



August 2020 Newsletter



Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta Sister City Committee Newsletter



Carlos Velasco

Hello Sister City Members ! As we enter our fourth month of the Covid 19 lock down, it is important that we continue to follow all the safety protocols, washing your hands ,wearing your masks ,practicing social distancing , and having a shot of tequila after dinner. (it helps morale !)

On a different note ; I am happy to report that our partnership with the International Firefighters Training Association has resulted in the donation of a fire truck to the township of Colama (just north of P V). We are working on arrangements for transport to Mexico. Along with the fire truck are 3 pairs of Jaws of Life and 40 turn out coats for firefighters ! Please help support our efforts in working with the International Firefighters Training Association! I believe that this could be the start of a beautiful partnership ! All the best all our members..Be Well..Be Safe and have some Tequila !

GIL GARCIA IS HONORED

On Thu, Jul 16, 2020, 9:06 AM gil garcia <gilgarcia2@icloud.com> wrote

Gil Garcia was pleasantly surprised today in a Sister Cities International Board of Directors ZOOM board meeting where new chairman of the board, Carol Robertson Lopez, honored him with the 2020 Chairman Award. Gil promptly acknowledged that this award should be shared with all members of SB/PV Sister city, SOCAL, Rotary Club of Santa Barbara North, IFTA, Asociación de Clubes Jaliscienses de California and especially his wife Marti who really is the one that deserves the award.

“My highest reward is all the friends that Marti and I have made in US, Mexico and other countries throughout the world.”

Stephany Fauvet will be the guest presenter for the SB-PV Sister City General Mtg. on August 5th at 6:00pm (Pacific Time). Stephany is a therapist at the Santa Barbara Rehabilitation Clinic in Puerto Vallarta and will be speaking about the present history, mission, and current activities of the S.B. Rehabilitation Clinic in Puerto Vallarta.

Jill Stassinis is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
Topic: Santa Barbara - Puerto Vallarta Sister City General Meeting

Time: Aug 5, 2020 06:00 PM Pacific Time

Join Zoom Meeting

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Time: Aug 5, 2020 06:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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HEY KIDS!

Ready to bust out of
confinement & bust out
some cool moves?

Great news!
SB Rotary Club North and
Santa Barbara/Puerto
Vallarta Sister City
Committee are proud to
announce:

"Operation Bust Out"

**BATON TWIRLING
IS CATCHING!**



WHAT: FREE Baton Twirling classes, infused with lots of fun Dance! Taught by nationally renowned "Golden Girl" instructor, Yvonne Pedersen.

WHO: Girls & boys ages 5-12

WHERE: Outdoors in Goleta area

WHEN: Various 4-week sessions available immediately

COST: FREE! Donations optional to help families in crises due to the pandemic in our Sister City, Puerto Vallarta.



SB County social distancing standards will be practiced.
See next page for more information.

CLASSES WILL FILL QUICKLY, SO ACT NOW TO SECURE A SPOT!

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SANTA BÁRBARA-PUERTO VALLARTA



We thank Rotarian Mary Alsip from Santa Cruz Rotary Club for sponsoring a young baton twirling student in Rotarian and SB/PV Sister City member Yvonne Pedersen's baton twirling class with \$50 donation to the P. V. Volcanes Food Bank that provides groceries to families in crises due to pandemic. Thanks to Yvonne for her energetic support of the food bank.





"Operation Bust Out"



A great way to improve ambidexterity, rhythm, coordination, self-esteem, confidence, and so much more!

Participants: Well behaved children, ages 5-12, welcome to participate. Must be able to follow directions in class. (Note: classes may be grouped by ages based on demand) Max class capacity: 4 children & 4 spectating adult chaperons (1 per child is mandatory).

Location: Outdoors in El Encanto Heights area in Goleta (address supplied upon signup)

Sessions: Various "LEVEL 1" 4-week sessions will be available for sign-up, beginning immediately. Call or email to find out your options! Note: Based on interest, a "LEVEL 2" set of sessions may be offered in August for those interested in building on their LEVEL 1 skills!

Costs: Classes are FREE!. Optional donations for the Puerto Vallarta Food Bank are welcome! All proceeds from "Operation Bust Out" will be donated to help the people of our beautiful Sister City, who rely on tourism to survive, in their time of crises during the pandemic. Suggested donation is \$50 for the 4-week session. If you can't pay that, no worries. If you can pay a little more to help cover someone, super! Note: A professional baton will be supplied for each participant to borrow during class time. Want to take one home to practice with? Batons will be available for purchase from instructor for \$30.

A message from your instructor: "Howdy! My name is Yvonne Pedersen. I am a Rotarian and belong to the SB/PV Sister City Committee. I grew up in Goleta/Santa Barbara, was the Dos Pueblos High School and Cal Poly State University (SLO) "Golden Girl" feature twirler, and was the director of the well-known *California GOLDEN GIRLS Baton Corps* from Santa Barbara for 30 years. I've asked myself how I can give back to, and serve, my hometown during these whacky times, and have decided to offer a fun summer opportunity for kids who have had so much cancelled on them lately. And if we can raise a bit of money for people in dire need in our very special Sister City in Mexico, even better. Now, LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!!"

More: Masks required upon arrival & departure. Each twirler will have a marked, distanced spot to stand on for the class, and chaperons will have spaced markers to set their own chairs on. Final details will be distributed to those signed up. Sorry, no walk-ins due to COVID.

Our Sister City Friend, **Antonio Robles Rojas** General Manager of Los Arcos Hotel Passed Away Recently



Mr. Antonio Robles Rojas, was a devout Christian who highlighted his love for work. One of his passions was construction Works. He will be remembered as a man with a big heart, excellent human being, a kind, admirable person, dear, caring, hardworking man, with a vocation for service and humility, committed to excellence in everything he did. He was an example of improvement, since he was forged in the culture of effort and conviction that you can always be a better person and a professional.

Antonio welcomed the SB/PV Sister City visitors to Hotel Playa Los Arcos year after year like we were part of his family. Here is his celebration of life story with the Hotel that has seen many improvement over the years under his professional leadership and love for his work.

He had a 48-year career in the traditional hotel industry. He was privileged to have been trained under the teachings of one of the great leaders of Puerto Vallarta, Ing. Enrique Carothers Barreto, owner of the hotels. During those 48 years they jointly carried out several works within the corporation, since they

have always been in constant growth, some of them are the following:

- Construction of the Playa los Arcos Hotel where it was expanded from 13 rooms to 177 which currently exist.
- Construction of the Arcos Suites Hotel from its beginning
- Construction and remodeling of the Holistic Spa
- Construction of the Yoogulicious ice cream parlor, which opened on December 21, 2011.
- Expansion of Construction Irinea
- Expansion of the infinity pool
- The last work in which he participated was the Remodeling of Mi Pueblito Restaurant where we held many of the welcome dinners .

In 1972, when he was 14 years old, he began working at the Hotel Playa Los Arcos as a cleaning man, where he performed the duties of bellboy, maintenance, cleaning and care of plants. His professional growth grew in step with the growth of the company, he held the positions of Receptionist Cashier, Head of Reception and Reservations, and Quarter Division Manager. In 1980, at the age of 22, he was promoted to the position of Executive Assistant Manager.

In 1987, when he was 29 years old, he was appointed General Manager of Los Arcos Corporation which includes 3 hotels (Hotel Playa Los Arcos, Casa Doña Susana and Los Arcos Suites)([cont. P. 5](#))

...Antonio Robles Rojas

In 1993 he married Teresa Patiño Galarza with whom he formed his family and had 3 children: Mario, Luis Antonio and Lupita. He also leaves behind two grandchildren: Hugo and Omar.

Antonio was born in the town of Los Lobos, Municipality of Talpa de Allende on June 14, 1958. At the age of 5, his family moved to Puerto Vallarta. He is the sixth child of 14.

*MAY BE REST IN
PEACE.*

Stephany Fauvet

Therapist, P. V. Rehabilitation Clinic



LOCAL FOOD BANK DISTRIBUTION

Let's give a cheer to The Berry Man Inc. and owner Guy de Mangeon for food distribution at the Old Mission on Tuesdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

It all happens in the parking lot of the Mission. One just needs to drive-up and volunteers will load a box of food and potatoes into your car or truck. Father Larry is helping along with Old Mission parishioners and Sister City members, Patricia Juin, Marti Correa de Garcia, Gil Garcia, and The Berryman, Guy DeMangeon.

Three cheers to all the people that have stepped up during this horrible pandemic that is affecting many people in Santa Barbara and around the world.



Gil and Marti
wearing their
new masks.



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SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL ENCOURAGES PARTNERSHIPS

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EDITOR:

Sister Cities International has started to encourage partnerships and alliances with other organizations that have similar goals. Several years ago, they signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Kiwanis International. At several SCI conferences breakout sessions included Partnerships and Alliances.

One of the Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta Sister City Committee's local partners is the Rotary Club of Santa Barbara North (RCSNB) and their Charitable Foundation. Without their assistance the following donations to support our projects in Puerto Vallarta would not have happened:

Boca Health Clinic and Dental Clinic:

2/13/17 – \$900.00 – medical equipment for health clinic

7/4/27 – \$2,000.00 - Medical Supplies for health clinic

8/1/19 - \$2,000.00 – Computer and Printer for dental clinic (not all the funds have been expended)

Law Enforcement Exchange:

1/30/19 – \$1,000.00 Computer

Volcanes Food Bank:

1/08/20 – \$5,000.00 - funds diverted from Magistero Hostel

Magistero Hostel:

07/12/18 - \$1,000.00

7/25/18 - \$1,000.00

7/25/18 - \$500.00

Note: The Magistero Hostel project is no longer a Sister City project due to the greater emergency pandemic related food bank need. We will be going back to the Board of the Rotary Club of Santa Barbara North (RCSNB) and their Charitable Foundation to request permission to divert these funds to the Volcanes Food Bank.

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