



# AUGUST 2023 NEWSLETTER SANTA BARBARA/PUERTO VALLARTA SISTER CITY COMMITTEE



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(photo courtesy of Bonnie Carroll)

SB/PV President Margaret Saavedra welcoming our Puerto Vallarta visitors at the home of Marti and Gil Garcia. From left Raul Coultas Gomez, Irma Perez de Coultas, president of Puerto Vallarta committee, Ma Elena Sahagun Pena, Cuquis Caballero Ortiz, Amalia Martinez and Heriberta Caballero Ortiz, Treasurer. Dulce and Luis de la Cruz were late arrivals and not available for photo.

Many thanks to our members who hosted our guests in their homes; Marti and Gil Garcia, Scott & Lisa Burns, Rose O'Dea, Jacqueline Duran, Cheli and Maria Elena "Nena" Hidalgo. This visit would not be possible without our generous hosts.

**August 2023  
No general meeting**

**Enjoy Fiesta Week!!  
Please patronize our food booth at Dela Guerra Plaza.**

**We hope that our members were able to attend at least one of our events during the Puerto Vallarta visit! All of our events were well received and our guests were very pleased.**

## **Port Hueneme/Puerto Vallarta Sister City**

This sister city relationship formed only last year due to the efforts of Port Hueneme Mayor Roberto "Bobby Martinez" and his council. The planning committee organized and exceptional tour of their city and provided overnight accommodations for the PV visitors for this first visit. It was a job well done.

## Welcome Breakfast

This event was held at the home of Maria Sanchez.

Approximately 50 members were present at this event. As with any good breakfast buffet, mimosas flowed freely!!

Thank you Maria for the use of your lovely backyard patio!!



Raul Coultas, Mary Frick, Irma Perez de Coultas and Luis and Dulce Cruz. Photo courtesy of Mary Frick



Rose O'Dea seated with her two guests Cuquis Caballero and Heriberta Caballero and long time member Josie Schreier.

Photo courtesy of Mary Frick

## SAVE THE DATES ANNUAL VISITATION TO PUERTO VALLARTA OCTOBER 30 THRU NOVEMBER 8, 2023

This year our committee will be celebrating the 'Dia de los Muertos' in Puerto Vallarta. Sign up information will be emailed separately shortly. A \$100 deposit will be required to reserve a hotel room and a second \$100 to reserve a flight. No refunds will be available on rooms or flight if cancellation request is made within 30 days of visitation. In fact payment is required 30 days in advance by the hotel and airlines

Please save your questions until you get the sign up sheets.

Members and guests also toured **Direct Relief International** and the **Ridley Tree Cancer Center**.

After breakfast the group attended a presentation at Direct Relief International's headquarters here in Santa Barbara. Direct Relief also has a warehouse in Puerto Vallarta and plans are underway to form a relationship to provide medications and other supplies to the citizens there.

The tour of the **Ridley Tree Cancer Center** was very informative in providing in depth information on processes for research and treatment of cancers.

Photo courtesy of Bonnie Carroll



### Saturday Night Chili Cook-Off

This was a Western themed event. Prizes were awarded to chili makers. Music was provided by bagpiper friends of Scott and Lisa Burns. They kindly offered their home for the Chili Cook-Off. Many thanks to the members who brought a chili for us to sample.

Thanks also to all members who brought side dishes.

We would like to make a part of the annual visitation.



Bonnie Carroll off to Chili Cook-Off and her prize winning Hot Pepper Chicken Chili



Photo courtesy of Mary Frink

## Fiesta Bash Sunday July 9<sup>th</sup>

We always have a great turnout. The food was catered by Tink's of Summerland.

They provided a delicious chicken and tri-tip BBQ and their very special and popular green salad!!

Dancing music was provided by DJ Joey Desales He was a great hit, we'll invite him again.

Many thanks to Guy de Mangeon and Patricia Juin for the use of their beautiful home!!

## ***Celebrate Peru Independence Day w/Miraflores Peru Sister City***

***Sat. July 29 – 5 pm***

***Casa de la Raza***

***601 E Montecito St.***

***Come and enjoy delicious Peruvian food,  
music, dances entertainment and more!!***

***RSVP by July 24 to (805) 453-5735***

***These are the folks that catered our delicious  
chicken and tri tip meal at the Fiesta Bash.***

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**\$25.00**  
Donación

# Anticuchada Bailable

CELEBRANDO LA INDEPENDENCIA DEL PERÚ



**SAB**  
**29**  
**JUL**

de 5pm - 10pm

Ademas habrá la deliciosa Causa Limeña y ricos postres peruanos.  
Also enjoy a delicious "Causa Limeña" and yummy peruvian's dessert!

INVITADO ESPECIAL  
**DJ RICARDO SPIRIT**

Rsvp by 7/24

 La Casa de la Raza 601 East Montecito St, Santa Barbara, CA 93103

## Other Events :

On Monday, July 3, the new Oxnard consul, Ambassador Ricardo Santana Velázquez, began his work as head of the Oxnard Mexican Consulate. The territorial demarcation covered by the Mexican consulate includes the counties of Ventura, Santa Bárbara and San Luis Obispo.



<https://vidanewspaper.com/2023/07/14/new-consul-of-mexico/>

### Visitors Tour their Sister City of Port Hueneme

On Monday and Tuesday, July 9 and 10. Our guests were invited on a tour of Port Hueneme that included a visit to a Cannabis Dispensary, the Red Guppy Dockside Learning Center, a visit to City Hall for lunch and received an official welcome from the Mayor of Port Hueneme. Later that afternoon they gathered at the Mexican Consulate where they were provided with an Exhibition of Mexican Art, on loan from the collection of Marti and Gil Garcia.

**On Tuesday they toured the U.S. Navy Seabees Museum,** board members and guests found it quite interesting. They also had the opportunity to tour Fathomwerx Robotics. Fathomwerx Robotics is program that is supported by the City of Port Hueneme that is focused on giving high school students an opportunity to put their creativity to work with mentors and are pushing the technologies and capabilities forward in very innovative and creative ways,”

**Final Day a reception was held at Santa Barbara County Education Office** to recognize students that participated in the Young Artist and Authors Showcase sponsored by Sister Cities International and our local Santa Barbara Sister Cities Advisory Board. This was of particular interest to our Puerto Vallarta visitors because they had 9 entries in this Showcase. They were very pleased to see the art work prominently displayed.



Sister City Members: Pat Fallin, Lucile Vea, Pedro Arana, M. Saavedra, Oscar Gutierrez, Jill Stassinis and Bonnie Carroll



PV visitors with PV artwork

## Welcome to our New and Returning Members!!

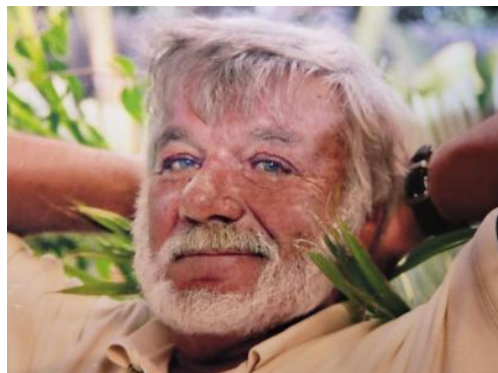
### NEW MEMBERS

Jorge Canales  
Zahida C. Carrera  
Kristine Santana Duncan  
Kay Gott  
Dolores Henry  
Maria Lomeli  
Olga Martel  
Cristina Miguel  
Arlene Miguel  
Maria Peinado  
Kathy Serrano  
Alma Soto

### RENEWING MEMBERS

Jacqueline Abbud  
Maria Elena Aguilera  
Barbara & John Ahlman  
Chuck & Sylvia Butler  
Gloria Desales  
Joseph & Ann Ferrante  
Gloria Franco  
Janet V. & Connard C. Hogan  
Debbie S. Merlo  
Joseph Mulvihill II  
Jan Casserly-Olivas  
Debora & Gary Petlow  
Beta-Raquel Rivera  
Miguel & Ana Rosa Rodriguez  
Joe Sanchez

Get Well Wishes to:  
Don and Connie Goertz in La Jolla  
Linda Lemus



**John Henry Riffero II 1941 -2023**  
**Obituaries / Noozhawk.com**

Our Sincerest Condolences to  
Member Nina Scarcello  
On the passing of her son  
RIP

## Board of Directors 2023

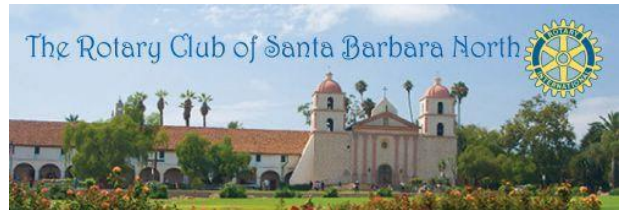
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