



JANUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER SANTA BARBARA/ PUERTO VALLARTA COMMITTEE



President Sebastian Aldana's Message

Happy Holidays SB/PV Sister City Members, I hope you enjoy the Holidays with your Family and Friends and may the coming New Year be a Healthy and Prosperous year for all of us.

I must say this 50th Anniversary visitation in Puerto Vallarta was a memorable one, yes there were a few hiccups, but I always say, it's hard to bat a thousand. I thank all of our board members and members that participated in organizing and helping all our members enjoy their visit, along with our Sister City Committee in Puerto Vallarta, on how they welcomed and treated us properly. Moving forward, my wish would be that we concentrate on the Four Pillars that the late Dr. Michael Lemus created to sustain an enduring Sister City relationship.

1) Respect, 2) Friendship, 3) Brother/Sisterhood and 4) Love. Let us all start the new year with this in mind.

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As they say, all good things come to an end. This article will be my last for now as my two-year term as your President has come to an end. It was a pleasure serving. I hope you enjoyed all our dinner meetings, guest speakers, events and fundraisers. I thank all that donated and assisted in helping. In the past two years our board worked well to continue supporting our current projects along with some new ones. Our Treasurer Gil Garcia has printed a detailed report for donations and list of projects for the year 2022. If you are interested in viewing it, please make a request and a PDF report will be emailed to you.

I thank three outgoing board members for all their time and efforts. Carlos Velasco - Ex- Officio President, Mike Hernandez - 1st V.P and Craig Arcuri - Director. I congratulate Tony de Paco, Cheli Hidalgo and Alma Vaja for being re-elected to the board. I also congratulate our new board members: Scott Burns, Bonnie Carroll, Dr. Joe Mulvihill, Margaret Saavedra and Maria Sanchez. Alicia Sorkin and Gil Garcia will still be on the board along with yours truly as your Ex- Officio President. See you soon. Happy New Year.

Dues increase for 2023

Dear friends we find we need to increase the annual membership dues for the upcoming year to \$35.00. The dues have not been increased in 20 to 25 years.

We hope that you will find this acceptable and will continue your membership so you can join us in our important work in Puerto Vallarta.



*No January
General Meeting
Next meeting
February 2023*

Puerto Vallarta 50th Anniversary Celebration



Presentation at City Hall in Puerto Vallarta.

Photo courtesy Bobbie Carroll

Enjoying breakfast at Sr. Frog's on the Malecon. Dulce and Luis De La Cruz, Gil Garcia , Nena Hidalgo, (Cheli in the background) and Scott and Lisa Burns.



Breakfast at the Canopy = is always one of the highlights of our visit. This is an open air buffet restaurant in the mountains. We were treated to a mini rodeo with dancing horses and a show of fancy rope work on horseback. Mariachis played and strolled through the central arena.. There is the additional draw of multiple ziplines. Many of our braver members took advantage of the zipline.

See our own Father Larry at the end of the zip!! Still smiling! . Photo courtesy of Carmen Flores

CANICA - Centro de Apoyo a Niños con Cáncer A.C. (Support Center for Children with Cancer)

We visited this organization on our trip to Puerto Vallarta and were very impressed with their leadership and organization. They do their own fundraising activities with local hotels and businesses. We are pleased to see the local support and are happy to be one of their many sponsors! We received this communication recently and are happy to share it with our membership, after all you make it all possible through the “Cruise for the Cause” and other local efforts.

Received letter from CANICA that 22 families received \$1,000.00 pesos check (\$50 USD) from funds donated to CANICA by SB/PV Sister City donors for month of

December groceries and Christmas family dinner. Remainder of donation will go to kids with cancer travel expenses of \$25.00 each trip to Guadalajara for chemotherapy or other medical treatment. There are 7 to eight that make the trip several times a month.



Children with Cancer enjoying the oxygenated water in the spa pools at the Centro de Rehabilitacion. The pool is also made available to other clients at the Rehab Clinic.

Mike Hernandez and Betty, coordinator for pool activities and parents of the children in the pool.

Visit to the Naval Center

On Monday evening we visited the Hyperbolic Chamber at the Naval Marina that was donated by SB/PV Sister Cities over 20 years ago. It still looks good and in great working order!

In photo : Richard Tingstrom, Margarita Zaske and Joe Lanza



Photo: Artist Javier Niño, Puerto Vallarta Mayor Luis Alberto Copado, Gil Garcia, Raul Coultas and Irma Perez Coultas, President of the Puerto Vallarta Sister Group.



Dinner at the Navy Base

A gala dinner dance was held at the Naval Base at the Puerto Vallarta Marina. It was a semi-formal event and the room was elegantly decorated. Entertainment was provided by "Herenca y Jose" who sang a mix of popular, classic and opera songs. They were sensational and brought the house the down!!

The Four Pillars were presented and were exhibited by board members Alicia Sorkin, Mike Hernandez, Javier Niño, the artist and Cheli Hidalgo at the Naval dinner.





2023 Board of Directors

Dr. Joseph Mulvihill, Maria Sanchez, Margaret Saavedra, Bonnie Carroll, Cheli Hidalgo, Scot Burns

At our December Posada Celebration, the following were members elected, by general consensus, to a two year-term to the Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta Board of Directors.

Remaining on the board through the end of the year: Sebastian Adana and Gil Garcia.

Incumbents re-elected were Tony De Paco, Alma Vaja, Cheli Hidalgo.

New to the board: Scot Burns, Maria Sanchez, Dr. Joseph Mulvihill, Bonnie Carroll and returning to the board Margaret Saavedra.

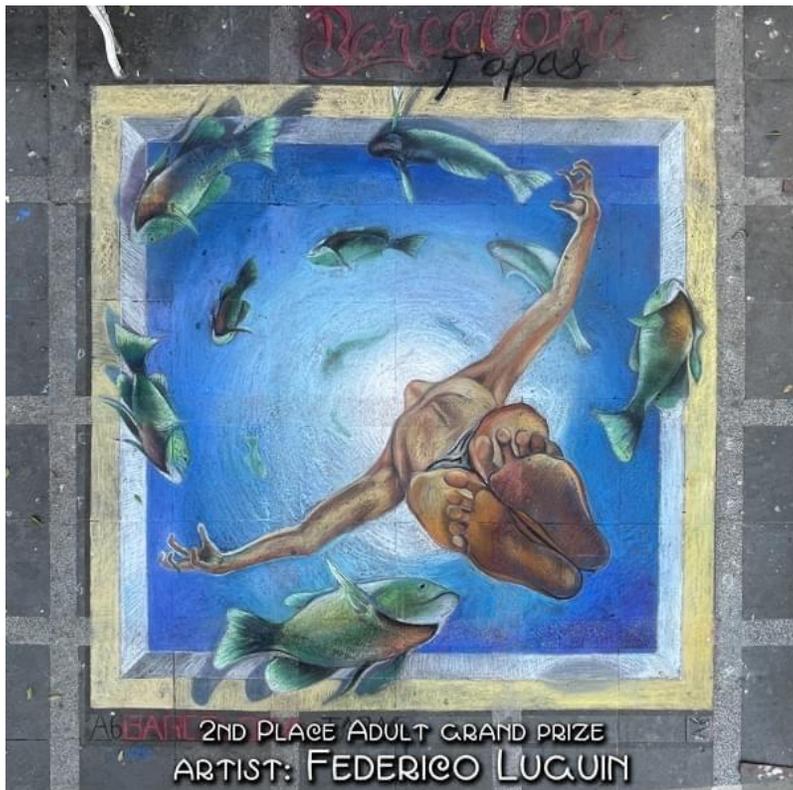
Coming off the board are Mike Hernandez Craig Arcuri and Carlos Velasco, the SB /PV Sister City thanks the outgoing board members for their service.



Our 50th Anniversary Bench at Lazaro Cardenas Park. The entire park is done with mirror tile and is a site to behold. The bench was completed entirely by funds collected from individual donors who paid to have their names on the tiles. Photo: Bonnie Carroll

More - PV
I MADONNARI
FESTIVAL -
Nov. 11-13

Nine SB I Madonnari artists traveled to participate in the 15th annual Madonnari Festival in Puerto Vallarta on Nov. 11-13. Generous donations towards their travel were provided by the Children's Creative Project and the SB-PVSCC. For this anniversary year, 37 adult PV artists plus many children created beautiful drawings for 32 PV street painting sponsors. Puerto Vallarta will be sending 2 adult winners—



Abraham Burciaga and Federico Luquin—to participate in our SB I Madonnari Street Painting Festival in May 2023. The winners are both longtime, artist participants in our PV Festival. Photos courtesy of Sharyn Chan.



December Newsletter

HOLIDAY PARTIES AT VOLCANES

VOLCANES KIDS EDUCATION PROGRAM.



300 STUDENTS RECEIVED TOYS, CAKE, CANDY, PLAY GAMES FOR PRIZES.

VOLCANES KINDER SCHOOL



100 KIDS-HANDMADE TOYS FROM THE CEDAR FALLS, UTAH.



Volcanes Kids Education Program Ninos de Roma A.C.

Art Fumerton directs these programs and is one of our trusted partners in Puerto Vallarta. SB/PV Sister Cities has been supporting the families in these programs during the covid years with a Food Bank.

Without Art Fumerton non-profit status we would not be able to make contributions to many of our other charities in PV. He always provides excellent feedback on how his programs are continuing.

TEACHERS PARTY.



VKEP TEACHERS ANNUAL POSADA AT OUR VOLCANES COMMUNITY CENTER. FOOD COOKED BY VOLCANES MOMS IN OUR VOLCANES COMMUNITY CENTER KITCHEN.

SEWING SCHOOL PARTY.



ANNUAL SEWING SCHOOL PARTY WITH ALL SEWERS AND STAFF.



To our friends and supporters, from everyone at our Volcanes Education Project.

Merry Christmas and Happy New year!!

Thank you.



Ninos De Roma A.C.



Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta Sister City Committee

New and Renewing Membership Form, 2023

(Annual dues expire December 31st)

\$35 (individual) _____ \$70 (couple) _____ Hard copy newsletter (optional) \$10 _____

New Member name tag(s) \$10 each _____

Name(s) _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number(s) Cell _____ Home _____

Other: _____

E-mail address(s) _____

(You will receive a confirmation email to this address; please check your spam)

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

Check payable to: **SB/PV Sister City Committee** Ck # _____

Credit Card (circle one) Visa Master Card Discover American Express

Card # _____

Expiration Date _____ Security Code # _____ Zip code _____

Address (if different from above) _____

Total Membership dues \$35 each.....\$ _____

Member Name Tag(s) \$10 each..... \$ _____

Credit Card Processing Fee, if applicable \$1.00 \$ _____

Hard copy newsletter (optional) \$10..... \$ _____

Additional Donation (project of your choice) \$ _____

Lifetime Membership (\$500.00)..... \$ _____

Total Payment..... \$ _____

By-Laws state, "There shall be no prorating of dues depending on date of enrollment and all membership dues must be paid by January 31st."

Mail entire form and payment to:

SB/PV Sister City Committee PO Box 3718 Santa Barbara, CA 93130

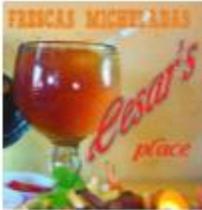
Questions, please contact Sebastian Aldana, President (805) 304-3637, Gil Garcia, Treasurer, (805) 689-2588, Cheli Hidalgo, Membership (805) 965-1573. Funds received from the annual dues help to support the mission of the Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta Sister City Committee, a 501c3 non-profit organization. Thank you!



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