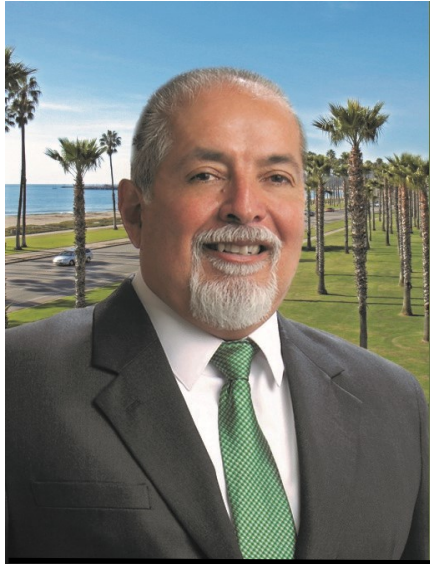




SANTA BARBARA/ PUERTO VALLARTA SISTER CITY COMMITTEE



AUGUST 2022 NEWSLETTER



SEBASTIAN ALDANA, PRESIDENT

Viva La Fiesta Española de Santa Barbara. We had our own fiesta week also with the visitation of the P.V Sister City Committee and family members. It was a blast, a lot of work, but well worth it. I was able to attend all events except the Friday welcome breakfast. My job interfered with that event.

I/we have many people to thank for our successful visitation week. I would like to start with all members that opened their doors and hosted our visitors. I'm positive you enjoyed the company and got to know our friends better. Second, we must thank our members that hosted an event at their home, Marti and Gil Garcia, Elvia Rivero, Becky and Bob Betancourt, Patricia and Guy de Mangeon, Carpinteria Mayor Wade T. Nomura and staff along with our Santa Barbara Mayor Randy Rouse and staff, muchas gracias. All events were enjoyable with tasty food. Music was great

also, thank you Mark Alvarado and his Santa Barbara style Trio, Guitarist Juan Morales and Music by La Familia. Last but not least, a special big thank you to our members that helped set up and clean up, our bartenders Alma Vaja, Carmen Flores and our RSVP specialist Cheli Hidalgo. Thank you kindly to all that helped and attended our events.

No Membership Dinner Meeting for August, we will resume on September 7, 2022. Location to be determined. Many members have been asking me what projects we are supporting; how much is being sent, ect. I will ask our Treasure to have a 6-month report (brief) to give you an idea where funds are being sent. Enjoy your month of August. Hasta Luego. Viva la Fiesta.

**THERE WON'T BE A
MONTHLY MEETING
IN AUGUST BUT WE ARE
WORKING ON
HAVING A LIVE
MEETING IN SEPTEMBER**



Front Row SB/PV Treasurer/Past President Gil Garcia, Sebastian Aldana Santa Barbara 2022 President, Father Joe and Irma Lorenza Perez Coultas, Puerto Vallarta Sister City President 2022. (Photo by Bonnie Carroll)

By Bonnie Carroll

During the recent reaffirmation celebration week, a delegation of Santa Barbara-Puerto Vallarta Sister City Committee Members and VIP guests from Puerto Vallarta Sister City Committee received a special blessing by Father Joe following Mass and Communion at the historic Old Mission Santa Barbara. The Puerto Vallarta delegation are visiting to celebrate 50 years as Sister City Members and to reaffirm their commitment as a Santa Barbara sister city. The Santa Barbara committee members hosted tours, parties and provided VIP introductions for the delegation during their week-long visit.

The finale of the many hosted dinners, parties, and tours was the Santa Barbara-Puerto Vallarta Sister Cities Reaffirmation Ceremony in the Santa Barbara City Hall before a huge crowd of Puerto Vallarta VIP's and Santa Barbara Sister City committee members, where Mayor Randy Rowse welcomed all and shared how pleased he was they visited Santa Barbara and how much he looked forward to visit Puerto Vallarta. Pat Fallin, Chair of Sister Cities Board in Santa Barbara, welcomed guests and praised the fine work done by all the members over the past fifty years.

A bevy of proclamations changed hands in the historic Santa Barbara council chambers, Emanuel Gallego from the Office of the Consul of Mexico presented certificates of recognition. Irma Lorena Perez Coultas, President of the Puerto Vallarta-Santa Barbara Sister Cities shared her thanks and sense of purpose collaborating with Sister Cities, Sebastian Aldana, President of Santa Barbara-Puerto Vallarta Sister Cities expressed his pride in working with Sister Cities and his gratitude for all the Puerto Vallarta member contributions. Mayor Rowse then proudly signed the Reaffirmation Documents for the City of Santa Barbara and Raul Coultas, the immediate past President of the Puerto Vallarta group signed for Mayor Rodriguez of Puerto Vallarta who was unable to attend do to Covid in his family.



GRAND PARTY HONORING P.V. VISITORS

Irma Coultas, president of Puerto Vallarta sister city, addresses the party in front of the P.V. group. This was a great festive party as only the Betancourts know how to provide...drinks, great food and dance music by the Mark Alvarado Trio. Next to her is Sebastian Aldana, Santa Barbara president.

Visiting group from Puerto Vallarta at Becky & Bobby Betancourt home during Puerto Vallarta visitation
Photo by Mary Frink

PROGRESS BEING MADE FOR BOCA DE TOMATLAN CLINIC

Hello Gil, good morning, last Wednesday we had a meeting with the municipal president of Vallarta, where I was appointed secretary of the municipal council of sister cities and Irma as a member of the same, there we explained to the president the problem of the Boca clinic, to which the president was very interested and at that moment he made two calls, one to the municipal president of neighboring municipality El Tuito and another to the head of medical services in Vallarta so that doctors could be assigned to the clinic as soon as possible, so I am glad that we have achieved the support in this regard, hopefully the clinic starts to work well, since it was forgotten for a long time.

This week we will be going to Boca de Tomatlan to look for Martha to get the key and see the conditions in which the clinic is and find out if anything is needed and let the Vallarta Government know.

The president proposed to pay a little more than what was paid the previous doctor to stay, since the previous ones did not stay long because the salary was not convenient for them, so he would pay medical staff better

Raul Coultas



GOOD THERAPY IN P. V.

Here is one of the Puerto Vallarta children with cancer in the therapy pool. The pool was Donated by one of our SN/PV sister city members. You can see the child looks very nice in her donated SB/PV sister city - IFTA bathing suit



**Officials in the Santa Barbara –
Puerto Vallarta Sister Cities
Reaffirmation Ceremony:**

**L to R Emanuel Gallegos,
Representative Office of Consul of
Mexico, Sebastian Aldana, 2022
President SB/PV Sister City
Committee, Irma Coultas, President
PV/SB Sister City Committee Puerto
Vallarta, Mexico, Santa Barbara
Mayor Randy Rowse, Raul Coultas,
Past President PV/SB representing
Mayor Rodriguez of Puerto
Vallarta. Story & Photo by Bonnie
Carroll**



Following the Reaffirmation Ceremony Sister Cities members shared a delicious City of Santa Barbara hosted Mexican lunch by Mayos Carniceria & Tacos, a local Santa Barbara restaurant. Commemorative gifts were exchanged, and the Sister City Executive Board Members were all recognized.

Santa Barbara, and Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, are celebrating a cohesive and productive relationship of fifty years in 2022. This long-lasting relationship has had fruitful projects and exchanges during their time as sister cities, and they continually work to keep their bond strong, from educational programs to health initiatives.

Santa Barbara and Puerto Vallarta implement a variety of programs to improve their communities. They have jointly supported the Puerto Vallarta Rehabilitation Clinic since its inception in the 1980s, the Volcanes/Puerto Vallarta Sewing School, the Tomatlan Health Clinic, along with 19 years of Law Enforcement Exchanges with support provided to the Puerto Vallarta Police Academy, and a partnership with the International Firefighters Training Association (IFTA). For 16 years they have supported the I. Madonnari Street painting festival in Santa Barbara and assisted in creating a similar festival in Puerto Vallarta. They actively support the Sister Cities International Young Artists and Author Showcase (YAAS) and they also hold Annual Adult Visitation Exchanges between Santa Barbara and Puerto Vallarta.

The Santa Barbara, California and Puerto Vallarta, México Sister Cities and the Rotary Club of Santa Barbara North assisted the Volances Food Bank in Puerto Vallarta during their COVID-19 crisis. In April, the two Sister Cities and the Rotary Club of Santa Barbara made a very generous donation to the food bank which went towards preparing food bags for 400 families. For information or donations please visit: www.sbpvsistercity.org.



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Good afternoon Guy,

Thank you for talking to me about our new nonprofit in Puerto Vallarta. Funded by the Girls Education Fund, Vallarta School for Girls, will provide education for 60 girls including computers, uniforms, books, transportation, health education, and day care for young moms. In addition, providing mentors and role models that encourage female aspiration will pave the way for their future success.

Please view our website girlsedfund.org for more information.

You had mentioned putting me in touch with someone from the Sister Cities group. I would greatly appreciate the introduction. Also, I would like to attend their November events in Vallarta. I am available to help in any way with those events.

Guy, thank you for your assistance and all that you do for nonprofits.

Kind regards,

Susan Murray

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TWINS John Ahlman & Blas Garza at the 4th of July SB/PV picnic



Original SBPV member Teresa Lemus (in yellow) & granddaughter attending the SB/PV REDESIGNATION signing at City Hall



Past President, Janet Baker and original member Josie Schreier at Redesignation Ceremony



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