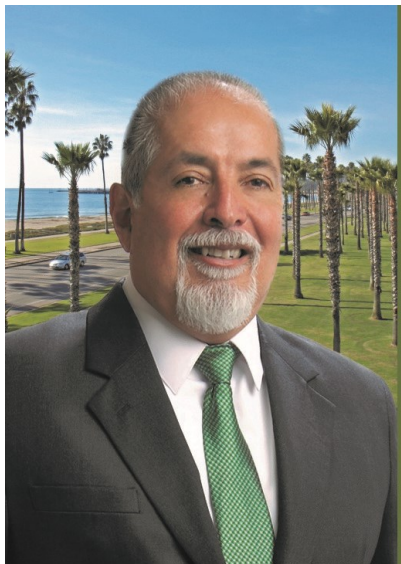




AUGUST '21 NEWSLETTER



SANTA BARBARA/ PUERTO VALLARTA SISTER CITY COMMITTEE



SEBASTIAN ALDANA, PRESIDENT

Our July 17, 2021 Membership BBQ with a Patriotic Tribute to our Community and Membership Veterans was enjoyable and touching. Nice to meet some community Veterans and longtime members also. There are so many people to thank for this successful event. I will start with the BBQ Event subcommittee, Chair- Aileen Chambers, Yvonne Pederson, Margaret Saavedra, Marti Garcia and Alma Vaja. We must especially thank Yvonne Pederson for her time spent planning and organizing, Yvonne was the master architect of this event. Thank you very much Yvonne, one must give credit when credit is due. All the side dishes were tasty and made with love. Carmen Flores with her pico de gallo salsa, carrot salad and guacamole. Aileen Chambers and Margaret Saavedra with their potato salads. Maria Garcia with a big batch of beans. Norma Aldana with her ambrosia salad and Zukie Ornales with two flavorful salsas. Danielle and Manuel Mendoza with their green salad. Guy, the Barryman donated fruit for a massive fruit salad made by Margaret along with produce for the burgers. Burgers and hot

dogs cooked by John Ochis. Tri tip marinated by Mike Zazueta, cooked by Mike Hernandez, Mike Zazueta and Sebastian Aldana. Joe Hernandez was an awesome utility man. Various community Veterans wives, board members and Erica Maldonado setting up and clean up. Lori Sneedon, Norma Aldana and Maria Garcia selling bingo tickets. Andy "Happy" Piszkin with flyers and presentation of the Panel for the Vallarta Pups project. Mike Hernandez with a presentation of the Cancer Kids in P.V.. Can not forget the Operation Bust Out kids with their awesome Veteran tribute. As you can see it was a great team effort, I'm sure I missed someone, please pardon me, it's hard to bat a thousand. **Our next Membership Dinner Meeting will be at Cesar's Place, 712 Milpas st. on Wednesday, Aug. 18** We also thank the Presentation by Old Spanish Days Fiesta Presidenta Stephanie Petlow. And not to forget Cheli Hidalgo and Alma Vaja at the check in desk. **Milpas St on Wednesday August 18th. Hope to see you there y Via La Fiesta. THANKS TO ALL OF YOU!**

SAVE THE DATE:

Wednesday August 18, 2021
Group Dinner at Cesar's Place
712 N. Milpas St.

Follow up emails will include menu items and beverage choices.

SB/PV Fiesta Booth in El Mercado DeLa Guerra

This year Daniel's Bakery and Mexican Food will be providing delicious tortas, tacos, nachos and pork ribs. Be sure you stop by if you are in the "Placita" during
Fiesta!!

**SANTA BARBARA/PUERTO VALLARTA SISTER CITY COMMITTEE
PUERTO VALLARTA MEMBERSHIP ONLY ANNUAL VISITATION**

October 27, 2021 – November 05, 2021

**PRICE: \$1,486.00/per person, double occupancy
\$1,918.00 single occupancy**

THIS PRICE INCLUDES:

Ground Transportation to/from LAX
Round Trip Airfare from LAX to/from Puerto Vallarta (economy)*
Hotel Playa Los Arcos OR Playa Los Arcos Suites (9 nights)
Gratuity for Bellman and Maid Service **
Fundraising over-ride & Activity Fee
Various meals & entertainment & fun!
*1st bag checked is \$32., 2nd bag checked is \$42.
**Feel free to tip extra for extraordinary service.

Those who cannot stay the 10 days may make their own airfare reservations and we can make reservations at Hotel Playa Los Arcos to participate in the discounted rates. A fundraising & activity over-ride charge of \$250/per person will be assessed. Please contact someone from the Visitation Committee for more details.

Airfare rates are changing daily; to guarantee the favorable basic flight fare & the package rate a **deposit of \$690.00/per person is due by August 15, 2021**. Once airfare is ticketed it is non-refundable but you can use the Alaska Airlines ticket for another trip with a \$125 re-ticketing charge good for 1 year (based on time of booking). Balance of trip cost will be due on or before October 15, 2021.

Make all checks payable to: SB/PV Sister City
122 E. Arrellaga Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101-1904

Credit cards will be accepted with a 2% service fee.

Please fill-out the "Activity Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement" form and send with your deposit to the above address. We will also need a copy of your passport. We highly recommend you purchase trip cancellation insurance. Use your own travel insurance company or ask us for a quote from Sister Cities International.

For additional information you can contact the Visitation Committee:
Marti Correa de Garcia (805) 680-2163 (marti@gilgarcia-aia.com) or
Margaret Saavedra (805) 708-0770 (ik4maggie@gmail.com).

This is our major fundraiser, making it possible to fund our programs in
Santa Barbara and Puerto Vallarta.
Thank you for your support!

PUERTO VALLARTA ANNUAL VISITATION - 2021
Activity Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement

I, the undersigned participant, am requesting participation in the Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta Sister City Committee Activity

Print Name _____

That begins on the date: October 27, 2021 And ends on the date: November 05, 2021

In consideration for being allowed to participate in this Activity, on behalf of myself and my next of kin, heirs and representatives, I release from all liability and promise not to sue the Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta Sister City Committee, their employees, officers, directors, volunteers and agents (collectively "Committee") from any and all claims, including claims of the Committee's negligence, resulting in any physical or psychological injury (including paralysis and death), illness, damages, or economic or emotional loss I may suffer because of my participation in this Activity, including travel to, from and during the Activity.

I am voluntarily participating in this Activity. I am aware of the risks associated with traveling to/from and participating in this Activity, which include but are not limited to physical or psychological injury, pain, suffering, illness, disfigurement, temporary or permanent disability (including paralysis), economic or emotional loss, and/or death. I understand that these injuries or outcomes may arise from my own or other's action inaction, or negligence; conditions related to travel; or the condition of the Activity location(s). Nonetheless, I assume all related risks, both known or unknown to me, of my participation in this Activity, including travel to, from and during the Activity.

I agree to hold the Committee harmless from any and all claims, including attorney's fees or damage to my personal property that may occur as a result of my participation in this Activity, including travel to, from and during the Activity. If the Committee incurs any of these types of expenses, I agree to reimburse the Committee. If I need medical treatment, I agree to be financially responsible for any costs incurred as a result of such treatment. I am aware and understand that I should carry my own health insurance and/or travel insurance.

I am 18 years or older. I understand the legal consequences of signing this document, including (a) releasing the Committee from all liability, (b) promising not to sue the Committee, (c) and assuming all risks of participating in this Activity, including travel to, from and during the Activity.

I understand that this document is written to be as broad and inclusive as legally permitted by the Committee. I agree that if any portion is held invalid or unenforceable, I will continue to be bound by the remaining terms.

I have read this document, and I am signing it freely. No other representations concerning the legal effect of this document have been made to me.

Participant's Signature: _____ Print Name: _____
(Please sign & print as it appears on your passport)

For international activities, the following information is required in order to make plane reservations:

Passport Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Expiration date of Passport: _____

Emergency Notification: In case of emergency, please notify:

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

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PUERTO VALLARTA MEMBERSHIP ONLY ANNUAL VISITATION**

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Please return your payment with this form and
your signed waiver and copy of passport.

I will participate in this year's trip to Puerto Vallarta with Santa Barbara Sister City Group.

Name (please print) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Ph # _____

Name of spouse/roommate: _____

_____ I will be taking the SB Airbus to LAX

_____ I will have my own transportation to LAX Or Puerto Vallarta

_____ I plan on a shorter stay, #days, _____ dates _____

_____ I plan to stay the entire 9 days at Playa Los Arcos, best available room

_____ I prefer the Suites at Playa Los Arcos. (Early deposits get first choice)

_____ I am enclosing a check for # of persons _____

_____ Please charge my credit card, there is a 2% service fee :

Attach a photocopy of your credit card, front and back or you can
send a copy of your credit card, front and back, by email to Marti or Margaret

_____ I am enclosing a copy of my passport.

_____ I would like SB/PV to purchase trip insurance for me at the approximate cost
of \$30. (Highly recommended)_____ No, I will purchase my own trip insurance for cancellation or health insurance.
You may use your own insurance or purchase through Sister Cities Inter'l.For additional information you can contact your visitation committee:
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Fire Fighting Equipment

Great publicity from **Vallarta Opina** in its newspaper article of fire fighting equipment delivered to Puerto Vallarta by Bret Russell of International Fire Training Association (IFTA). Most of it was donated to fire fighters from Jalisco cities of Atotonilco, San Julian, Yahualica, and Puerto Vallarta. Other donations were made to cities in state of Nayarit and to city of Obregon in state of Sonora. Marti and Gil Garcia were there representing SCI SoCal and

AT LAST...A PERSON-TO- PERSON MEETING

A group of approximately 75 members and guests enjoyed a glorious Saturday afternoon picnic on the 17th at Toro Canyon Park. It was SB/PV's first person-to-person outing in over a year and the theme, "Red White, & Burgers" added to the July festivity. Flags, decorations and a wonderful compliment of volunteers made for a fantastically well-organized event. Event coordinator, Yvonne Pedersen is to be complimented for keeping the group's activities interesting and lively with presentations and bingo games with cash prizes for the winners. A lively conclusion included a tribute to 17 veterans for their service to the country and awards for those who dressed up in red, white, and blue attire.





John and Barbara Ahlman with Ret. Col. Phillip Conran



Angle pin presented to veterans



Attending the SBPV barbeque was retired Air Force Col. Philip J. Conran , awarded Flying Cross but denied Medal of Honor because his action took place in Laos and not Viet Nam. The link to story:

[.Should Air Force Col. Philip J. Conran Receive the Medal of Honor? | Defense Media Network](#)



Ret. Col. Phillip Conran speaks to crowd at picnic



Robert Betancourt and friends



President Sebastian Aldana & wife, Norma



Judges of Patriotic Attire



Mom and presentation performers



**Yvonne with
Patriotic attire
Winners,**

- ♦ Blas Garza,
- ♦ Maria Garcia,
- ♦ Josie Schreier,
- ♦ Art and
Barbara
Najera

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2. Make your purchase
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SUPPORT THE VETERANS AT AMERICAN LEGION POST

Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta Sister City Committee suggests we support the veterans in our community by attending the Pancake Breakfast to be held in the American Legion Building facing the water front and Stearns Water Fountain at 122 West Cabrillo Blvd. The two-day event will be held on Saturday, August 7th and Sunday, August 8th during the mornings. The menu includes all you can eat pancakes plus eggs and sausage for a \$10.00 donation.


SUPPORT FOR CANCER CHILDREN

Gil García and Marti Correa de García, while in a recent visit to PV, represented SB/PV Sister City in meeting with Aurora de La Torre, director “Families of Children with Cancer”, and one of the mothers. This meeting was held after the Thursday 17, 2021 Rotary meeting where SB/PV Sister City received recognition for its support of the program. Gil García gave a brief presentation on how SB/PV Sister City supports the program including defining each of the 20 families specific needs, during difficult times, so that members interested to help can do so with contributions under an “adopt a family program”. This would fulfill the sister city mission of extending bonds of friendship through people-to-people citizen diplomacy while helping a child on its path to recovery.



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