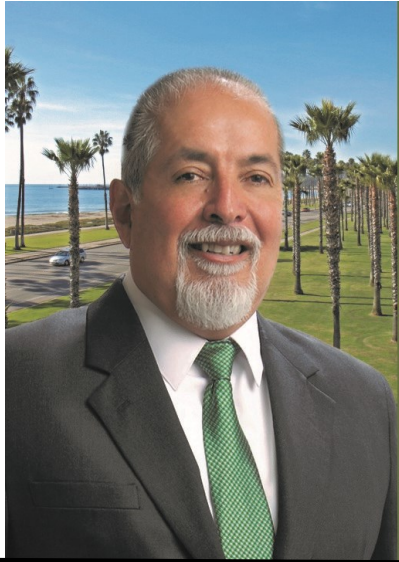




JANUARY '22 NEWSLETTER



SANTA BARBARA/ PUERTO VALLARTA SISTER CITY COMMITTEE



SEBASTIAN ALDANA, PRESIDENT

. Happy February SB/PV Members,

I hope all is well with you and your family's health. At our December 2021 Posada General Meeting, members voted and elected Gil Garcia for a second two-year term, Alicia Sorkin for her first term and yours truly for the three vacant seats. The Board voted on Tuesday January 11, 2022, results are as followed: President - Sebastian Aldana, Jr., 1st Vice President - Mike Hernandez, 2nd Vice President - Tony De Paco, Treasurer - Gil Garcia, Recording Secretary - Alicia Sorkin, Corresponding Secretary - Alma Vaja, Director - Cheli Hidalgo, Director Craig Arcuri and Exoficio President - Carlos Velasco. We thank our three outgoing SB/PV Board Members Margaret Saavedra, Jacqueline Duran and Carmen Flores very much for all their time and efforts. I am positive they will stay engaged and volunteer as they have for many years. Once again, thank you very much Margaret, Jacqueline and Carmen for helping us make 2021 a successful year.

This year will be our 50th year anniversary of this beautiful relationship with Puerto Vallarta. We have many members that have 20, 30, and even 40 plus years as members. I would like to know what you are missing from the past. Please reach out to me

at sbsebas@gmail.com with your stories or ideas, I would love to hear them and see if the board would like to implement them this year COVID permitting.

I am looking forward to another successful year. We need to thank our 2021 SB/PV Board of Directors, our members and our donors for the success, much love to all of you. We accomplished a lot and helped many of our brothers, sisters and pooches in Puerto Vallarta. Suggestions are always welcome. We also need to form our various subcommittees, if you have a little extra time and want to be a wee bit more engaged, please reach out to one of us.

Enjoy your month of February, stay healthy and hope to see you at our 2-2-2022 Membership Zoom Meeting. It will be nice to hear some history of the SB/PV Sister City relationship.

**ZOOM MEETING
Wednesday February
2nd at 6pm via zoom
(The entry code will be
announced later)**

**The topic of discussion
will be a review of our
50 years as a Sister City.**

...as 2021 moved on...



Blas & Mary in the lobby
of Playa Los Arcos Hotel



Lunch Time at Jardín Botánico



Gathering at Raul & Irma Coultas Residence



Takako wins prize at Dia de Los Muertos Event



A group of 21 members returned to Puerto Vallarta in 2021

PASSING OF PAST-PRESIDENT RAUL JOSE NAVARRO

February 6, 2038 – November 24, 2021

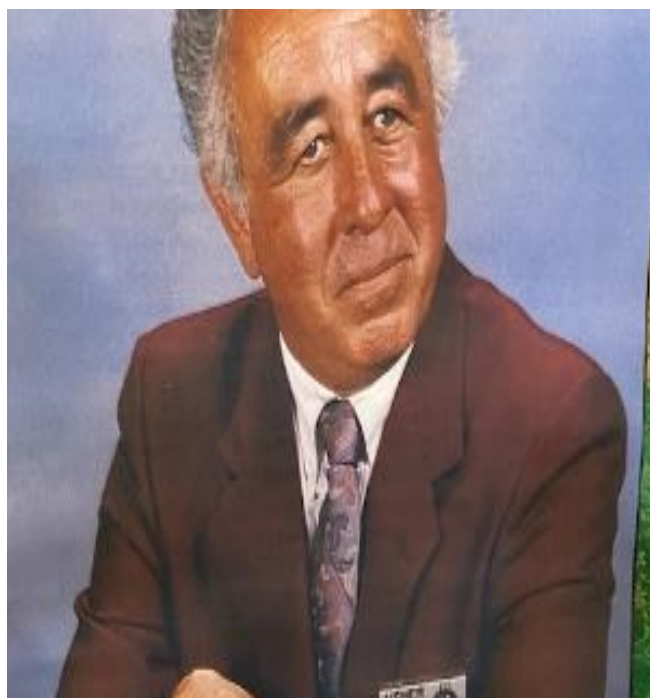
Past SB/PV Sister City President Raul Navarro passed away peacefully on November 24, 2021, after an extended illness. His loving wife LyV (Louverna) and three children were by his side. He was born and raised in Santa Barbara. On Saturday, January 15, a funeral Mass took place at the Old Mission where he served as an usher for over 30 years, followed by a gathering of friends and relatives at Mulligan's Café in honor and celebration of a life long active civic involvement in service of the Lord. His ashes were buried in the Old Mission Historic Mausoleum.

Raul was an active member of the Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta Sister City Committee for many years, as a member, board of director, and President in 2015-2016. He had an extraordinary passion and dedication to the people of Puerto Vallarta that he demonstrated with very successful fund-raising abilities that benefitted the projects.

Raul was a general contractor, starting his own contracting business in 1980 and retiring after 40 years. He was an active community member, involved in opening the Santa Barbara Boys Club in the 1950's. Other organizations he belonged to or served on their boards were: Knights of Columbus, Santa Barbara Chamber of Commerce; March of Dimes; Jaycees; Santa Barbara Zoo; commissioner and board member of the Camarillo State Hospital for the mentally ill; and other organizations too numerous to name.



Members of our group and Veterans Group at 4th of July Picnic



Dear Raul...May you rest in peace.

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Santa Barbara Rehab Clinic patients who receive help from our club's \$1,000.00 donation to the agency

Once again we thank you for all your support and efforts in favor of the Institution, makes us feel accompanied in this noble mission. *Elideth Torres Garcia , Operations Director*



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43 años de edad

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Yard Sale - for Santa Barbara Sister Cities
8 - 1 pm February 5
SAVE the Date

Here is an easy way to donate funds to our programs without too much effort.
Help us by saving and donating any of your good usable items for our yard sale.

The sale will be on Saturday Feb. 5 at **829 Kentia Ave**, on Santa Barbara's Westside near to La Cumbre Jr. High.
If you have larger items you wish to donate, we may be able to pick up or you can drop off the day before on Friday the 4th.

Come to donate or buy, or visit while our sale is going on. We'll have coffee for members who come by.

Margaret Saavedra