



June '20 Newsletter



Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta Sister City Committee Newsletter



Carlos Velasco

Hello Sister City Members....I hope that this newsletter finds you all safe and sound. During this difficult time of quarantine, it is important that we all try to be kind and respectful of each other. Please be sure to follow all safety protocols ,social distancing ,wear a mask , wash your hands , and be sure to drink some tequila, it helps your immune system ...(at least I like to think so.)

Also , I would like to invite all those that can ,to join us for a virtual dinner meeting in June It would be great to see our members ! One more thing, if you can, please donate to the Volcanes Food Bank in Puerto Vallarta ...the people there are having a difficult time feeding their families. Please be safe, Be patient, Be hopeful , Be positive and did I mention Tequila ?

Carlos Velasco
President

Attached is letter of appreciation to Rotary Club Santa Barbara North from Art Fumerton for the \$4,000.00 Dollar donation to the Volcanes food bank in Puerto Vallarta. He wrote a letter to each donor that added to the donations amount for a total of \$10,740.00 Dollars donated.

**SINCE WE ARE NOT PHYSICALLY MEETING,
SUGGESTION IS THAT MEMBERS DONATE THE COST
OF MEETING MEAL TO THE VOLCANES FOOD BANK.**

Gil Garcia – Chair

RCSBN International Committee chair

Dear Rotarians.

On behalf of the students, Teachers and the families of Colonia Volcanes and surrounding areas, I would like to thank you for your very generous donation of \$4,000 USD to our Volcanes Food Bank. We are using these funds to feed 100 families each week with a dispensa (food package) which feeds a family of four for three to four weeks.

The situation in Puerto Vallarta is very bleak. When the coronavirus appeared the tourists left earlier than normal. With the tourists went the jobs in the tourist industry and left just about every family in Volcanes and surrounding poor areas without any family income; no jobs, no food on the table. Without help these families will face hunger and serious health issues, inviting the virus into the community. These families will depend on our food bank for food well into the fall and until the tourists return along with the missing jobs.

Your contribution to the food bank is essential in order for us to keep food on the tables of these families and help them get through this pandemic. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Art Fumerton

Director, Volcanes Community Education Project

Member, Club Rotario Puerto Vallarta Sur

**Art Fumerton will be guest presenter, via Zoom,
on Wed. June 3rd at 6p.m. through computer.**

His presentation will last for approximately 20 minutes and will be followed by questions and answers. Art will be presenting on: "The Volcanes Kid's Education Program, the Volcanes Community Sewing School and the Volcanes Food Bank." **ENJOY THE NEW EXPERIENCE**

Below is the Zoom Link for members to attend:

Topic: SB/PV Sister City General Membership Meeting
Time: Jun 3, 2020 06:00 PM Pacific Time (US & Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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(by Jill Stassinis)

To prevent the spread of COVID-19, the Santa Barbara City Council voted to require the public and employees to wear masks or face coverings in certain businesses. Implementation will begin on May 1, 2020. The following is a list of businesses affected:

- Pharmacies and drug stores;
- Grocery stores, farm and produce stands, supermarkets, convenience stores, warehouse stores, food banks, certified farmers' markets and other establishments engaged in the retail sale of canned food, dry goods, fresh fruits and vegetables, water, pet food and pet medication supply (but not grooming or training), fresh or frozen meats, fish, and poultry, or any other household consumer products (such as construction supplies, cleaning and personal care products);
- Organizations and businesses that provide food or other services to the public;
- Hardware and building supply stores, and nurseries;
- Laundromats, dry cleaners, and laundry service providers;
- Restaurants and retail food facilities that prepare and offer food to customers via pick up or drive-through;
- Taxis, ride sharing services, car rental companies, and other private transportation services. The Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District is encouraged to address driver and passenger safety through the use of face masks; and
- Hotels and motels, in publicly-accessible areas.

Businesses shall prohibit the entry of any person not wearing a face mask. A business may provide face masks to customers without charge or make them available for purchase. A business shall provide face masks without charge for the use of its workers.

Face masks may include cloth masks, scarves, bandanas or other face coverings over the mouth and nose of a person. The masks do not need to be N95 or surgical masks. Reusable face masks used by covered business workers must be washed and sanitized daily. For further details and to read the emergency order, click [here](#).

LITERARY ENTRY IN INTERNATIONAL SISTER CITY CONTEST

“Enótita”

From northern fires
To southern spires
Our swords have swung
And our rifles have rung
And when the world has been leveled
And the dust has settled
All is regarded as a bloody mis-endueavor.

Yet a decade later
When the past is paper
Our minds shall fall far
From our forgotten scar
Knowing only the present
And that it will not be pleasant
Bringing doom and destruction
To a world filled with hatred and dysfunction.

But when a song of Clarity is heard
And ideas of sense are unblurred
An ignorant fool
Will use them as fuel
To make an other's mind
A little bit more blind.

Soon the fires of humanity's rage
Will reach a strange unwanted stage
A time when things beyond earth
Could leave our world dearth
Driving terror to our very core
And leaving us crippled on the world's floor.

Yet in such a time
Humanity finally understands its crime
Voices shall ring
Hearts will sing
The ignorant shall be silent
And the cruel shall no longer be violent
A fog will be lifted
humanity will be gifted.

A sense of unity
Falls over the global community
Bringing all peoples together
Making them stronger than ever.

*Marat Barnett
Dos Pueblos High Student*

April 29, 2020

To: Members and Friends

From: The Ireland Sister City Committee
Tom McCool

Regarding: Update

As most of you know we have been working hard to reinvigorate the sister city organization here in Santa Barbara and initially focused on internal structure and membership, and moved to providing Irish cultural activities including a delegation visit to Ireland in 2018.

During the latter part of 2018 we attempted to connect with the sister city committee in Dingle to follow the footsteps of the other Santa Barbara sister cities in developing a rich connection that would include student exchanges, along with business and cultural exchanges. To that end we reviewed the requirements for sister city membership which included that each sister city be a defined legal entity, have an elected governing body, schedule meetings and publish meeting minutes, and establish a schedule of delegation visits to each sister city.

Prior to the delegation visit in 2018 (25 members visited Dublin, Kerry, and Dingle) we informed our contacts in Dingle of the process underway. During the visit in Dingle, we met with our contacts there and let them know that in order for the existing sister city arrangement to continue, they had to meet the requirements of Sister Cities National, as we had previously communicated.

When we returned to Santa Barbara the board discussed option going forward, and notified the Dingle contacts that we needed assurance of compliance with the sister city requirements in order to continue the current arrangement. We received a length reply which did not address meeting the requirements.

The board then decided to explore other options, and possibly arrange a sister city arrangement with another city in Ireland. However, Santa Barbara does not allow its sister cities to have an agreement with more than one sister city in a country. The required protocols were to:

1. Dissolve the existing sister city agreement
2. Establish a search committee to explore other options

The board felt that in order to move forward, we would make a request to the Santa Barbara Sister City Committee to initiate the two processes noted above.

1. The Committee initiated a request to the city council to dissolve the current sister city arrangement with Dingle
2. The Santa Barbara Sister City Committee established a search committee to explore the establishment of a new sister city arrangement with a city in Ireland, including Kinsale in County Cork. Committee members include:
 - Albe Dumalo
 - Georgia Gastouniotis
 - Margaret Saavedra
 - Tom McCool
 - Maureen McFadden

We are hopeful that the current membership and board will continue to develop a qualified sister city agreement with a compatible city in Ireland. We have received a notice of interest from the city of Kinsale in County Cork, and will consider them and any other qualified city in Ireland as potential sister cities. The search committee has the responsibility to follow sister city protocols to insure that the sister city in Ireland will be able to meet or exceed the wonderful participation exhibited by the other Santa Barbara sister cities.

As the process continues, we will update you on our progress.

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OUR FRIEND TIGRE HAS BOUT WITH COVID19

Esperanza Najera reports that Tigre is now doing better and to keep prayers coming.

Merciful God, hear our fervent prayer for our dear Puerto Vallarta Sister City friend, "El Tigre", who suffers from the coronavirus.

May he receive the proper treatment and the comfort of your healing presence.

May his caregivers, family and neighbors be shielded from the onslaught of the virus.

Protect and guide those who strive to find a cure, that their work may conquer the disease and restore him to wholeness and health.

Help us to rise above fear. We ask all this through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes, and in the name of your Son, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen

Alma Vaja heard from Laurel that El Tigre is over the crises and will be home in a couple of days

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Dear SB/PV Sister City Board of directors,

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Attached is the information for the first distribution using SB/PV Sister City and Rotary Club Santa Barbara North donation . The first \$90,000 pesos transfer funded two distributions , one May 7 and the other on May 13. The Expense Summary sheet shows the original \$90,000 and the expenses related to that donation. The detail expense shows how the funds were expended and the remaining balance in the account. It also shows the cost per dispensa. We originally estimated a per dispensa cost of about \$450 pesos each, for a family of four for three to four weeks. But by the time we got to your distributions, #6 and #7, we were buying in bulk in three or four locations and the price per dispensa has come down dramatically. It has allowed us to distribute more than the original estimate of 100 per week to 120 per week. The additional 40 families over two weeks were not on our original list but were found in very remote locations far from the center of Volcanes and others who heard of the food bank and came to ask for help. With the continued purchasing in quantity much lower prices than originally estimated and with several large donations of lentils, we will be able to feed at least 500 families per month and extend the number of families fed with your contributions another week or two. We will know more after this week's distribution.

Art Fumerton, los Volcanes Project, Puerto Vallarta

