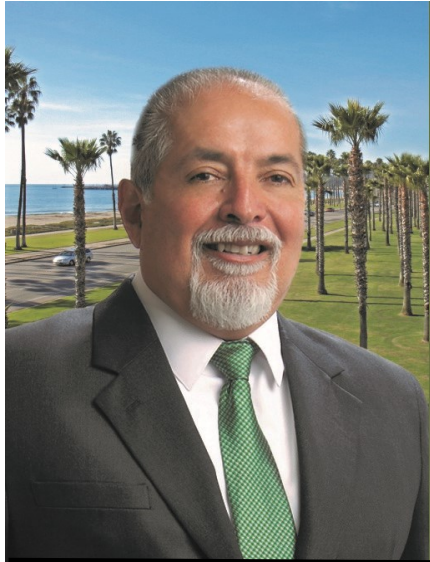




FEBRUARY '22 NEWSLETTER



SANTA BARBARA/ PUERTO VALLARTA SISTER CITY COMMITTEE



SEBASTIAN ALDANA, PRESIDENT

you must be a paid valid member to attend the 50th anniversary visitation that is scheduled November 29 through December 8. With this being the 50th anniversary, it should be a doozy.

Our next scheduled General Membership Meeting is March 2, 6:00 pm at Mulligans Cafe, 3500 McCaw Ave. It will be an Irish theme. We hope to have the Irish Sister City there to inform us of their new Sister City, Kinsale, a town in the Republic of Ireland. I hope to see many of our members there, bring a guest and enjoy. In case some of you want to get primed up before the 6 pm general membership meeting, Mulligans has a happy hour from 3-6 pm. Cheers.

Sebastian Aldana, Jr.
President - 2022

Happy March SB/PV Sister City Members,

I hope the new year is treating you well. Well, for us, your board, we are staying very busy. We had our Board of Directors Retreat, made our list of projects to support in Puerto Vallarta along with our budget for the year 2022.

We received notice that we will be having the I Madonarri event at the Santa Barbara Mission. We hope Puerto Vallarta's artist Rafael "Rafa" Reyes will be in attendance. The mosaic bench at Lazaro Cardenas Park in Puerto Vallarta is in process. Our V.P Mike Hernandez is there assisting with the layout, it will be great to see it when we visit in November of this year. Thank you very much Ann Hefferman for your time and talent designing the artwork.

Our members are doing a great job renewing their membership. Thank you very much for those who have. As you know

A LIVE PEOPLE MEETING!

Date: March 2nd

Time: 6:00 p.m.

**Topic: New sister city
—Kinsale, Ireland**

**Location: Mulligans
at the city golf course**



THIS IS A PARGO

Wow! Amazing Looks like fun! Mike needs to get a pargo when the club is on PV. It will feed everyone with dinner left over..... It is humungous!!! Our Puerto Vallarta sister City friend Juanito is introducing SB/PV 2nd Vice President Mike Hernandez to the traditional fishing villages culture. Mike didn't catch this one but he'll be fishing for one in the near future.

We have 85 New or Renewing Members for 2022. Thank you. We look forward to your continued membership. Without your loyalty and support, we would not be able to continue the sister city projects and programs. Simply put, you make what we do possible. **There are 76 members that have not sent in their 2022 Membership dues.** We hope you've enjoyed your membership with Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta Sister City and consider renewing now Your early renewal will help us plan for next year's programming. Make sure to let us know if you have any suggestions. We'd love to hear your feedback! If you would like a membership application emailed or hard copy mailed to you, let me know at ladylachel@hotmail.com or leave a message at 805.965.1573

Cheli Hidalgo – Membership Chair



SB/PV MOSAIC BENCH BEGINS TO TAKE SHAPE

PV artist started work on the 50th anniversary Sister City bench today, he is presently doing drawings, SB/PV Sister City, 2nd VP Mike Hernández, sent this picture and will send more as the drawing progresses and where the Dolphins are going to be placed. Mike will help with the Mosaic tile pieces placement.

PASSING OF MEMBER ROCHELLE ROSE

"This is Marie Brashears, Rochelle Rose's daughter. I am sorry to say that my dear mother passed away in October. She was incredibly fond of this organization and the work being done in Puerto Vallarta. She also loved going on the trip in recent years - it was one of her last international trips.



Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta Sister City Committee Hold Traditional Celebration LAS POSADAS

By Bonnie Carrol

Las Posadas is an Advent celebration revolving around the concept of hospitality. It originated in Spain and is still very popular today. The word Posada means "shelter," "lodging," or "Inn". The Posadas re-enacts Mary and Joseph's Journey from Nazareth of Bethlehem and their search for lodging along the way. These celebrations last for nine days, representing the months of Mary's pregnancy.

The people of Mexico participate whole heartedly in Las Posadas. While these celebrations provide opportunities for religious worship, they also provide an occasion for cultural and social exchanges. Some of the major celebrations include Passion Week, Día de los Muertos and Christmas festivities

including the Posadas.

Prepared and presented with compliance to current pandemic restrictions, In December members of the Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta Sister City Committee held their 2021 Las Posadas event at Cesar's Restaurant on Milpas Street in Santa Barbara, where a traditional dinner was served, 2022 board officers were elected, festive music was provided by Mariachi Fiesta Mexicana with dancing, and religious songs were sung in celebration of Las Posadas.

THE MISSION of Santa Barbara Puerto Vallarta Sister City is to promote peace through mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation — one individual, one community at a time.

Committee PURPOSE is to Provide a means for promoting and maintaining a program of international sister city friendship and people-to-people exchange between Santa Barbara, California and Puerto Vallarta, México and the residents of these two respective cities.

SB-PV SISTER City Program is a direct cultural and social exchange between Santa Barbara, California, USA and Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico. Our committee was established in 1972 through the efforts of local city officials and interested citizens. The founders were Richard Hidalgo City Councilmember, Barry Cappello City Attorney, Frank Arguelles, Howard Goldman, Antonio Molina and Gregorio Romallo.

THE SANTA BARBARA GROUP

Member of Sister Cities International. Puerto Vallarta was chosen because of comparable features and population, commerce, tourism, etc. But the main grass-roots strength of the Sister City movement rests on the people-to-people programs, and the direct contact activity of the individual Sister Cities. These range through cultural (art and music), athletic, student, professional, industrial and commercial exchanges of every form all arranged directly by those engaged in the individual programs. **The group was established in 1973. The current Treasurer Gil Garcia and his wife Marti have been described as a driving force in raising charitable funds, with the support of Rotary International, and they have worked with board members in coordinating the longstanding support of the Santa Barbara Physical Rehabilitation Clinic of Puerto Vallarta, Families of Children with Cancer, and more.**

According to David Bolton, 2021 First VP of Old Spanish Days Fiesta "Gil and Marti are integral parts of the strong and successful relationship between sister cities Santa Barbara and Puerto Vallarta. For many, many years, their dedication and commitment has benefited so many important causes in PV. The sister cities relationship has truly benefited from Gil and Marti's tireless efforts. Bravo!"

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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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WELCOME BACK I.MADONNARI ITALIAN STREET PAINTING FESTIVAL

May 28, 29 & 30 (Memorial Day weekend), 2022

We are happy to report that the I.Madonnari Board of Directors voted to hold this year's I.Madonnari Festival at the Old Mission in person after a 2-year virtual festival.

Our Sister City spearheaded the first Puerto Vallarta I. Madonnari Festival, it is now in its 15th year. From this Festival the artist that wins 1st place comes to Santa Barbara to participate in our local event. We have sponsored an 8 x 12 square with the generosity of Sandra Quintana from San Diego and our club is also a sponsor of the Festival. Our sponsorship also supports flights for several Santa Barbara artists to participate in the Puerto Vallarta Festival.

Hopefully Rafa the winner of the 2020 Puerto Vallarta Festival can obtain his U.S. Tourist Visa and come to Santa Barbara this year for the Street Painting Festival. As you now, we are celebrating our 50 years of friendship between Santa Barbara and Puerto Vallarta and want to make these two Festivals special.

If you would like to donate toward this wonderful project, send your contributions to P.O. Box 3718, Santa Barbara, CA 93130. Thank you!

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OLD SPANISH DAYS VIVA FIESTA!

We would like to send out a special thank you to the Board of Old Spanish Days-Fiesta for their recent donation of \$500. For over 10 years we have sponsored several Food Booths at McKenzie Park during Fiesta. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic Fiesta has not had their Mercados. SB/PV Sister City was honored to receive a contribution from this year's Presidenta, Maria Cabrera. Gracias to Old Spanish Days for this generous donation!

Mulligans Menu foe March 2nd General Meeting

Served buffet style

Cranberry, pecan and cheese tossed salad,

Caesar Salad

BBQ Chicken and Beef Ribs

Spicy chili beans, Garlic bread

Mixed vegetables

Coffee and water included

\$15.00 corking fee

Total cost of meal is \$32.00

RSVP no later than Feb. 25 to

ladylachel@hotmail.com or

leave at message 965-1753 asap



ANNUAL PUERTO VALLARTA VISITATION NOVEMBER 29, 2022– DECEMBER 08, 2022

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN SANTA BARBARA & PUERTO VALLARTA

It's that time of year again to start planning on the Annual Puerto Vallarta Visitation! Dust off your Passports and buy your new bikini 'cause you're going to be tanning in the winter and swimming in the Pacific Ocean. This is a special year because we're celebrating 50 years of an on-going friendship between our two sister cities. Mark your calendars, from 11/29/22 to 12/08/22.

The cost is being finalized and will include the following:

**Round-trip Airfare (luggage is extra)
Bus transportation from Santa Barbara to Los Angeles and back.
Playa los Arcos Hotel – 9 nights
A donation to the Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta Sister City
Activity Fee (some meals and visits)
And, lots of fun!**

We recommend travel insurance.

QUESTIONS: Marti Correa de Garcia – Phone or text (805) 680-2163
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or


Margaret Saavedra – Phone - (805) 708-0770 or e-mail - lk4mag-gie@gmail.com. (Be sure that your dues are up to date.)

\$300 raised for Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta projects!!

A rummage and yard sale was organized for Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022. Members Carmen Flores, Cheli Hidalgo, Romie Alvarado , Alicia Sorkin and Margaret Saavedra collected donations and worked from 830 – 12 noon on Saturday. We had many donations of clothing, furniture and miscellaneous items from our members, Barbara & John, Elvia, Alicia, Sebastian and Josie! Thanks for a successful sale.

Save good usable items – we will consider a sale again in the fall.

Margaret Saavedra



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