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Puerto Vallarta Newsletter

News from Puerto Vallarta

This week's captivating new videos take you to Las Glorias Beach, a hidden gem behind a string of hotels in the hotel zone. Our video and website, www.puertovallarta.net, show several access points to this beautiful beach. "El Niño Sobre el Caballo de Mar," also known as "El Caballito" or "The Seahorse Statue," is the city's proud emblem.

The much-anticipated Puerto Vallarta autumn festivities are coming! This newsletter is sent out each two weeks, so you know we won't overwhelm you with emails!

[Our blog](#) is updated based with the news and what is happening in Puerto Vallarta, so check it out. Please send comments and suggestions to information@puertovallarta.net.

Corina Guizar. PuertoVallarta.net

**Sunday September 17, 2023
Cesar's Place 4-8 pm
711 North Milpas
Good food, Music, Dancing**

Please call and reserve a space
Cost is \$35 for members/ \$40.00 non-members and includes tax and tip. RSVP to Cheli Hidalgo at sbpvsistercity805@gmail.com or leave message on landline 805-965-1573

Raffle/Opportunity Drawings

Members if you have new/unused items that are unusual and would make a good gift, please contact a board member or bring to a dinner meeting! We need good prizes!

Rotary Vallarta Sur Scholarship Program

The Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta group has participated for many years in this program begun by the Rotary Vallarta Sur Club. Donors get to meet their scholarship students when we are in Puerto Vallarta. One couple, longtime members of Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta Club, have donated scholarships to four students. The cost of annual scholarship is from \$300 a year to \$400 for a university student. The following is a thank you letter from one such student. Thank you for continued support of the Rotary Vallarta Sur scholarship program.

Dear Mr and Mrs. S.

I feel very moved because thanks to you with a big heart and that spirit of service, all that I achieved was possible. You don't know about all the circumstances that I went through during all this time as a student where I wanted to give up on occasions, but then I remembered the commitment I had with you to appreciate how much you did for me and in the future to be able to return how much you supported me.

For me it is incredible how people come into your life without having a family relationship and with their grain of sand they can significantly contribute to the life of a person. Nowadays, I have become an architect with a lot of motivation to get ahead professionally, where there will always be an ambition to continue acquiring new knowledge. Like me, my parents are also very grateful to you, since it was also a great help for them to be able to cover university expenses with what you gave me.



Currently, I already have independent design and construction work here in Puerto Vallarta and I have realized that little by little all the effort is paying off. Now that I've finished my degree, my plans for the future are to go to another country to learn another language and specialize in interior design.

I take a great learning from you and a lot of heartfelt thanks to both of you. I hope that in the future I can be part of the sponsors of the Rotary Club, to return the support that you gave me to someone else who needs it. In the same way, I feel that sometimes words are not enough to thank you, so I would like you to take me into account for whatever you need when you come to Vallarta or for my knowledge that I have acquired as an architect. May life give you many blessings. Many thanks for everything.

Fondly,

Valeria M. P.

Fiesta Food Booth Fundraiser

Many, many thanks to Jorge Canales's who had our Fiesta food booth Chiltepin at Dela Guerra Plaza. We hope you visited and enjoyed the food there. This year the Old Spanish Days Committee limited our organization to one food booth.

The funds raised by our Fiesta food booths are used to support our participation in the I Madonnari each year. In the previous years we have had as many as four food booths so the loss of these booths it will definitely make an impact on our fundraising for I Madonnari.

ANNUAL VISIT TO PUERTO VALLARTA

OCT. 30 THRU NOV. 8, 2023

There are still rooms available

Please contact Marti at: marti@gilgarcia-aia.com

Or Margaret at: Lk4maggie@gmail.com

We are celebrating the 'Dia de los Muertos' in Puerto Vallarta. A \$100 deposit will be required to reserve a hotel room. No refunds will be available on rooms or flight if cancellation request is made within 30 days of visitation.

Special note for those going to Puerto Vallarta for Dia de los Muertos, our sister club will have a 'Catrin and Catrina' Contest.

Pack your costumes and make-up!



First Prize Art Winner in YAAS Showcase

A young lady from Santa Barbara High School as our first prize winner of \$250.
Shown with Margaret Saavedra and Dusty (in the arms) L.W. Smith and Gil Garcia.

DOLPHIN DIVE FUNDRAISER

Excerpts from Santa Barbara Independent and writer Gail Arnold)



On July 9, the Rotary Club of Santa Barbara Sunrise (Rotary Sunrise) hosted a fun Dolphin Dive Festival at Chase Palm Park, which raised funds for the multitude of projects it supports locally and beyond.

Dolphin races were held periodically throughout the afternoon in a giant, inflatable slip-and-slide-like course. Volunteers from the SB City Fire Department filled a water tank and when the gate opened, hundreds of brightly colored plastic dolphins purchased by guests passed furiously down the course, with prizes going to the lucky winners. Guests enjoyed old rock'n'roll tunes from the band Snapshot, food, wine, and games.

On the international front, Rotary Sunrise has focused its aid on two rural communities in Nicaragua and one in Mexico, which is in keeping with Rotary's policy of seeking to make a long-term, sustainable impact.

Dolphin race | Credit: Gail Arnold

In Puerto Vallarta, which was chosen in part because of its Sister City relationship with Santa Barbara, the Rotary Club provides funding for scholarships for higher education and a community center.

Many Rotarians have joined our SB/PV Committee and participated in our 50th anniversary celebration in Puerto Vallarta, several of our dinner meetings and in the recent festivities celebrating the annual visit from Puerto Vallarta.

Scott Burns is an active member of SB/PV and currently on the Board of Directors.



Chris Baxter, past president of Santa Barbara Sunrise Rotary and Scott Burns.



Don Goertz RIP 8/7/23

It is with deep sorrow we announce that SB/PV Sister City member Don Goetz recently passed. He is survived by his lovely wife Connie with whom we share the weight of her loss. Don generously contributed, along with Connie, to many projects and programs in Puerto Vallarta.

He was the most incredible, and devoted citizen diplomate and an amazing icon in the US/Mexico sister city program.

Don took tremendous pride in everything he did as a devoted husband to Connie, an Eagle Scout, exemplary Architect/Engineer, as president of US/Mexico Sister City Association/International and in his distinguished military service as a Navy Captain. Don was an angel sent to teach by example that when we are busy, enjoying, appreciating, and being kind, we find our direction in the journey of life.

Don's life journey has taken him to eternal comfort in the bosom of the God; may he rest in peace.

In Memoriam, Gil Garcia

Donated Medical/ Surgical Gowns sent to Santa Barbara Rehabilitation Clinic

Fresenius Kidney Care Dialysis made a gift of 5 boxes of medical gowns to Gil Garcia for use in Puerto Vallarta.

As you can see the size of the boxes in first photo then in second photo all the contents were compressed into one box. The Rehab Clinic will receive these and thanks to the Santa Barbara Rotary North cooperative funding with SB/PV the Clinic now has a place to store supplies like this.



Packaging medical gowns
LA for destination SB
Rehab Clinic in Puerto
Vallarta



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Welcome to our New and Returning Members!!

NEW MEMBERS

Emiliano A. Campobello
Yvonne Chen
Beverly A. Daniels
Clementina Espinoza
Victor Gaytank
Marisela Katsapis
Liliana Monroy
Shirley Moore
Carol E Ortiz
Karen & Garrett Osgood
Martha Ramirez
Iris Roca
Hortensia Tamayo

RENEWING MEMBERS

Phil & Tara Ball
Lurdes Aguilar
Elena Aguilera
Michael Feely
Alfonso & Terri Molinar

Many Thanks to Santa Barbara Rotary Club North

A letter of appreciation was sent to Michael Bergquist, President of Santa Barbara North Charitable Foundation for a grant of \$1300.00. The funds are earmarked for air conditioning units that were damaged at the Volcanes Kids Education Program in Puerto Vallarta. The Education Program prepares children with lifelong learning and literacy skills enabling them to participate and contribute to the community. The school encourages children to become confident and competent citizens. A big thank you for the Foundation's valuable support of the worthy education program in the low income Volcanes community of Puerto Vallarta.

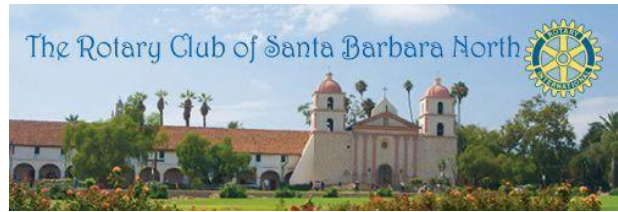
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