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Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta

Sister City Committee



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General Meeting Dinner

March 6, 2024

Cody's Café

4898 Hollister @ Turnpike

Special Menu:

Corned beef and Cabbage

Pasta Primavera

Mahi Mahi w/rice and veggies

Meal includes salad, dessert,
choice of coffee, hot tea, iced tea.

Full service cocktail bar available

RSVP to:

Sbpvsistercity805@gmail.com

Or leave message at 805-965-1573

If you have to cancel your reservation, please advise as soon as possible. Three days notice is required if you need to cancel. If it is a same day cancellation, you will be charged for the cost of the meal as it was ordered.



I Madonnari in Puerto Vallarta was the weekend of February 9, 10, 11, 2024. Our sister city in Puerto Vallarta sponsored the highly successful event. This the 14th year of the festival since our Sister City took the event to Puerto Vallarta in 2010. Photos of art work will be interspersed throughout this newsletter.

Swearing in the 2024 Board of Directors

The swearing in was conducted by past president, Blas Garza at our February 7, 2024 general meeting at Cody's Café.

It was a very successful meeting. Members shared their own personal Valentine love story. Some had happy memories to share, some were funny and some were bittersweet.



Sebastian Aldana, past Pres., Danny Contreras and Zahida Cabrera



Danny Contreras, Zahida Cabrera, Scott Burns, Alicia Sorkin, Cheli Hidalgo, Margaret Saavedra, with Blas Garza giving the oath of office.



Left:
Scott and
Lisa Burns

Right:
Luz Maria
Ortiz de
Smith and
E. Russel
Smith



More art from Puerto Vallarta I Madonnari





March General Meeting at Cody's Café

Please show your Irish and wear green. For fun, bring a photo of yourself, or with your significant other, when you were young, about 21 or so. We will provide a place to post and run a contest. The person that with the best number of guesses of who's in the photo will win \$10 in opportunity drawing tickets.

Program: Presentation of SCI - Sister City International
YAAS - Young Author and Artist Showcase.

Weihai Sister City Lunar New Year Dinner Saturday, February 17, China Pavilion Restaurant



Weihai Pres. Shawlee King (xzhangking)
w/ SB/PV Pres. Margaret Saavedra phot by Bonnie Carrol



Familiar faces, Jill Stassinis of Weihai Sister Cities,
Alicia Sorkin, Bonnie Carroll of SB/PV, photo by
Bonnie Carroll



Many SB/PV members in attendance. Delicious food served family style. Photo by Bonnie Carrol

Get Well Wishes

Cheli Hidalgo is recovering from a rotor cuff surgery she had early in January. She was severely incapacitated for about two weeks during which time her sister 'Nena' Hidalgo came to stay with her. She helped her with everyday tasks, but unfortunately had to return home. **Yay for Sisters!!** Cheli is now on her own and is lucky to have her dear, dear friends from Sister Cities to check in on her. Cheli is a trooper, she still came to our February meeting and gathered her friends to handle reservations and payments for our dinner. She can drive now and is back to attending committee meetings! Yeah for Cheli!!

Where is Norma Aldana?? In her own words "Well I had a fall breaking 5 ribs in December. February, I finally had knee surgery. My husband has been my caretaker. I want to say I am a happy wife, my husband has been very attentive to me. I am very grateful, not many husbands would do what he had to endure with my injuries. He's a keeper. Norma Aldana. We wish you a swift recovery! You have to be ready to go to Greece!

Bonnie Carroll also recently suffered some injuries from a fall. Get well soon! We look forward to seeing you up and around at our meetings.

LIFETIME MEMBERS

Gil & Marti de Correa Garcia
Gary & Debora Petlow

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Leticia Cabrera
Ma. del Refugio (Kiki)
Cardenas
Juan Madrigal
Claudia Ornelas

RENEWING MEMBERS

Lourdes Aguilar	Cheli Hidalgo
Mary T Alsip	Joe and Alice Sykes Lanza
Chuck & Silvia Butler	Raveewan Livesley
Robin Cederlof	Aurora Adela Marquez
Yvonne Chen	Hermelinda "Mely" Martel
Esperanza de los Rios	Olga Martel
Teresa M. Dorado	Dennis & Yolanda Merenbach
Carmen Flores	Gloria Leticia Ortiz
Mary Frink	Maria Peinado
Mima Garcia	Margaret Saavedra
Blas & Mary Garza	Maria Sanchez
Connie Goertz	Rosemary Santillan
Mike Hernandez	Josie Schreier
Maria Elena (Nena) Hidalgo	Alicia Sorkin
	Wanda Wheelan

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