



NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER SANTA BARBARA/PUERTO VALLARTA SISTER CITY COMMITTEE



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Boca de Tomatlan is a charming and lively traditional fishing village known simply as “Boca” by the locals. A little community on both sides of the Horcones River (Rio Horcones), which flows down from the Sierra Madre Mountains through beautiful tropical rainforest. It’s also a popular starting place for pangas (water taxis) heading to [Banderas Bay’s](#) southern zone and beaches such as Playa [Las Ánimas](#), [Colomitos Beach](#), [Quimixto Beach](#) [Majahuillas Beach](#), and [Yelapa](#).

How Much Is A Water Taxi To Yelapa?

We recommend going to Boca de Tomatlán by land, a public bus charges some \$0.60 dollars from Puerto Vallarta there, and from Boca, jump on a water taxi (panga) to Yelapa.

It’s \$120 pesos one way from Boca de Tomatlán to Yelapa (2021 exchange rates = USD\$ 6.00 dollars)...

**Cruise for A Cause
October 27, 2023
Meet at Sea Landing at 3:30 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.

If you can’t attend, you can send a donation and/or RSVP to:

Sbpvsistercity805@gmail.com

Or leave message at 805-965-1573

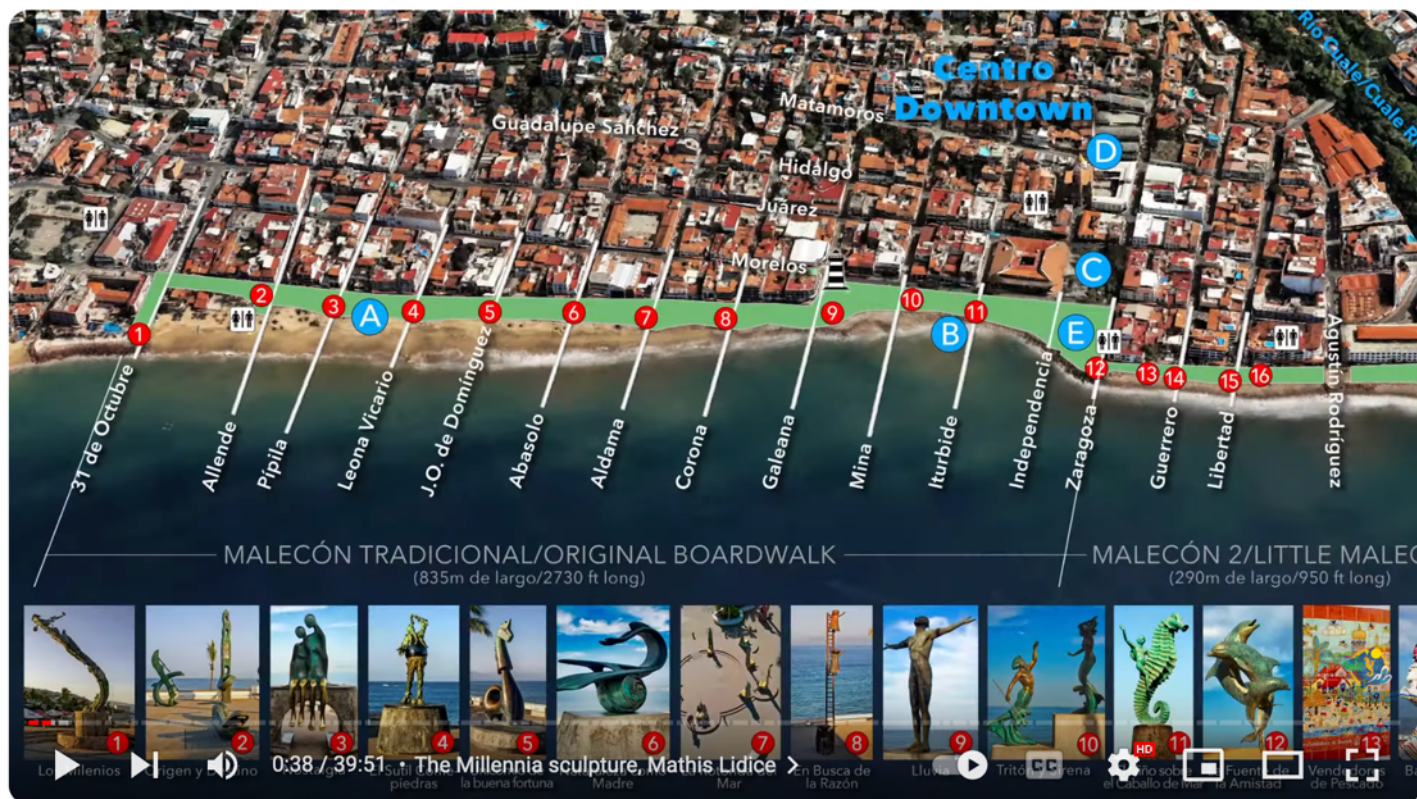
PROGRAM VISIT FROM SB/PV SISTER CITY TO PUERTO VALLARTA

October 30 - November 08, 2023

PV Program .2023.visit

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITIES
10/30/23	9:00 AM	Santa Barbara Airbus - p/up @ La Cumbre Mall (old Sears parking lot)
Monday	12:00noon	Arrive LAX - (SB -Free parking minimum security @ Mall)
	2:40 PM	Alaska Airlines Flight # AS1348
	6:42 PM	Arrive Puerto Vallarta
		Bus transportation by Cuidades Hermanas Puerto Vallarta
		Transport to Playa los Arcos Hotel - Check-in / meal on own
10/31/23	9:00 AM	Hosted Welcome Bkfst. Sr. Frog's* walk, taxi, Uber \$15 non-members
Tuesday		Free Afternoon
	6:00 PM	Hosted Welcome buffet dinner by Play los Arcos Hotel*- hotel guest only
		Non-guest cost is \$20/per person
	8:00 PM	Opt. Halloween events - pass candy at Hotel & Malecon, plus other sites
		+bring candy for kids or buy in Puerto Vallarta
11/1/23	9:00 AM	Hosted City Tour* & Tequila Tasting (lunch on own))
Wednesday	to 4:00	p/up at end of Lazaro Cardenas Park (Mosaic park)
	7:00 PM	Inauguration of Sister City Catrina at Malecon (in front of City Hall)
		walk, taxi or Uber
11/2/23	9:00 AM	Opt - Rotary Club PV Sur - bkfst @ Sheraton (\$20/US) own Transportation
Thursday	10:00 AM	Opt -Mass & visit to Panteon Municipal (cemetery)
	5:00 PM	Desfile - Día de Muertos begins @ ParkqueHidalgo (walk or take taxi)
		Hosted "Taquiza" dinner *- @ Parque Hidalgo
		Catrina & Catrin costume contest
11/3/23	10:00 AM	Hosted breakfast at Swell Restaurant* on the Beach. Non-member \$20.00
Friday	7:00 PM	Dinner/Dance at Salon La Isla*, Av. Federacion 1391, Col. Coapinole
to	12:00 AM	Dress Mexican style. - Special Entertainment. " Curiel y Herenca"
		Bus Pick-up TBD. (None group cost \$35.00)
11/4/23	9:00 AM	Hosted bkfst at Rosita Hotel*- meet PV "Golden Age" group. (own transp.
Saturday		Free afternoon - see list of optional tours
11/5/23	Sunday	Free Day - see list of optional tours
11/6/23		Free AM and afternoon - see list of Optional tours
Monday	6:00 PM	Ceviche Night * (similar to our Chile-Cook-Off) beach at Los Arcos Hotel
11/7/23		Free morning and afternoon - see optional tours
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Dinner offered by the City and Mayor of Puerto Vallarta *
		Patio at Puerto Vallarta City Hall (walk or taxi or Uber)

11/8/23	12:00 PM	Check-out of hotel (arrangements made to leave luggage at hotel)
Wednesday	1:00 PM	Hosted good-bye lunch at Andale's Restaurant (tip included)*
	5:00 PM	Bus trans to Puerto Vallarta Airport - hosted by PV Club
	8:52 PM	Alaska Airlines flight #AS1362
	10:06 PM	Arrive LAX. - Pick-up by Santa Barbara Airbus



Paseo completo Malecón de Puerto Vallarta (05/Oct./23) Full walking tour PV Boardwalk/Malecon

PuertoVallarta.net by Corina Guizar. We have prepared two new and videos for your enjoyment, one of the complete Malecon and another of Calle Zaragoza <https://www.puertovallarta.net/espano...>

And Map showing the videos of the streets in Puerto Vallarta: <https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edi...>

Although the effects of this hurricane have been strong, they were not disastrous as with Kenna in 2002. We must be careful with the rains in the rain saturated hills around the city and the channels and riverbeds that can overflow. We hope that everything develops without damage to residents and visitors, so far it has gone better than expected.

General Meeting
NOVEMBER 15, 2024
CODY'S Café
6:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Menu will follow by e-blast
Cost is \$35.00 RSVP to Sbpvsistercity805@gmail.com

Annual Board Election for Year 2024

Board Members serve for a two-year term, with a limit of 2 terms (equal to 4 consecutive years). This year 2023, there are 5 vacancies and nominations are made for year 2024. At the end of 2024 there will be 6 vacancies to fill.

1. **Marti Correa de Garcia (first two-year term)**
2. **Scott Burns (first two-year term)**
3. **Danny Contreras (first two-year term)**
4. **Zahida Carrera (first two-year term)**
5. **Alicia Sorkin (second two-year term)**

Candidates will be presented and election will be held at the Nov 2023 general membership meeting. Nominations from the floor will be accepted for qualified members. Members will vote for five candidates if nominations are accepted from the floor. Sebastian Aldana will remain, President ex officio as long as the president that replaced him is serving.

Zahida Carrera



Owner/CEO



I am honored and humbled to be part of the board that continues to promote friendship regardless of race, color, or ethnicity. As a board member I can offer leadership, honesty, and new ideas on how to continue to grow together and celebrate life.

Past Experience 06-2014- Present

Owner- Wealth Creation Agency, Financial Services, Greater Mortgage Solutions

Montecito Bank & Trust - 05/1995 to Sept 2005

Vault Teller / Operation Assistance / Mortgage Industry

Previous Board Member of.

Santa Barbara Mariachi Festival 6 years

NAHREP- National Association of Hispanic Real Estate 2 years.

Marti Correa-Garcia

Marti has been an active member of the Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta Sister City Committee since 1980. She was President in 1986 and again in 2003-2005. She has also been Treasurer numerous times. This organization is special because it helps her understand her Mexican roots.

Currently, Marti is an active member of the Rotary Club of Santa Barbara North, on the Board of Directors of the Friendship Center, La Vista Foundation and SoCal Sister Cities International. She came to Santa Barbara in 1977 and has served on numerous community non-profit organizations.



ALICIA SORKIN

I am running for a second two year term on the Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta Sister City Board. I taught Spanish at Santa Barbara High School for 18 years before retiring. Some of my students may have been your children or grandchildren. Prior to teaching, I worked in business. My background is Hispanic. I have family in Costa Rica. Naturally, this connection drew me to our Sister City. I have visited Puerto Vallarta several times over the past 3 years with the Sister City group and found myself amazed at the beauty of the city and the friendliness of its people. My aim is to continue working on the board to help plan for the future of this organization and to ensure that our special relationship with Puerto Vallarta continues for many more years.



Scott Burns

Scott first joined Santa Barbara/ Puerto Vallarta Sister Cities in 1987 and visited Puerto Vallarta the week after he joined Santa Barbara Sunrise Rotary, his next visit while he was President of the Goleta Chamber of Commerce in 1989. While his membership lapsed, he stayed active with other non-profits in the community. El Presidente of Old Spanish Days in 1999, and President of the Santa Barbara Sunrise Rotary Club in 2006. He has also been on the Santa Barbara County Children's Commission and a member of the Santa Barbara City Park and Rec commission.



Danny Contreras

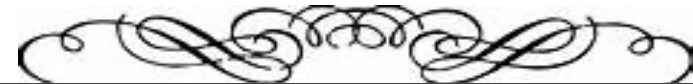
Danny has been a member of Santa Barbara/Sister Cities Group for many years. Danny is employed at Smardan Hatcher as a general manager. His experience in general business will be a bonus for our board. He and his wife Marcie are regular participants in our varied Sister City dinners and programs.

**Welcome to our
New Members
NEW MEMBERS**

Mike Delgado
Herminia R Estrada
Maria Galindo
Carmen Gutierrez
Gustavo Gutierrez
Ryan Landeros
Estela Mendez
Leticia Parra
Maria Ramirez
Luz Rocha
Arcelia Lopez Silva
Gloria Zarate
Stephanie Ramirez Zarate

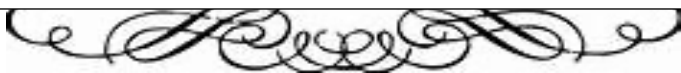
RENEWING MEMBERS

Maria Rene Gonzalez Rios
Carl Lovegren
Kathleen M Mendez
JulieAnn Robles
Nina Scarcello



Former President Janet Baker passed peacefully in her sleep late Sunday night. After a major heart attack she was placed at Serenity house under hospice care.

She would have celebrated her 100th birthday in January 2024.



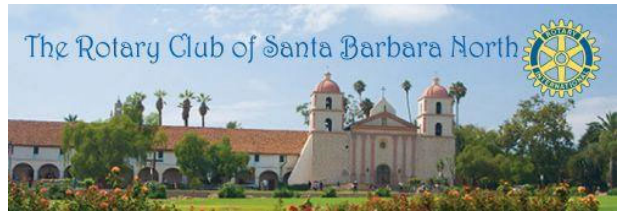
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Mexican food Truck

217 N. Milpas St. 9 am - 9 pm	524 N. Milpas St. 7 pm - 11:30 pm
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R.I.P.
Mia Lynette Ovando Joya
10/24/2017 – 8/7/2023
Little Mia was one of the children in the
w/Cancer Group. She was a beautiful
little angel.

