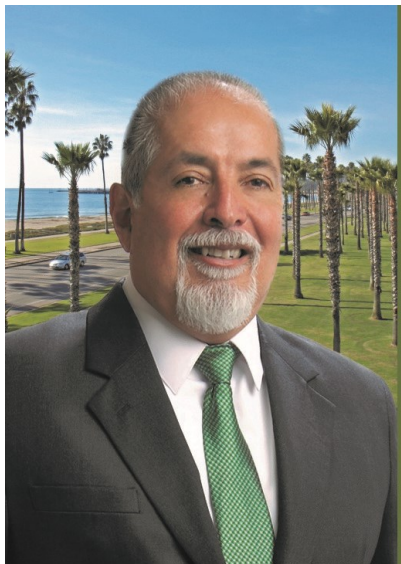




July 21 NEWSLETTER



SANTA BARBARA/ PUERTO VALLARTA SISTER CITY COMMITTEE



SEBASTIAN ALDANA, PRESIDENT

Happy Summer Solstice SB/
PV Members,

Summer is here. California has reopened and we will be having some face-to-face outdoor membership gatherings in the coming months. Please be on the lookout for the dates. We had our first face-to-face membership gathering at the Garcia residence on June 12th with about 50 members in attendance. It had been 15 months since we had one.

Awesome event, tasty food, games, 50/50 raffle, prizes and great company. Proceeds of the event will be divided in thirds to the Aid to Families of Children with Cancer nonprofit, Panels 4 Pups Solar Project, both in P.V. and our new Endowment account.

The BBQ event sub-committee did a terrific job coordinating the event and we have many

people to thank, I hope I do not leave anyone out. Here we go in alphabetical order. Aileen Chambers, Alma Vaja, Andy Piszkin, Carlos Velasco, Cheli Hidalgo, Gil Garcia, Guy De Mangeon, John Otchis, Jorge Guerrero, Linda Ruuska, Lori Sneddon, Margret Saavedra, Maria Garcia, Maria Sanchez, Marti Garcia, Mike Hernandez, Nena Hidalgo, Pilgrim Terrace, Romie Alvarado, Sebastian Aldana, Tacos Pipeye, Yulia Maluta and last but not least Yvonne Pedersen. I heard many compliments of the games and her emcee work. I would personally like to thank each and every one of you for your time, help, donations, gifts and the Garcia's for opening up their home for us. See you at the next membership gathering. Enjoy your summer.

JULY IN-PERSON MEETING

You are invited to the July Membership Meeting—Picnic: Red White & Burgers--
An All American Celebration on Saturday July 17, 2021 from 1PM-4PM at Toro Canyon Park featuring tri-tip sandwiches, hamburgers, hot dogs, turkey burgers; a variety of salads, dessert, & cold drinks. We will be playing "Patriotic Bingo", & there is a contest for "most Patriotic attire". The price is \$25 for members including 1 alcoholic beverage, & other cold drinks. \$30 for non-members. Please RSVP to Aileen Chambers @ aileenchambers51@gmail.com, or (805) 452-6774, and indicate if you would like a turkey burger or a beef burger.

SANTA BARBARA/PUERTO VALLARTA SISTER CITY COMMITTEE 2020-21 PROJECTS

AID FOR FAMILIES OF CHILDREN WITH CANCER:

\$1,300.00 was raised to support "Aid for Families of Children with Cancer" program in PV \$800.00 will go Puerto Vallarta Volcanes community food bank to provide meals for 22 families for 2 months. \$500.00 is for cancer children with special needs. Families of Children with Cancer (AFCC) is an organization that supports 22 families who have a child diagnosed with cancer in the Puerto Vallarta region. Donations support the loving care services by community volunteers to improve family quality of life by helping families with economic relief support that includes many special high-cost needs for the children.

VOLCANES FOOD BANK:

Over \$30,000.00 was raised throughout the past year to support the Volcanes Food Bank that supplies meal ingredients to over 500 families that have been economically devastated by loss of tourist related jobs due to the pandemic.

DAVID "MARIN" GARCIA ZUNIGA'S DISABILITY ASSISTANCE FUND:

\$950.00 was raised for the David "Marin" Garcia Zuniga's Disability Assistance Fund. This fund was started to help Marin and his family during the financial stress this recent disability has caused. Marin and family are long time active members of the PV/SB Sister City program in Puerto Vallarta. His kind, loving service is and has been an exemplary example of the sister city citizen diplomacy goodwill mission.

A DOG NEW LIFE:

\$1,650.00 has been raised for A Dog New Life (ADNL) solar panels project in PV, the goal is \$6,000.00 to complete the project. ADNL mission statement is: The rescue of lost and abandoned animals in the Puerto Vallarta region. Providing food shelter, and vet care to those in need, including animal abuse cases brought by the authorities. Promote spray and neutering to end suffering of overpopulation and unwanted animals. Adoption of healthy animals back into living homes. Provide education and assistance to the community for the health and welfare of their animals.

BOCA de TOMATLAN HEALTH CLINIC:

Provided a monthly stipend, \$1,500.00 total for 6 months to a nurse at the Boca Health Clinic. Thanks to the generosity of sister city members Guy de Mangeon and Connie & Don Goertz. A grant from the Rotary Club of Santa Barbara North Charitable Foundation funded a computer and printer to assist with medical records at the clinic.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS – CLUB ROTARIO de PUERTO VALLARTA SUR:

Ten Sister City Members continued to sponsor elementary and high school students with yearly scholarship support.

SANTA BARBARA I.MADONNARI FESTIVAL:

Sponsor square created by Puerto Vallarta artist Ayde Juarez Guadalupe in Puerto Vallarta.

PUERTO VALLARTA BOTANIC GARDENS:

After a ZOOM Sister City membership meeting where the Puerto Vallarta Botanic Garden presented a slide show, \$575.00 was raised in support of the gardens. The Puerto Vallarta Botanic Garden is sister botanic garden with the Santa Barbara Botanic Gardens.

50TH ANNIVERSARY MOSAIC BENCH:

\$5,892.00 has been raised (this exceeds our \$5,700.00 goal) for the SB/PV Sister City Mosaic mural, 50th Anniversary, bench project (see attachments for anniversary plaque and bench sample). Next year 2022 is the 50th anniversary of first contact to establish the Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta Sister City relationship. In the beginning City Councilman Richard Hidalgo on March 3, 1972, wrote a letter to the Honorable Municipal President of Puerto Vallarta, C. Marcelo Alcaraz Guereña, asking that he seek approval for the Puerto Vallarta City Council to formally recognize the Sister City designation for our two cities.



...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!

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(Projects cont. From prior page)

FIRE TRAINING ASSOCIATION:

SB/PV Sister City provides contiguous support to our partner, International Fire Training Association (IFTA) to send equipment to Puerto Vallarta that will be distributed to fire departments after their firefighters have attended a training symposium. The International Firefighters Training Association (IFTA) is an all-volunteer, nonprofit foundation, dedicated to the training and education of emergency responders throughout Mexico. Through our research, we have discovered that after training the emergency responders, they return to their communities and do not have access to any of the equipment they just learned how to use. During the training symposiums, IFTA attempts to instruct and train the firefighters using the newest and safest equipment available. After the participants have completed our training symposiums, they go back to their cities with the knowledge to safely use the equipment donated.

Our goal is to be able to donate lifesaving emergency fire, rescue and medical equipment to the participants to take back to their communities and continue to respond using the education and equipment with which they were trained. IFTA have donated thousands of life-saving emergency tools and equipment to many cities and communities, fire and rescue departments, and the Red Cross throughout Mexico, after providing the proper training.

We collaborate with the U.S. and Mexico Rotary Clubs, So Cal Sister Cities International, the Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta Sister City Committee as well as many cities and county fire departments throughout the U.S. With this collaboration, we are able to provide high quality training and excellent volunteer instructors from fire departments all over the nation, both active and retired.

We are now developing and building (the first of several) "IFTA Emergency Equipment Donation Distribution Centers" in Puerto Vallarta. The center will enable us to directly supply needed lifesaving gear and equipment to the cities and rural areas throughout Jalisco and Colima.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF SB/PV ORGANIZATION

To memorialize this golden anniversary, SB/PV Sister City members are fundraising \$5,000.00 USD plus about \$700.00 for donor tiles for a Commemorative 50th Anniversary Mosaic Bench to be constructed in Lazaro Cardenas Mosaic Park, which is located in PV Romantic Zone, a short block from Playa Los Arcos Hotel. Lazaro Cardenas Mosaic Park is becoming known worldwide for the beautiful and creative use of mosaic tile murals on all surfaces of the park.

WELCOME TO 2021 NEW MEMBERS

Ball, Phil
Cibrian, Diana
Garner, Barbara
Sims, Annemarie A.
Piszkin, Andy "Happy"
Guerrero, Jorge A.
Sneddon, Lori



PANELS

PUPS

Your "besties" here in Puerto Vallarta understand that you have helped to raise some of the funds needed towards supplying solar panels at our very primitive "A Dog's New Life" rescue/rehab facility.

We thank you very sincerely for your donations to date, and are hopeful that the total amount needed is raised soon so we can benefit from cooling fans during the intense summer heat. We are also excited about being able to install lights with these panels so we and our caregivers can see, and a small fridge to hold our essential medicines.



You are truly our heroes, and we are thankful for any and all of your donations to help us until we recover and hopefully find a "forever home"!



At Last...An “In Person” Meeting

Over 50 Santa Bárbara/Puerto Vallarta Sister City members enjoyed their first in-person BBQ gathering at Gil and Marti's house backyard. It was a joyous gathering with good food, music and great fun games that hospitality committee chair Yvonne Pedersen organized. But the most joy was the coming together of the membership after over a year of pandemic isolation. Funds raised from raffle will go to three Sister City projects in Puerto Vallarta

1. Solar panels for Dog rescue program
2. Food bank groceries for Families of children with cancer.
3. Endowment account where earnings support variety of other projects and programs in PV.

Thanks to SB/PV board and other members for the well organized and execution of this fun event



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IN SUPPORT OF OUR GOOD FRIEND MARIN

“Con el gusto de saludarte, aquí amistades de Santa Barbara manda un poquito de fondos que ojalá sea de beneficio para la recuperación de tu papa.

Los fondos serán enviados a Ninos de Roma AC este lunes que viene y creo que estarán disponible miércoles 23 de Junio.

Aquí te paso el numero Mobil del director Art Fumerton 322-158-8815 que puedes contactar para que se arreglen como pasar los fondos a la familia”.

With the pleasure of greeting you, friends of Santa Barbara send a few funds that hopefully will be of benefit for the recovery of your father. The funds will be sent to Ninos de Roma AC this coming Monday and I think they will be available on Wednesday June 23rd.

Here is the Mobil number of the director Art Fumerton 322-158-8815 that you can contact to arrange how to pass the funds to the family.

Gil Garcia – Tesorero

Comité de Ciudades Hermanas Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta


Marin Recovery Fund \$1,000.00 USD Total

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