



## January 2021 NEWSLETTER

### **SANTA BARBARA/ PUERTO VALLARTA SISTER CITY COMMITTEE**



*Feliz Año Nuevo!*



Carlos Velasco

Hello Sister City Members ! I have reached the end of my term as Sister City President, During my tenure as president , I have accomplished 3 major goals...The purchase of a memorial bench in Cardenas park ,Puerto Vallarta, Also the start of the Puerto Vallarta Raffle ( which has raised thousands of dollars for our projects )....and most of all the start of the partnership with the International Fire-fighters Training Association....This collaboration will bring American training techniques and equipment to various municipalities in Mexico. It has been a honor and a privilege to serve this organization....Thanks to Gil and Marti for putting up with my craziness and a special thanks to Blas Garza for putting up with my missed deadlines poor and poor writing !! It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve such a wonderful group of fun loving members !! Please be kind to each other and be safe ! See you next year !

### **SB/PV Sister City General Membership Mtg via ZOOM Platform Jan 6, 2021 at 6pm**

Join us one and all for this first meeting of the year, See invitation below for the link to join the mtg

First item on the agenda is the formal induction of the new board of directors.

Anthony Al Jaime, President of Southern California Sister Cities International (SOCAL), will do the induction.

The outgoing board members will be recognized and thanked for their service as well as the outgoing officers.

New officers will be elected by the board at their first board meeting in Jan.

The program is presentation by SoCal President Anthony Al Jaime of the **SoCal Youth Leadership Summit which will be held virtually on February 6, 2021.**

**There will be raffle prizes to win at the end of the meeting.**

Jill Stassinis is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: SB/PV Sister City General Membership Meeting  
Time: Jan 6, 2021 06:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88920763712>

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## STRONG FINANCIAL BALANCE

JANUARY, '21

Gil Garcia, treasurer, reports that the Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta Sister City committee is on sound financial footing. The organization has funds distributed among these four organizations.

Pacific Premier Bank - \$15,284.74

Pacific Premier – (Restricted Funds) - \$5,535.92

Sponsorships – Morgan Stanley - \$33,387.63

Ed Jones – Mutual Fund - \$27,334.14

*Gil Garcia, Treasurer*

## SBPV WEB SITE

Missing information about Santa Barbara Puerto Vallarta Sister City Committee? How about current or old newsletters? With the assistance of Past President Margaret Saavedra, a website has been established and is being sent out from Puerto Vallarta. The editor is Ruben Perez and the email link to the site is: [ruben@solucionesrubarb.com](mailto:ruben@solucionesrubarb.com),

The website is quite comprehensive, including copies of our monthly newsletters. You might want to earmark this site on your computer for future reference.

## BOCA DE TOMATLÁN CLINIC UPDATE

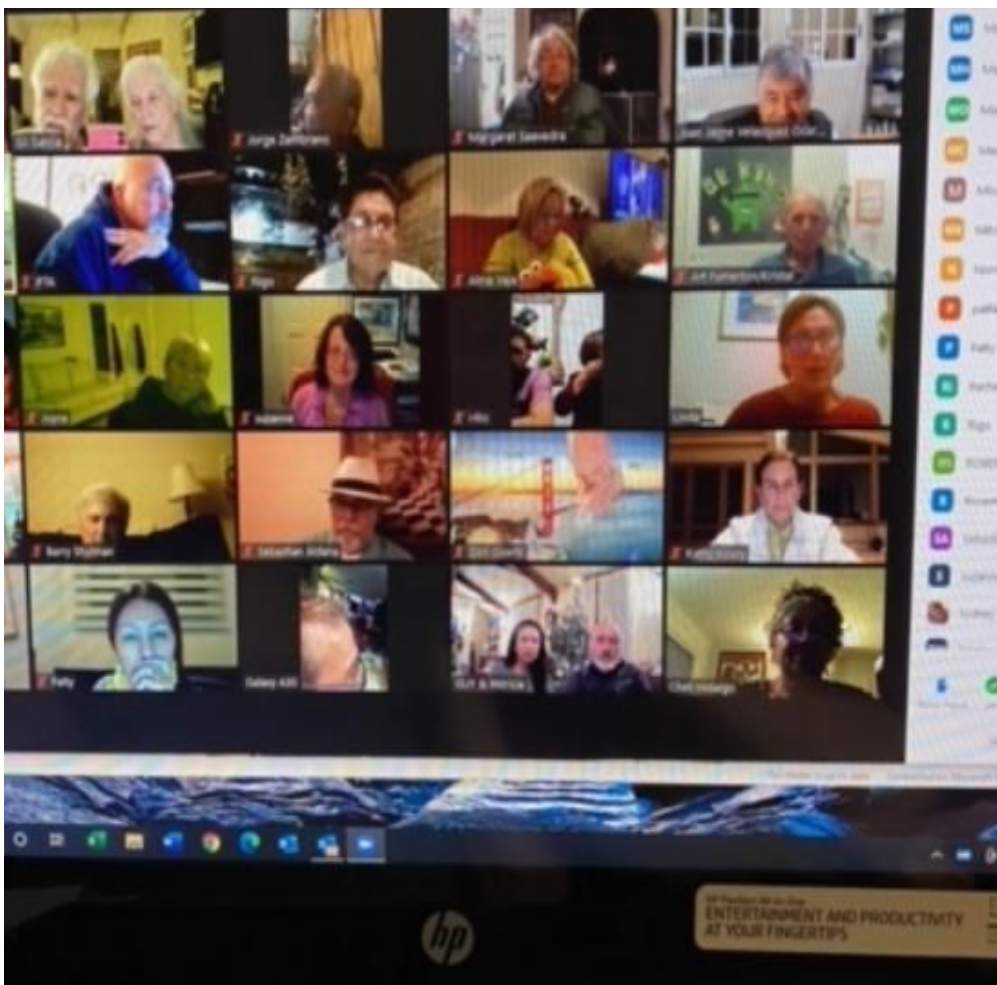
I just wanted to touch base with you to let you know we're still doing well and moving forward! Dr. Victor is now graduated and continues to do good work. He will take a break over the Holiday Season and then return for at least 5 months. We will draw up a contract for him and get his signed commitment in the next week. Of course, big thank you to the IFC for your wonderful support which has allowed us a 5-month stipend for the dentist. We are still very much in need of some supplies and some tools so if there is any opportunity for some funds we could put toward these things in the future, let me know! For now, we are setting aside the donations we receive for his services and I do have some commitments for some small donations of support.

I have solicited a few donations for kids to have their appointments sponsored and of course adults in extreme need. As well, my good friend Marcy McCann is pulling together the annual Christmas in Quimixto event. As part of this event, she will be sponsoring the children of Quimixto to have cleanings/check ups for 100 pesos donation per child. I'm not entirely sure how to transfer these funds so maybe you could assist with your expertise. Marcy does use a charitable organization here in Mexico to collect donations. What would be the best way to transfer these to the clinic?

Thank you as always for all of your kind support. It takes a village!

Best regards,  
Cynthia Leigh  
Boca Health Clinic





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GUESTS

## DECEMBER ZOOM MEETING OF COMBINED SANTA BARBARA & PUERTO VALLARTA CLUBS—A FIRST!

Over 50 members of the two sister city clubs met on December 16th via zoom technology to celebrate “Las Posadas”. President Carlos Velasco was master of ceremonies. Following a business meeting agenda which included several committee reports, he allowed members to make short presentations for themselves. Gil Garcia provided Spanish translations.

Special thanks are due to Gil Garcia and Jill Stassinis for hosting the zoom event. The program included two videos in celebration of Las Posadas following the business meeting.





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# SB/PV BOARD SUPPORTS INTERNATIONAL CALIFORNIA YOUTH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

With the donation of \$250.00 the board is anticipating that some youth from within our membership will be able to take part in this international activity which will be held on February 2021. If any member of our club knows of a Youth who would like to participate they can contact Gil and Marti Garcia for further information. This event will be largely led by youth and young professionals for youth and young professionals. Topics will be related to: climate change and sustainability, world peace and cooperation, and racial/gender equality. The summit is FREE to YOUTH.

All contributions to this effort are welcome.



**CALIFORNIA YOUTH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT**  
Free Online Event

**Live Stream On**  
Saturday, February 6, 2021  
2:00 pm to 5:00 pm PST

**Attend by registering at**  
[www.californiasummit.org](http://www.californiasummit.org)

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