| Visitation - Guest from P.V. | \$1,989.82 |
| Annual P.V. Visitation Expenses | \$23,602.23 |
| ANNUAL RAFFLE EXPENSES | * \$6,499.45 |
| PROJECTS/EXCHANGES DISTRIBUTION | * \$29,447.00 |
| Taxes | \$55.00 |

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$78,011.20

NET INCOME or (LOSS)

\$7,478.07

*distribution upon request

Marti Correa de Garcia

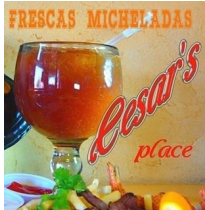
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3. SB/PV will receive .5% of the cost of your purchase. It's that simple!

NINE COMPUTERS FOR P.V. POLICE ACADEMY

The Police Academy in Puerto Vallarta was in need of computers for its training classes, and Santa Barbarians came to the rescue. Our Sister City Committee, along with the Rotary Club of Santa Barbara North and an individual donation by Roberto Najera was enough to purchase nine computers when SB/PV was in Puerto Vallarta last November. Work is still being done in providing internet wiring, antennas, and better furniture, but the project is well under way.



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


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