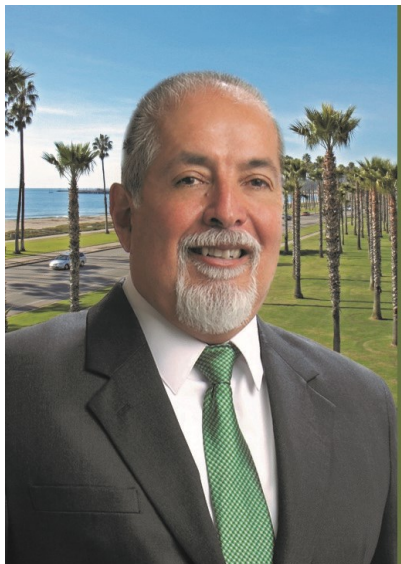




## June 2021 NEWSLETTER



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



**SEBASTIAN ALDANA, PRESIDENT**

Hola SB/PV Sister City  
Members.

I hope all is well, and that you are vaccinated and ready to mingle a bit. We will be having a face-to-face general membership gathering June 12th at La Casa Garcia. All details will be in a different article. Please read the complete Newsletter. I would like to thank every Board Member for their time and work, everyone brings something to the table. It is appreciated very much. A big Thank You to Blas Garza, Marti Garcia, Ann Hefferman and Kathy Koury for their help also. At our last Board meeting we were looking for \$650.00 matching funds to give the

"Aid for Families of Children with Cancer" program in P.V.. Instead of looking into our account various Board Members made donations to complete the funds needed, now we will be assisting them with \$1,300.00. These are needed funds that will help in various ways. Board Members also donated to David "Marin" Garcia Zuniga's disability assistance fund and the Dog Rescue Solar Project in P.V.. All Board members leading by example. Please reach out if you would like to contribute a few pesos to one of our projects in need of some funds. Stay safe and healthy..

#### **WELCOME BACK TO IN-PERSON BBQ!**

Date: Saturday, June 12, 2021

Location: Gil and Marti Garcia's beautiful backyard  
2215 Santa Barbara Street, SB

Time: 1:00-4:30p

Cost: \$25 for committee members, \$30 for guests  
(includes all food and non-alcoholic drinks,  
plus 1 complimentary beer or wine)

What to expect: GREAT FOOD, FABULOUS  
PEOPLE, PRIZES & MORE PRIZES, AND OF  
COURSE TONS 'O FUN!!

Limited to first 50 people who sign up due to space  
limitations, and respect for COVID

More info, including how to RSVP, to come by email,  
so watch for it!

(note: no meeting on June 2)

*"Happy are those who dream dreams and are ready to pay the  
price to make them come true."*

Yvonne Pedersen  
(970) 631-4842

## Contribute To SB/PV The Easy Way!

SB/PV Sister City is registered with "Amazon Smile" to receive donations from our member purchases. Here is advisory on how our members can use Amazon Smile by downloading Amazon Shopping app on their mobile phone. Many of you already do this on your computer and we have received donations forwarded by Amazon Prime. See below to see how you can contribute to SB/PV Sister City Projects with your purchases through Amazon Smile.

*"Want to help make a difference while you shop in the Amazon app, at no extra cost to you? Simply follow the instructions below to select "Santa Barbara Puerto Vallarta Sister Cities Committee" as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. They'll donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to us. Twenty-one of our members are doing it!*

*How it works:*

- 1. Open the Amazon app on your phone*
- 2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programs & Features*
- 3. Select "Santa Barbara Puerto Vallarta Sister Cities Committee" as your charity*
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Thank you in advance for your donations!"

Gil Garcia, Treasurer



## ENDOWMENT FUND

Give the gift that keeps on giving.

SB/PV Sister City Board of directors is pleased to announce the establishment of separate Endowment Fund that will produce annual investment income for the support of grants, projects, and programs in Puerto Vallarta. The Fund will be opened with initial deposit of \$1,000.00 USD at Morgan Stanley. Distribution will be based on a set of guidelines and qualifications that meet the mission of our organization. The SB/PV Sister City Board of directors will oversee the funds to grow the principal and increase investment income.

Members who have enjoyed their visits and relationship with Puerto Vallarta over the years and have seen how our support has benefitted the people can continue to provide help where needed. You can include a bequest when planning for your trust or will as well as making cash donations in the present. Please consider a contribution to our Endowment Fund, A gift that keeps on giving! Contact treasurer Gil Garcia 805-689-2588 or e-mail: [gil@gilgarcia-aia.com](mailto:gil@gilgarcia-aia.com). Endowment Fund investment policy statement and investment policy guidelines can be provided on request.

### What is an Endowment Fund?

An endowment fund is a donation of money or property to a nonprofit organization, which uses the resulting investment income for a specific purpose. An endowment fund can also refer to the total of the nonprofit institution's investment assets, also known as its principal or corpus, which is meant to be used for operations or programs that are consistent with the wishes of the organization's mission. Endowments are a means to keep the principal amount intact while using the investment income for charitable efforts.

## DONATION OF FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT ON WAY TO PUERTO VALLERTA

SB/PV Sister City and Southern California Sister Cities International work with partner International Fire Training Association (IFTA). They collect used firefighter equipment from Fire departments throughout Southern California and send it to Puerto Vallarta for distribution to fire departments throughout states of Jalisco, Nayarit, and Colima after their firefighters have attended a training seminar. You can google their web site to see the work they do.

Photo shows thousands of pounds of life saving equipment loaded and on its way to our friend Rigo Montero's warehouse in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico



## Cinco de Mayo ZOOM Meeting Happy Hour Report

By Yvonne Pedersen

First, THANK YOU for joining in the Cinco de Mayo sister city Zoom meeting with happy hour Margarita and Perrito races! Your participation and spirit made a huge difference! Some of you won a bit of extra cash, and hopefully all of you found the event fun and different. And to boot, we raised \$90 towards our fundraising efforts to purchase a solar panel system for our "Perrito" project in Puerto Vallarta, "A Dog's New Life". We still have a way to go on that, but every little bit helps.

Congratulations to the winners!

MARGARITA RACE WINNER: #6 - "Azul Loco"

John Otchis - \$15

Suzanne Shanelec - \$15

Kathy Koury - \$15

PERRITO RACE WINNER: #4 - "El Guapo"

Joyce Axilrod - \$15

Linda Ruuska - \$15

Natalie Herling - \$15

Looks like next month's meeting in June will be BBQ IN PERSON! Be sure to come and be prepared for more fun!

Hugs to all -

Miss Yvonne



## BOARD IS PLANNING TO ORGANIZE 10-DAY TRIP TO PUERTO VALLARTA

**"if you already replied by email no second response needed."**

We plan to go forward, following Covid guidelines, this year our trip will look a little bit different. **Covid vaccinations are required** to make this trip. We will follow Mexico Travel Advisory guidelines.

The anticipated cost including flight, override donation, activity fee and 10 days 9 nights at los Arcos Hotel is approximately \$1,200.00 double occupancy, \$1,600.00 Single occupancy.

In order to help us plan, please return this questionnaire ASAP:

Yes / No 1. Have you been to Puerto Vallarta before?

Yes / No 2. Are you interested/ going to Puerto Vallarta this year?

Yes / No 3. Are you interested in going for Día de Los Muertos, Oct 28/ Nov 7?

Yes / No 4. Would you prefer to go after Thanksgiving? (Nov 30/Dec 9)?

The actual date will be decided depending on the situation in Puerto Vallarta. The pandemic has made an impact on Mexico and Puerto Vallarta. While activities we have done in the past may be limited – there is still plenty to do in Puerto Vallarta, even if it's just hanging out by the pool or walking the Malecon.

You may want to see some other ideas. Here's the link::

<https://www.goatsontheroad.com/20-cool-things-to-do-in-puerto-vallarta-mexico/>

**Please reply as soon as possible – we need 6 months lead time to get hotel reservations and group airline fares firmed up, but no need to response more than once.** Reply to Margaret Saavedra [lk4maggie@gmail.com](mailto:lk4maggie@gmail.com)

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## Marin Recovery Fund

Our mutual sister city friend in Puerto Vallarta, David (Marin) Garcia Zuniga, the owner of Islas de Marin Restaurant, is seriously ill and in need of financial assistance for medical bills. Marin and his family are long time active sister city citizen diplomats in the PV/SB Sister City program. We convey our concern and wish him hope, rest, courage, and healing. Friends of Marin held a fundraiser to help with his medical bills, and our club is collecting donations to send to the family also. A tax-deductible donation can be made to the SB/PV Sister City Committee and mailed to P.O. Box 3718, Santa Barbara, CA 93130





Above are the proposed four pillar words of an enduring sister city relationship. This is for the mosaic bench in PV. These will be placed under the four pillar images that Artist Ann Hefferman will place in the mosaic mural design. Natasha, the PV Artist, will hand paint the word and background images onto the 2"x4" tile so the images will be nice and crisp.



## IN PERSON MEETING SCHEDULED

We will be having an "in person" Membership meeting on 6-12-21 at Gil & Marti Garcia's home (2215 Santa Barbara St.) It will be a BBQ and will be held at 1:00 pm at the home of Marti & Gil Garcia. The price is \$25.00 for the BBQ dinner with the fixings & beverage of choice.

. RSVP's to be sent to Aileen Chambers at 805-452-6774,

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Tuesday-Sunday

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1. Go to: "smile.amazon.com"
2. Make your purchase
3. SB/PV will receive .5% of the cost of your purchase. It's that simple!

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**Updated Report**  
**Mosaic 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Bench fund raiser \$5,700.00 to date**

Diamond individual sponsors tile \$500 each = \$3,500.00

1. Carlos Velasco
2. Roberto and Esperanza Najera
3. Jacqueline Abbud
4. Gil Garcia and Marti Correa de Garcia
5. Don and Connie Goertz
6. Richard Hidalgo (Founder)
7. Bob and Becky Betancourt

Gold Sponsor \$500 each = \$1,000 (names on 1-6"x6" tile)


1. Yvonne Pedersen (pending)
2. Mary Alsip

Silver Sponsor \$100 each \$1,200.00 (names on 2-6"x6" tile)

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|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Tara Stoker                     | 7. Janet Baker                 |
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A decorative rectangular border made of black floral and vine motifs, featuring stylized flowers and leaves.

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