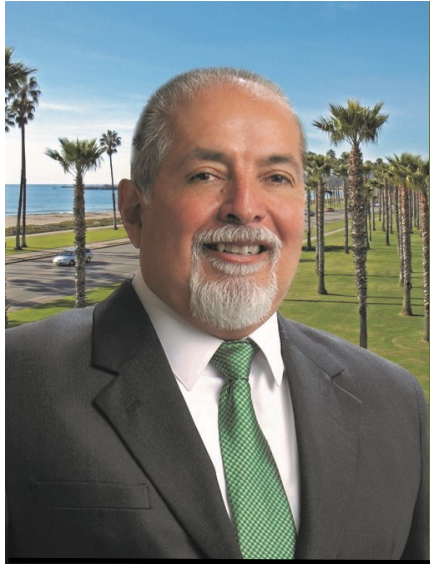




SANTA BARBARA/ PUERTO VALLARTA SISTER CITY COMMITTEE



OCTOBER 2022 NEWSLETTER



SEBASTIAN ALDANA, PRESIDENT

Happy October SB/PV Sister City
Committee Members,

As our Summer is ending, I hope it was enjoyable and eventful for all. It was great seeing many of you at La Casa Garcia for our September 17th dinner membership gathering. Thank you to all that attended. it was a nice gathering. D&D Music did great and had people on the floor dancing. We had a treat by having Irma Segura sing a few beautiful songs for us. Jorge Canales with his Chiltepin Catering service served us well also. It was awesome to have Mexican Consulate, Euclides Del Moral and his wife, Claudia, available for El Grito. Special thanks to the Garcia's for opening up their home and to all who helped set up and clean up. It is always a big chore.

The Event's Subcommittee has a few events coming up for you all. No October Dinner Meeting, but we will have a 2nd Annual Cruise for a Cause on the Condor Express, all proceeds to benefit the Aid to Families

of Children with Cancer (AFCC) non-profit in Puerto Vallarta. The sail will be on 10-22-22. 3:30-6pm (2.5 hrs.). Tickets will be sold prepaid for \$45.00 per person.

Wednesday November 2nd we will be having a Dia de los Muertos Dinner Dance w/DJ at The Moose Lodge. 110 W. Victoria St.. Doors will open at 5:30pm and end at 10:00 pm. Please dress in your best Dia de los Muertos attire. More details on the event to come.

November 29th, we blast off to Puerto Vallarta, looking forward to this visitation. Please have all your flights and accommodations ready. See you soon. Take care.

**No general membership
meeting for October BUT...**

**THERE WILL BE A CRUISE
ON THE CONDOR EXPRESS
ON OCTOBER 22nd. Cost is
\$45.00 per person for the
two and a half hour cruise.
All proceeds go toward the
P. V. "Aid to Families of Chil-
dren With Cancer". Tickets
are all prepaid. Check with
board members for tickets.**

Opportunity to be a Board Member Coming Up

Every organization needs visionary board members with a passion to extend bonds of friendship within Puerto Vallarta and through these friendships we guide the organization in fulfilling the sister city good will citizen diplomacy mission. If you have ideas and suggestions consider running for our Board of Directors.

If you are interested, please contact Gil Garcia at gil@gilgarcia-aia.com or Margaret at Lk4maggie@gmail.com

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF FRIENDSHIP ANNUAL VISIT TO PUERTO VALLARTA November 29 – December 08, 2022

Presently we have over 75 members signed up for the sister city 50th anniversary trip to Puerto Vallarta November 29 to December 8. The planned activities for the 50th anniversary promises to be exciting memorable festivities of past projects in Puerto Vallarta gatherings and adventurous excursions to current projects that have gained national recognition as one of the most productive and successful sister city relationships. One of the most gratifying experiences over the last fifty years is the deep long-lasting friendships and new ones that develop with every visit. We look forward to seeing on-going projects of our Puerto Vallarta friends. One award winning project we will be visiting is the Santa Barbara Rehabilitation Clinic, built in the late 1980's with funds provided by SB/PV Sister City and our SB Rotary Club partners. San Luis Obispo University architectural students designed the Rehabilitation Clinic where they spent their 5th year of studies in Puerto Vallarta and their studies were sponsored by a Japanese Kanazawa Scholarship. We are talking about an exciting international project here.

Group visits to Puerto Vallarta started in 1972 with hotel of choice being Hotel Playa los Arcos. Over the last 50 years we are still staying at Play los Arcos and have seen it grow with a few additional rooms, others remodeled and a recent restaurant up-grade with a new one added. Hotel Playa los Arcos will provide a stage on the beach with hosted dinner and entertainment provided by Ballet Folkloric Xiutla who visited Santa Barbara in 2002, we will also see the Los Volcanes youth symphony perform with instruments donated by SB/PV Sister City and SB Rotary Clubs. A visit highlighting our newest project is the 50th Anniversary bench at the mosaic park located near Los Arcos Hotel. We also hope to start work on a new Four-Pillars monument, memorializing the Four Endearing Pillars of Friendship (Amistad), Brotherhood (Hermandad), Respect (Respeto) and Love (Amor).

We have a few Alaska Airline seats left. Call Marti Correa de Garcia if you are interested in going. Cell: 805-680-2163 or e-mail: marti@gilgarcia-aia.com.

Marti Correa de Garcia

**50th ANNIVERSARY 2022
SISTER CITIES
Santa Barbara**

*Respect, Friendship, Brotherhood, and Love
Four Pillars that support an enduring sister cities relationship*



**50 ANIVERSARIO 2022
CIUDADES HERMANAS
Puerto Vallarta**

*Respecto, Amistad, Hermandad Y Amor
Cuatro Pilares que Sostienen una Relacion Duradera Entre Ciudades Hermanas*

Shone above is the proposed banner which we wish to share...It is 5 feet in length and 1 foot wide. We suggest one for the P. V. Museum, one for the PV sister city and one for our own use. I will get a cost and let you know. Banners which we have ordered in the past have been very reasonable in cost. This would be one of the items that falls under the \$1,000 approved for printing.
Gil Garcia

Alma



**Carmen and
Alma, workers
at the Garcia
Home.**

**No festival is
complete with-
out workers.
These two
ladies
managed the
drinks booth
and their
efforts were
well-
appreciated.**

**Photos
courtesy of
Bonnie
Carroll**

CARMEN



...AND A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL

By Bonnie Carroll

Santa Barbara Puerto Vallarta Sister Cities Committee Celebrated Mexican Independence Day and National Hispanic Month at an afternoon party on the patio of Casa Garcia; hosted by long-time members and board members Gil and Marti Garcia, where SBPV President Sebastian Aldana, board members, volunteers and guests were joined by Euclides Del Moral of Oxnard Mexican Consulate who presented a spirited Mexican flag ceremony to celebrate Mexican Independence Day.

The festive afternoon included both DJ Music by D&D, Diana Guerrero and Dalet Alvarado as well as a live performance by talented singer Irma Segura. Guests mingled, enjoyed a delicious catered Mexican dinner by Chiltepin Catering, a lively auction of donated gift items, and dancing to favorite musical selections. Attendees included members from combined Santa Barbara Sister Cities, many of whom will be attending the November Santa Barbara Puerto Vallarta Sister Cities trip to Puerto Vallarta to celebrate the groups 50th Anniversary working together.

The Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta Sister Cities Committee program is a direct cultural and social exchange between Santa Barbara and Puerto Vallarta, established in 1972 through the efforts of local city officials and interested citizens and includes countless programs of community outreach and cooperation. The program is a living legacy left by the late President Dwight D. Eisenhower who conceived the program and initiated it in 1956.

The 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. 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. For detailed



Past President Blas Garza and wife, Mary

information on all the programs supported by SBPV Sister Cities Committee please visit: www.sb/pvsistercity.org. For membership information please contact Gil Garcia at gil@gilgarcia-aia.com.



Past President Jan Olivas with auction item



Our hosts,
Gil Garcia
And
Marti
Correa de
Garcia

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