



March 2021 NEWSLETTER



SANTA BARBARA/ PUERTO VALLARTA SISTER CITY COMMITTEE



Sebastian Aldana, Jr..

Hola SB/PV Sister City
Members,

I hope all of you are well and safe. COVID-19 or no COVID-19, we are going to continue to help in Puerto Vallarta with some current projects and possibly some new ones. God willing, we will also continue with our annual P.V. visit at the end of this year.

Please attend our March 3rd zoom Membership meeting. You will receive a presentation from Aurora De La Torre of Puerto Vallarta, she helps cancer kids in need in P.V.. This will be a touching presentation.

If you have not paid your dues yet, you may be receiving a phone call or email from one of our Board Members. We will be reaching out to see if you choose to continue being a Member, it's only \$25.00 (68.5 cents per day). These funds go to good use. Our minimal administrative expenses, gift for the P.V. Mayor at time of our visitation there, P.V. visitation costs and balance goes to projects in P.V. per Board of Directors determination in the annual projects and program budget.

Stay safe y Buena salud.

Happy Hour and General Meeting Zoom link:



[Aileen Chambers is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.](#)

Topic: SB/PV Sister City Committee Membership Meeting

Time and day: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 5:30pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3658272060>

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OUR BENCH IN PUERTO VALLARTA JARDÍN BOTÁNICO

Visitors to Jardín Botánico in Puerto Vallarta will know that Santa Barbara is a supporter. Thank you SB/PV Sister City and Rotary Club members "The Berry Man Inc." Guy De Mangeon and Patricia Juin for the generous donation of the recently completed bench at the Vallarta Botanical Gardens. The bench top is a beautiful tile mural that celebrates the long established sister city relationship between Santa Barbara and Puerto Vallarta and the Sister relationship between Rotary Club of Santa Barbara North and Rotary Club Vallarta Sur. The bench top is a beautiful tile mural by the very talented Santa Barbara I.Madonnari artist Rod Tryon.

You are invited to go sit on it next time you visit this wonderful garden.



ROTARY NORTH FOUNDATION SPREADS ITS "GOOD WILL"

Michael Bergquist, Foundation

Chair, announced that the semi-annual meeting of the Rotary Club of Santa Barbara North Charitable Foundation was held on January 28th. The Foundation awarded over \$13,000 of grants. The following organizations received grants:

1. Santa Barbara Scholarship Foundation - two scholarships - \$2,500.00
2. Angeles Foster Care – Graco infant car seats - \$1,200.00
3. Casa Serena – laptop computer for Clinic - \$1,244.00
4. Sta.Barb./Pto. Vallarta Sister City Committee – computer/printer for P.V. Clinic - \$1,000.00
5. S.B. Education Foundation – jump ropes SBUSD - \$1,333.00.
6. Unity Shoppe – refrigerator for food store - \$5,000.00
7. Wilderness Youth Project – 2 new computers for youth - \$1,650.00

LEADERSHIP CHANGE IS IN THE AIR FOR ROTARY NORTH

President-elect Guy de Mangeon announced that President **Tim Bigelow** has requested that Guy take over early duties as Rotary Club president because of his busy schedule. Guy is willing to do this but feels he has two more Rotary President-Elect training meetings to attend prior to assuming Tim's request. More should be discussed at a Board Meeting.

DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR YEARLY MEMBERSHIP

Don't miss out on all the news and the fun. If you haven't already renewed your membership, do it now.

We are currently meeting by ZOOM; with Happy Hour, presentations, and raffle prizes. Keep in the know about our Puerto Vallarta Sister City friends. We can email or snail mail you an application. We can even help you with ZOOM.

Contact a Membership Committee member:

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BRINGING MEDICAL HELP TO JALISCO & COLIMA

Southern California Sister Cities International (SCI) working in cooperation with Code Blue and International Firefighter Training (IFTA) provide emergency medical truck for training in basic life support, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), Automatic External Defibrillator (AED), for Fire Departments, Civil Protection, Red Cross, etc. throughout municipalities in the State of Colima and Jalisco. Headquarters are located in Mela. That base serves different municipalities and localities. The state has 9 bases throughout the entire state of Jalisco.



A message from your hospitality chair, Ms. Yvonne:

PLEASE JOIN US FOR HAPPY HOUR FUN!!

Congratulations to Aileen Chambers for being our grand prize champion at our first official "HORA FELIZ", our Sister Cities pre-meeting HAPPY HOUR!! Aileen won lottery tickets for winning our Sister Cities Trivia contest, but ALL participants were winners of a fun time with lots of smiles and laughs! Please join your fellow committee friends for 20 minutes of camaraderie and fun before every monthly meeting. "Hora Feliz" begins PROMPTLY at 5:40pm on the first Wednesday of every month, so be sure to connect into Zoom (using the same link as the general meeting) between 5:35-5:40 so you don't miss out! Every month will bring something new. Who knows... maybe you'll be the next big winner of a fabulous prize!! General meeting follows at 6:00pm as usual. See you on Wednesday, March 3. PARTY ON, AMIGOS!!

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

DONATION SPEEDS UP WORK AT DENTAL FACILITY IN BOCA DE TOMATLÁN

Good afternoon everyone, this is the work that was done with the IFC and SB/PV Sister City members Suzanne Shanelec donation that was made to serve the children of Boca de Tomatlán.

Some were only children's dental cleanings, there was a dental cleaning of a 16-year-old who already counts as an adult dental cleaning, some dental extractions of his temporary teeth were also carried out and some dental resins were made. The total work done was \$ 2,400.00 pesos or about \$123.00 USD depending of rate of exchange.



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ATTENTION ANIMAL LOVERS! *A Dog's New Life A.C.*

Bucerías, Nayarit Mexico

Pauline Simes, is a Santa Barbara local who moved to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico 3 years ago. She became very involved in dog rescue and now manages US Adoptions for "A Dog's New Life A.C.". As we learned during her presentation at our last club meeting, there are a countless number of dogs who have been abandoned, abused, are starving and in need of medical care in the Bahia of Banderas. Some info from Pauline:

WHO WE ARE

A Dog's New Life A.C. (ADNL) is a recognized Mexican Nonprofit Civil Association which opened in July 2019. Since then, the shelter has adopted out over 200 dogs. ADNL is committed to helping in the entire Bahia de Banderas area through our rescue, community, and street programs. It has become the largest shelter in the area. It is a 1.5 acre property in Bucerías, Mexico, which currently houses over 100 dogs.

WHAT WE DO

Rescue and Rehome: ADNL rescues injured, abused, and abandoned dogs. Those that are not placed with our foster volunteers are housed at the shelter until they are adopted into loving families. In April three litters of puppies were abandoned outside the shelter. Most of them are in foster homes and a couple in the shelter. One of our rescues, Canelo, is a Weimaraner type dog who has been hit three times by a car. His back end is now paralyzed, and we have been doing everything we can to help him with water therapy, electrotherapy at Valle Dorado Vet, and buying a wheelchair for him. His new kennel is in our new kennel building; his kennel is concrete with tile to ensure that his legs can slide easily while he moves around.

Community: There are situations where the family loves their dog and the dog clearly returns that love but, unfortunately, the family cannot afford food and vet care. ADNL assists these families by providing food and veterinary services. We continue to monitor the dog as we educate the family on responsible dog care. We help many community members take their dogs to get spayed or neutered for free. We also help locals who need help with vet care for their dogs. Without continued donations for our shelter and programs, we would not be able to make the positive impact that we have been making.

Street Dog Initiative: We identify and monitor street dogs so that we can vaccinate, deworm, and apply flea and tick medication. Additionally, we encourage small businesses to place dog food and water outside of their businesses. With our street dog initiative, we realize that we cannot take every dog from the street, but we can help with fixing a broken leg, or providing Bravecto (flea/tick treatment) for mange.

What we need

The day-to-day expense to care for 100+ dogs is immense. Additionally, A Dog's New Life A.C. is seeking assistance on finances to build a septic system so that staff have a toilet onsite. They also need more fencing to build a separate kennel space for the older dogs who want some peace and quiet. Longer term goals include solar panels to provide reliable energy for the shelter, a building to be able to keep sick dogs quarantined if needed, and eventually to be able to have an onsite vet. Currently, the shelter staff has to drive the dogs 30 minutes to the vet – this means multiple daily trips for health care!

In addition to this, A Dog's New Life A.C. is always looking for volunteers. If you are in Puerto Vallarta, you can take a trip to visit the shelter, or foster a dog. From Santa Barbara you can donate dog supplies to Pauline Simes to bring back to Mexico, or help fly a dog back to California to its forever home.

For more details about the organization, visit our website: www.adogsnewlife.org and on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ADNLdogshelter/>

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The SB/PV Sister Cities board will be discussing ways we can support these animals. For more information on how you can help or get involved, contact:

Yvonne Pedersen - SB/PV Sister Cities Project Chair

Note From Art Fumerton

SB/PV Sister City appreciates the \$1,000.00 donation for Purchase of computer and accessories for the Boca de Tomatlán Clinic in Puerto Vallarta and here is a report from PV Rotarian Art Fumerton of Niños de Roma AC on how the funds were used with attached receipts.

Purchased in Costco for a very good price is HP Desktop Computer + HP Printer for the amount of \$ 15,500 pesos, 3 tricolor ink cartridges and 2 black ink cartridges for \$1,500 pesos plus electrical surge regulator for \$570 pesos.

Purchased in Office Depot a box of white sheets for the amount of \$ 800 pesos.

Remaining an amount of \$ 1,400 pesos which will be applied to buy more ink once Costco has it available again.


President Gil Garcia,

Migrant Club Committee of Sister Cities Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta

Dear Mr. Garcia,

We, the citizens of Boca de Tomatlan, Jalisco Mexico respectfully request that you consider the renovation and reconstruction of our dangerously dilapidated concrete pedestrian bridge for consideration for funding for this essential public improvement. We have discussed this project and the proposed conceptual design throughout our village with overwhelming support and encouragement. We are also confident that it can be constructed for \$2 million pesos that would allow it to qualify this project for consideration.



A decorative rectangular border made of black floral and vine motifs, featuring stylized flowers and leaves.

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