



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



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Puerto Vallarta has bragging rights for the largest Catrina in Mexico. The Malecon will be filled with smaller catrinas and “altares”. Many business and hotels and other groups also build smaller catrinas as a court for this giant lady. This year Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta Group is getting in on the fun by having our own catrina built. We’ll be able to see when we visit. As you can see the Catrina is staged on the Malecon down from the Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe -the Church with a Crown- and the government center. Just behind the Catrina, amid the palm fronds is the Santa Barbra/Puerto Vallarta Dolphin fountain. This part of the Malecon is walking distance from our hotel, Playa Los Arcos. Make sure you pack your Catrin or Catrina Costume. We are hoping to get some make-up artists for our group.

**Cruise for A Cause  
October 8, 2023  
Meet at Sea Landing at 3:00 p.m.  
Cost is \$50.00 prepaid**

It’s a 2.5 hour cruise on the Condor.  
Music provided by DJ Joey DeSales  
Master of Ceremonies Drew Wakefield  
Burritos and munchies catered by Mayo!!  
Drinks available for purchase.

This is our annual fundraising event for the Kids  
with Cancer in Puerto Vallarta.

Send RSVP to:  
[Sbpvsistercity805@gmail.com](mailto:Sbpvsistercity805@gmail.com)  
Or leave message at 805-965-1573

**Puerto Vallarta Visitation - Orientation Meeting**  
**Sunday, Oct, 15 at 2:00 pm. - 2215 Santa Barbara St.**

We especially recommend that first-time visitors attend. We will go over the itinerary and answer any questions you may have regarding the trip. Refreshments will be served, please bring an appetizer, finger foods to share. RSVP via text or email to Marti Garcia (805-680-2163); [marti@gilgarcia-aia.com](mailto:marti@gilgarcia-aia.com) or Margaret Saavedra, (805-708-0770) or [Lk4maggie@gmail.com](mailto:Lk4maggie@gmail.com)

Plan on taking a 'Day of the Dead' costume and get into the spirit of the celebration. Our sister club is planning a competition for best costume.

**SANTA BARBARA SISTER CITY DELEGATION VISIT**

<b>DATE OF ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>ITINERARY FROM OCTOBER 30 TO NOVEMBER 8, 2023</b>
<u><b>MONDAY 30 OCTOBER</b></u>	Arrive at PV INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – 6:30 PM PICK UP and TRANSPORTATION TO Hotel Playa Los Arcos
<u><b>TUESDAY 31 OCTOBER</b></u>	9:00 WELCOME BREAKFAST, venue TBD 8:00 PM Trick or Treating – location to be determined. Puerto Vallarta friends will coordinate – it will be a short two or three block area. We will need to bring or buy candies for trick or treaters.
<u><b>WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 1</b></u>	6:00 PM - TAQUIZA (taco dinner) AND COSTUME CONTEST, MAKE UP, USE CATRINA And CATRIN ACCESSORIES. You Decorate your own LITTLE CANDY SKULL. PLACE: HIDALGO PARK
<u><b>THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2</b></u>	<u><b>FREE DAY .....OPTIONAL</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>VISIT TO THE LOCAL CEMETERY DECEMBER 5, meet at 10 pm. A MASS will be conducted at this time</li> <li>LATE NIGHT TOUR OF MALECON EXHIBITION OF SKULLS AND CATRINAS, ALTARS OF THE DEAD</li> </ul>
<u><b>FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3,</b></u>	6.30 PM PICK UP FROM THE HOTEL... DINNER-DANCE and FANDANGO, Venue TBD Catrina/Catrin Costume Contest. Venue TO BE CONFIRMED
<u><b>SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4</b></u>	Free Day DOLPHIN DINNERS by invitation. Hosted by our sister Club members at their private residences.
<u><b>SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5</b></u>	FREE DAY
<u><b>MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6</b></u>	AFTERNOON EVENT - CEVICHE PARTY - PLACE TO BE CONFIRMED
<u><b>TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7</b></u>	DINNER hosted BY THE PV CITY COUNCIL
<u><b>WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8</b></u>	FAREWELL EVENT VISITORS Return TO SANTA BARBARA.



The Consul General of Japan visited SB on Wednesday, September 13. The Consul General Kenko Sone and Mrs. Consul General Mami Sone and the Vice Consul General Fukiko Nakashima accompanied him. Takako Wakita, Vice President of the Santa Barbara/Toba Sister City Committee, planned a luncheon at the University Club for the meeting. Guests present the Toba President, Linda Mathews, the Toba board members and members of the Sister Cities Sister Board, including Mayor Randy Rowse, Council member Oscar Gutierrez and Margaret Saavedra, Chair of the Sister Cities Board and Cheli Hidalgo. Because the Consul General is very interested in the Sister City program, Gil and Marti Garcia were also invited. They are resource for Sister Cities in general. Gil Garcia Informed Consul General Sone that at one time Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta and Toba, Japan had a bilateral relationship. Mr. Sone was very interested and wanted to explore this further in the future.



**Vice Consul Kenko Sone, wife Mami Sone, and Vice Consul Fukiko Nakashima**

**Brock Mitchell 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
Winner in our Poetry Showcase**



**I am an Oak Tree...**

Streams of Fire Swept by  
Flooded streams shredded by  
Rocks 'bouldered' down from high...

Charred and uprooted...  
Pressed from all sides  
My friends, and brothers and sisters,  
Our mothers and fathers,  
Crashed down, turned to debris...  
Fire, mud and stones chased them out to sea...

My insides inflamed... burning fire from within!  
I stood alone, surviving from the outside in  
My home burned down...  
The forest washed to bare stone

From the raging torrent of strife,  
I spread my seeds of life  
In lonely sadness for many years  
I watered them with my tears

Renewal of life sprouted from the ground!  
New friends, and sons and daughters  
New mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters  
From a lifetime of strife, sprouted forth new life

I burned from the inside  
Yet I survived...  
My seeds...today's forest...  
My family, my friends alive!

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SANTA BARBARA ROTARY CLUB NORTH PROUDLY PRESENTS



# HALLOWEEN BOO BASH

## *Fall Family Fun Fest*



Dog & Kids Costume Parades/Contests!



Classic Family Games & Races!



Boo-licious Food Trucks!



Prizes  
to be Won!



HEY KIDS! CHECK OUT OUR  
**JUNIOR JAM DANCE MOB!!**

Remember to bring  
your fur pals too!



Rotary



**SAT. OCTOBER 28**

**9AM-3PM**

**CHASE PALM PARK - SANTA BARBARA**

Guaranteed to be a **BONE-CHILLING** Good Time!

VISIT [www.SBBooBash.org](http://www.SBBooBash.org) FOR DETAILS & SIGNUPS!

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## Mexican Independence Celebration for our September General Meeting

Our Sept. general meeting was Sunday, Sept. 17 at Cesar's Seafood Restaurant to a sold out crowd. Our limit was 60 but we kept receiving RSVP's. The owners of Cesar's were able to fit more tables for our group of 75. Thank you Martha and Ruben!!!



Art and Barbara Najera and Josie Schrier, photo by Bonnie Carroll



Mariachi Fiesta Alegre Mexicana photo by Bonnie Carroll

The patio was festive and the mood was infectious. The shrimp ceviche appetizer was a hit. Of the three meal choices by far the favorite was sea bass 'al mojo de ajo'. All the entrees were tasty and the meals brought hot to the table. Many thanks to the excellent staff!!!

Many members came in Mexican costume in keeping with the celebration. Mariachi Fiesta Alegre Mexicana was a hit as usual. Two of our talented members joined the Mariachi to sing, Luis Moreno and of course Irma Segura. Thank you both and also a BIG THANK YOU to Ann Hefferman, a very talented lady who sings and plays violin with the Mariachi and a longtime member of SB/PV.



Photo by Bonnie Carroll





Photo by Maria O. Garcia

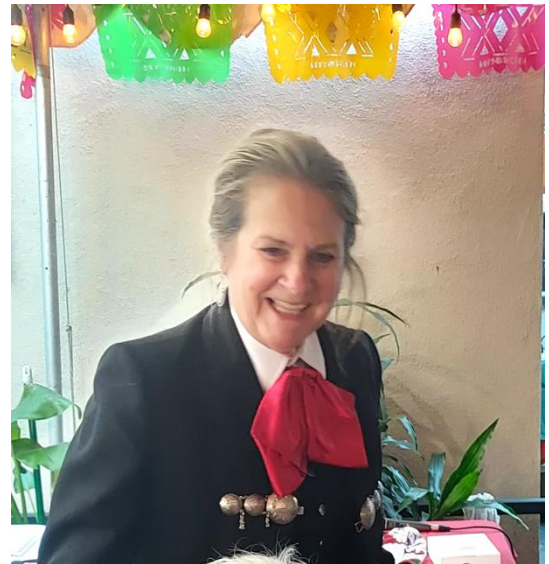
The highlight of the evening was a conga line and a young staff member got into the spirit.

### Welcome to our New Members

Christina & Dan Kahn  
Rosario Bautista  
Mary Contreras  
Arwen Drain  
Patty Salcedo



Rene, Elvia and Irma, photo by Bonnie Carroll



Ann Hefferman – photo by Bonnie Carroll

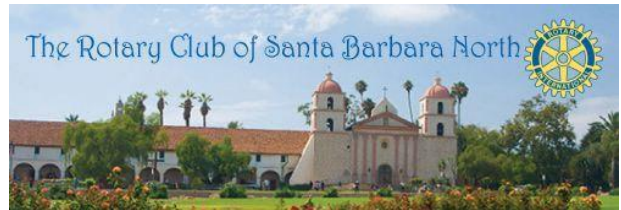
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**Tacos Pipeye**  
Mexican food Truck

217 N. Milpas St. 9 am - 9 pm	524 N. Milpas St. 7 pm - 11:30 pm
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Tuesday - Sunday

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