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Happy New Year!

2024

La Posada -Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation and Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta Sister City joined for this year's event in downtown Santa Barbara. It began with a blessing by a father at the Presidio Chapel on Dela Guerra Street and the procession and wound up State Street and through La Arcada Court back to the Casa De la Guerra Adobe. A large group of participants, including many members of SB/PV followed along. The procession was led by a burro and 3 young children portraying Mary and Joseph and an Angel. A group of musicians and singers followed along behind the children and burro.

At the end of our procession the large group of participants were presented a feast by Rudy Alvaro owner of Rudy's Restaurants in Santa Barbara. Thank you so much Don Rudy for the delicious meal.



No general meeting is planned for January 2024.

I hope all have had a happy and joyous Christmas celebration with your friends and family!

**We look forward to seeing you at our next general meeting in February 2024.
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Marti, Margaret and burro.



Our good friend Natasha with newly arrived Ukranian family getting acquainted with Mexican customs. They are displaying plates of chicken mole, rice and beans!! Yum

Cruise for a Cause



On Friday evening, October 27, 2023, more than 60 participants enjoyed our 3rd annual 2.5 hr. "Cruise for a Cause Fundraiser" along the Santa Barbara coast on the Condor Express. The proceeds benefit the P.V. nonprofit, Aid to Families of Children with Cancer (AFCC). Everyone enjoyed a tasty burrito, with chips and salsa and music by D.J Joey Desales. A picturesque full moon was seen to the East and a colorful sunset to the West, what a sight to see! Beautiful evening to say the least. Special thanks to our Emcee Drew Wakefield and the Oshay Family Foundation that donated \$1,000.00 providing it would be matched by other donors. With the generosity of 20 donors we surpassed the match. We must thank all our donors in alphabetical order. Aurora Marquez, Chuck Richardson, Dionisio Ramirez, Drew Wakefield, Gustavo Duran, Jose Martinez, Kenny Mendoza, Lourdes Aguilar, Manny Barajas, Margaret Saavedra, Maria`Nena" Hidalgo, Marti and Gil Garcia, Marisela Katsapis, Maria Peinado, Mike Hernandez, Robin Cederlof and Sebastian Aldana Jr. Thank you participants and donors for making this a successful event.

Submitted by Sebastian Aldana



Annual- La Posada Dinner Meeting Sunday Dec. 17th, 2023.

Our annual Christmas Celebration Dinner was a fun and delicious event. It was held at the Loyal Order of Moose Hall, that has a wonderful hardwood floor for dancing. We had a great turnout, about 70 members were present in their holiday finery. Our members enjoyed a meal of salad, chile rellenos, rice, beans and a homemade tamale. Hats off to Maria at the Moose Hall, she makes excellent chile rellenos and the rice and beans were good too. The tamales were made by a group of members interested in using our skills and passing on a little savings to our members. Dessert of 'pan mexicano' was donated by **La Tapatia Bakery** on upper Milpas Street. Many thanks to Salvador Vela, owner of La Tapatia.



We also conducted a silent auction and many thanks to Bob and Becki Betancourt, Cheli Hidalgo, Scott Burns, Bonie Carroll and others for the auction items. A special thanks to Maria Sanchez who actively sought out donations from local business for the bid items, including the donation from La Tapatia. Thank you to the members who bid and purchased our auction items.

Many thanks also to the ladies who facilitated in taking out food to the tables. Carmen Flores, Alma Vaja, Becky Bettencourt, Alma Soto, Marisela Katsapis, Maria Sanchz again and others I may not have have noted above. Thank You, thank you!!

Music was supplied by Joey Desales, our favorite deejay.



Flowers on a River: The Art of Chinese Flower-and-Bird Painting, 1368–1911

October 15, 2023 – January 24, 2024 Masterworks from Tianjin Museum and Changzhou Museum

Showcasing masterpieces of Chinese painting spanning 500 years, this exhibition marks the first showing of works traveling from China to the U.S. since the onset of the pandemic. The exhibition premiered at the China Institute Gallery in New York earlier this year, and SBMA is the presentation's second and final venue in the United States. SBMA offers a reduced presentation to focus on some of the most important works in the original exhibition, featuring 21 individual works and 17 artists.

Our members might be interested in this wonderful exhibit at our local SBMA.

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