



DECEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta Sister City Committee



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Save the Date

**December Posada Dinner
Sunday, Dec. 17, 2023**

Venue: Moose Hall

Cost, Menu, TBD

**We are getting it together
We'll send an email with details.**

Sbpvsistercity805@gmail.com

Or leave message at 805-965-1573

Puerto Vallarta – a walk down the Malecon during the celebration of Dia de los Muertos with decorations with and catrinas. You will see many catrinas and Holy Muertos on the walk, including the PV Sister City Catrina at time stamp 10:20 on the video. This video is courtesy of 'Puerto Vallarta Net' an online magazine. For more information check out [our website](#).

**Corina Guizar
PuertoVallarta.net**

Copy and paste this link in your browser for a full walk down the Malecon:
https://www.puertovallarta.net/what_to_do/puerto-vallarta-malecon/#

Una Noche de las Posadas - Friday, December 8 from 7-10PM

See back page for this new event in conjunction with the Trust for Historic Preservation.

New Directors Elected for Board 2024 -2025

At our general meeting at Codys Café on Wednesday, Nov. 15, we conducted our election of officers for the upcoming two years. 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.

Board Members were elected by unanimous acclamation.

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)

Many thanks to our outgoing officers Gil Garcia, who termed out after serving four years; Sebastian Aldana who also served four years, but will remain on the board as Ex Oficio (Previous Past) until he is replaced by the next past president. Many thanks to Dr. Joe Mulvihill, for filling in an expired term.

Visit from Puerto Vallarta Regidor (Councilman) Pablo Rupert Gonzalez Andrade

Pablo ‘Rupert’ as he is known makes periodic visits to the US with his family and decided to come to Santa Barbara after meeting Gil in Puerto Vallarta. He said ”this is a man with a lot of knowledge and I should get to know him better.” After arriving Tuesday they toured the Mission and spent time with Gil and Marti . They returned Wednesday for breakfast/brunch. A few of us without family or work commitments were able attend.



His family is very delightful. I enjoyed meeting his daughters and son. The Mrs. (next to Lisa) was very sweet and artist in her on right. It was enjoyable meeting with the family on one to form a closer relationship.

Cruise for a Cause

Our annual fundraiser for the AFCC – Association for the Children with Cancer in Puerto Vallarta was very successful. Although due to scheduling changes the Cruise had to be moved to Friday, October 27, 2023 it was a great success. By all accounts it was a very warm night, (no jackets needed) and as the Condor was circling the Harbor the group watched the sun set and then watched as the moon rose.

The Cruise raised over \$2,370 with the inclusion of a donor that promised to match \$1000 if it could be matched by donations. The funds will be used to keep funding programs for the AFCC program.

Highlights from our 2023 Visit to Puerto Vallarta

Breakfast at the Malecon and at Sr Frog's is always a great beginning to our visit. Sr Frog's is at the opposite end of the Malecon to our hotel, so it makes for a leisurely walk back.



From left to right:

Performer,
With performers on either end, Margaret Saavedra, Pres. SB/PV; Irma Lorena Perez Copada de Coultas, Pres. PV/SB Sister City, Raul Coultas, spouse and board member of PV/SB and Lic. Christian Salvador Preciado Cázares, **Director of Tourism** and performer.

Breakfast with Mary Sanchez, Sylvia Mendoza, Mary Ruiz, Joe Ron Ruiz and Robert Sanchez





Sister City Catrina on the Malecon

This Catrina is a joint effort of both Sister Cities. Santa Barbara provided funds for the materials and the Puerto Vallarta did the construction. PV members: Paty Mora, was the seamstress, Heriberta Caballero, Treasurer PV/SB; Irma and Raul Coultas and Margaret Saavedra



Mary and Joe Ron Ruiz

Nena from PV and Nena Hidalgo from SB, Mike Delgado, Arwen Drain and Cheli Hidalgo



Dia de los Muertos

Visit to the Cemetery on Nov 2



Our dear friends Heri and Cuquis Caballero invited us to visit the tomb of their deceased mother, father and uncle.

They cleaned it strung up ‘papel picado’ and added fresh flowers in preparation for our visit. They also prepared a light repast of tacos and taquitos with salsa and pan de Muertos. The cemetery was filled with many families celebrating their deceased family members. It is a very heartfelt and touching way to remember our loved ones. It was an honor to be there with Heri and Cuquis and others of their family.



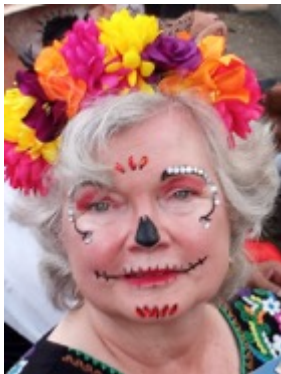
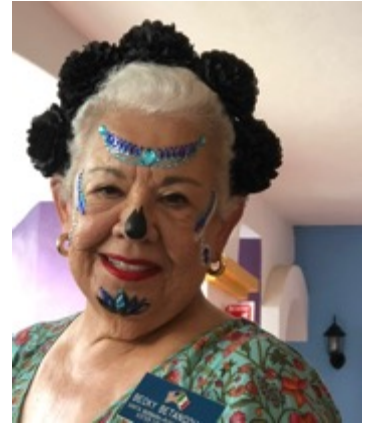
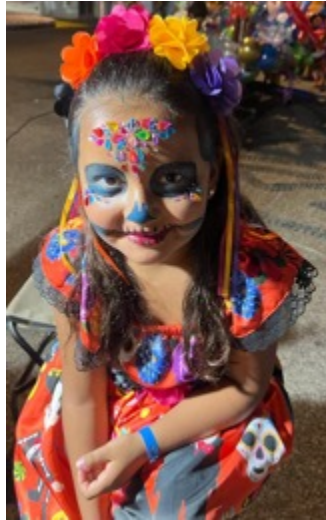
While we were there the Mayor was doing a walk thru and agreed to pose with us.

**Luis
Alberto
Michel
Rodríguez**
is in the
center

Cuquis Caballero is in sunglasses to the left and the mayor's wife and daughter and Heri is in pink on the far right with other members of our group.

Parade and Costume Contest

Puerto Vallarta Members got into the spirit!
Two excellent face painters were hired to
produce the exceptional results you see here!!!



Assorted ghouls, goblins, catrinas and scary
people ready for El Desfile de los Muertos.



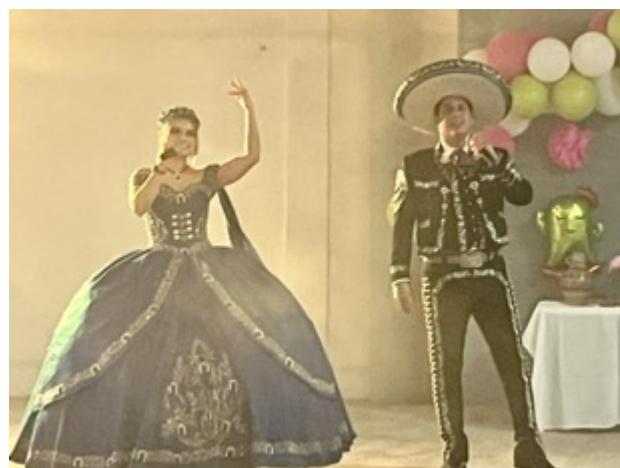
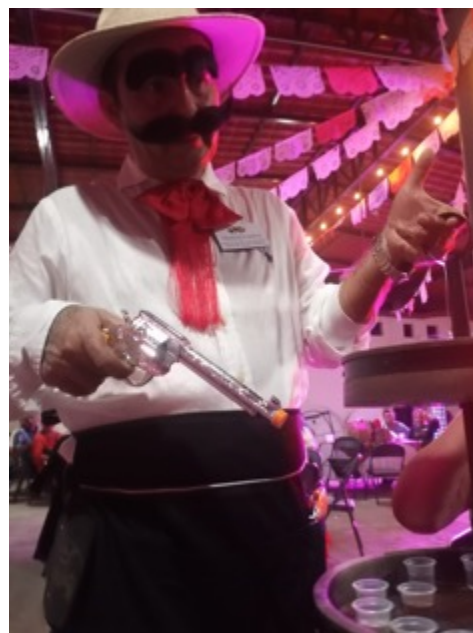
After the Desfile we had a light taco snack and had a Catrina Contest. Prize Winners below.

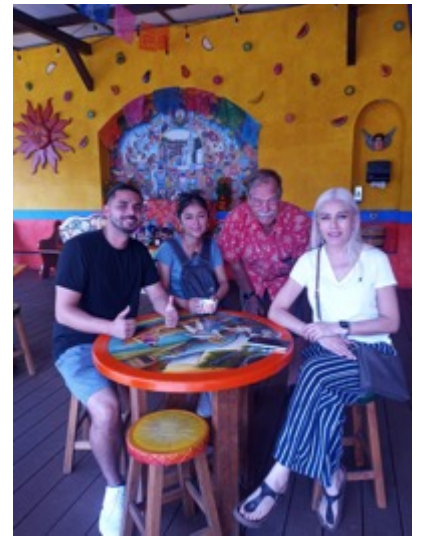


FRIDAY NIGHT CENA BAILE



Francisco from PV/SB group serving tequila shots!! He is also an excellent singer.





It was a good day of fishing for Mike Feeley. He donated the fish to Andales to prepare and offered a fish dinner for 50 pesos for members.





Boo Bash – Saturday Oct. 28, 2023

The BooBash Party was a family fun event for dogs, and kids in costume. The day was a joint effort of Santa Barbara Rotary North and Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta Sister City Group. Gifts were given to kids and pets registering for the contests. There was also a dog agility contest that was amazing. Yvonne Pedersen was the event co-ordinator.



Una Noche de las Posadas
Friday, Dec. 8 from 7-10PM
Begins at the Chapel at El Presidio de
Santa Bárbara
State Historic Park (123 East Canon
Perdido Street)

Join us for our Una Noche de Las Posadas ("The Inns") event, the cherished holiday tradition still observed throughout Latin America. In the evening, we'll embark on a procession from the Chapel at El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park to Casa de la Guerra, singing holiday songs in Spanish. Las Posadas is a reenactment of Mary and Joseph's search for lodging, a beloved tradition of seeking shelter and welcoming all.

Rudy's Presidio Mexican Restaurant will be co-sponsoring this event by serving free, traditional Posadas food at Casa de la Guerra where there will also be a night market. Come together with family and friends to share in the joy and unity that Las Posadas represents, as we celebrate the spirit of community.

The event begins 7:00pm at the Chapel at El Presidio de Santa Bárbara.

This is a free event. Free parking in the parking lot at 117 E Canon Perdido Street and also behind Panino at 834 Santa Barbara Street.

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