



## October 2020 Newsletter



**Carlos Velasco**

Hello Sister City Members !

I am pleased to announce that the Jacalyn Abbud Foundation has generously donated \$4,000 dollars to SB/PV sister city for the transfer of a Fire Truck to Comala Mexico. These funds will help pay for the fuel of the truck ,and for the food and lodging of the Firemen who will drive it down to Comala ,Mexico. I am working with the Abbud Foundation for other projects as well....more on that later..

Speaking of donations a big shout out to Guy (The Berryman) for sponsoring the nurse at the Boca de Tomatlán clinic for an entire year! Guy's generosity ensures that the Boca clinic will be staffed by a nurse for the benefit of the Boca community. We are so fortunate to have a person like Guy helping both our local community and Puerto Vallarta! Much love to Guy and his family !

The last item I would to talk about is our upcoming board member elections....I urge my fellow sister city members to think about joining our board ! We always need fresh ideas to move our organization towards the future! Please contact Gil Garcia and /or Amiee Nielson for more information. Please be safe...

Be kind to one another...and though we are 6 feet apart , We are together at Heart !

Carlos Velasco

## SVPV'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Gil Garcia gave an accounting of the organization's financial health at the last board meeting. According to Gil's Report...

• Pacific Premier Bank	\$16,003.19
• Pacific Premier Bank Restricted	\$ 6,535.92
• Sponsorships—Morgan Stanley	\$30,906.18
• Ed Jones Mutual Fund	\$27,443.15
• Ed Jones Cash	\$ 44.95
• TOTAL CASH ACCOUNTS	\$80,933.39

MEXUSA Account Balance \$44,415.74  
(Money held in Puerto Vallarta to be distributed to approved projects)

**Our OCT 7th-'20 SB/PV Sister City** guest presenter will be **Jesus Reyes, General Manager of the Puerto Vallarta Botanic Garden.** Below is the Zoom Link Invitation for our **General Membership Meeting at 6 pm (Pacific Time) and please note that the zoom URL will remain the same for all of our remaining monthly meetings.**

Host Jill Stassinis is inviting you to the scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: **Puerto Vallarta Botanical Gardens**

Time: Oct. 7th, 2020 06:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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## Donation efforts in Puerto Vallarta

We are pleased to say the goal of raising enough funds to keep the food bank operating into the new year has been reached. This with the help of many generous donors including over \$10,000.00 from Rotary clubs in Santa Barbara, including our Rotary Club charitable Foundation. One Rotarian lady was a champ baton twirling champ in her day and she gave summer baton twirling classes that raised \$2,000.00 from the students mothers. It was great to see how many contributed and we thank you and Connie for your substantial contributions that help us reach the goal. The total amount raised was \$27,000.00.

## Volcanes Sewing School Adapts To Meet COVID-19

Months ago, the state of Jalisco made it mandatory for people to wear masks in all public places to reduce the spread of the virus. Many people, especially in Volcanes, did not take the order seriously or did not have money to buy the masks.

The Volcanes Sewing School stepped up to the plate and has been very active in the production of masks, with over 600 produced per week, and the school has been distributing them to different government and non-government organizations (police department, the Red Cross, local buses, hospitals) and to individuals in Volcanes who have no mask.

Six sewers, a manager and a clerk have been working long hours to ensure that production continues. Rotary Club members have donated material for these masks to be produced. Everyone is working together to solve the problems which have risen due to Covid-19.

## A Review For Boca de Tomatlan's Clinic Continued Success

We are now concentrating on Boca Clinic revival and as was mentioned at the September zoom meeting, Guy De Mangeon will be donating \$5,000 pesos per month for one year to pay nurse Martha to open the clinic once again.

The clinic closing was due to the pandemic and the fact that the doctor's contract was up on July and no replacement was made by the local governments of Puerto Vallarta and Cabo Corrientes.

The problem is that the Board of the Non-Profit Clinic does not meet to discuss the issues facing the clinic and has not advocated for a new doctor. The administration is aware of its short comings and is in the process of placing new motivated board members, especially those that own land in Boca and understand the importance of an operational clinic for the physical as well as the economic health of Boca.

A new reorganized non-profit board is a condition of the SB/PV'S Sister City continued support of the clinic which currently includes \$5,000.00 pesos a month generously donated by member Berryman, Guy De Mangeon for a year to allow Nurse Martha to keep clinic doors open. The new non-profit will provide a contract of basic health services which Martha will administer while a new doctor's appointment is investigated with the Cabo Corrientes Mayor. The Cabo Corrientes Mayor has arranged for a doctor at the Yelapa clinic which is much smaller.

One further condition of the contract is that the students receiving scholarships from SVPV's membership will be required to donate time to keep the clinic clean as well as to take a course on promotion of good health so that they can promote the clinic to the Boca community and other regional communities that are benefitted by its operation. The SBPV board approved a motion that an attorney be secured for an amount not to exceed \$500.00.

One additional note is that there is an International Friendship Club that is still very interested in paying for a dentist to provide dental services from the dental office which they equipped.

All of this will be provided as a work plan with action steps which are needed to be carried out by the new non-profit board of directors. As mentioned before, this is a SB/PV Sister City condition for our continued support.

## AMAZON SMILE

Dear Charity Administrator,

This email is to notify you that **Santa Barbara Puerto Vallarta Sister Cities Committee** (EIN: 23-7398069) has been issued a **\$18.49** donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between April 1 and June 30, 2020.

The donation was deposited to your organization's bank account on or before Aug 20, 2020. It may take several days for the donation to appear in the account.

### Health Reports on our members

- ◆ Rosie Scherf has relocated to Pacific Memory Care Center.
- ◆ Becky Betancourt will have had her last chemotherapy therapy session by now.
- ◆ Raul Navarro is scheduled for shoulder replacement surgery.
- ◆ Roberto Najera still suffers from back pain due to back injury long ago.
- ◆ Margeret Saavedra is mending after having knee surgery.

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PUERTO VALLARTA WAS CANCELLED DUE  
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