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Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta Sister City Committee



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Annual Visitation to Puerto Vallarta 12/2 – 11, 2024



Photo by Lisa Burns

The Playa Los Arcos Hotel is located in the old town part of Puerto Vallarta. They have been our hosts for over 30 years.

Our PV members arranged many activities, including a dinner at the Government Center, an afternoon lunch at the Fisherman's Club, breakfast at the River Cafe and much more.

We also had the opportunity to visit the Red Cross and a DIF Facility "Desarrollo de Infantil de Familias"

This year our visit included visits to the El Mariposario (a Butterfly sanctuary), the Jardin Botanico, Aguas Thermales and many more activities.



No General Meeting
for January 2025
Stay tuned for information on
February General Meeting

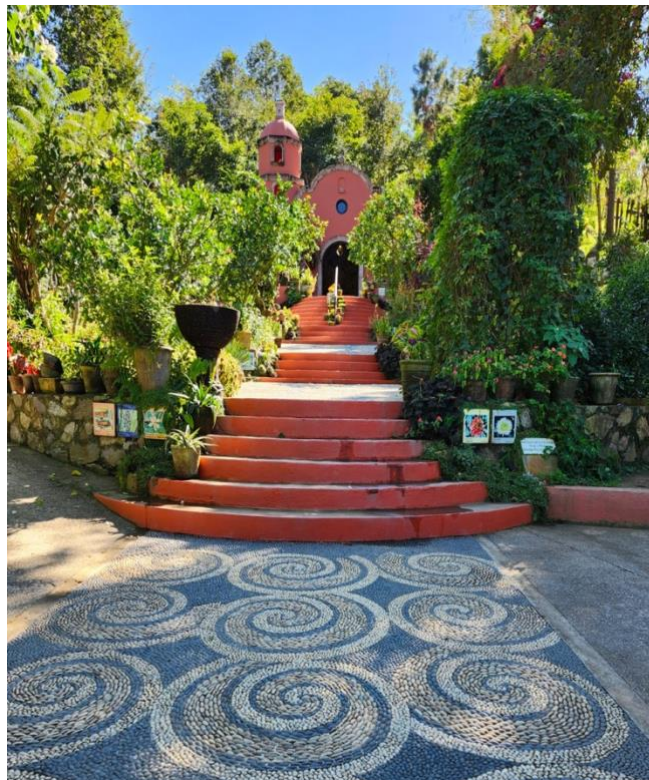
El Mariposario – A new activity in Puerto Vallarta. It was one of the many highlights of this year’s visitation. .



Photo
Laura
Smit



A trip to the Jardin Botanico and their gift shop is always a joy to the new and returning members.





Breakfast Buffet at 'El Nogalito" an Ecological Park. Laura Smit taking advantage the outdoor facilities at the Eco Park. For shy patrons there are facilities with a door available!! Lisa Burns taking a selfie with a resident of the park. Photo of yours truly by Maria Alatorre, a deaf and non-speaking young woman who earns income as a server and by taking photos of visitors



In honor of the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Dec. 12, we participate in a "Pilgrimage" to the church dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe. Pilgrimages are made over the course of 12 day by church and youth groups, sports teams, business, etc.



Let the Party Begin
Good times and General Silliness



Visit to the Red Cross in Puerto Vallarta

This wall plaque is in the lobby, commemorating the donation of hospital equipment. The Co. of Santa Barbara had a hospital in storage and it was deemed unneeded back in 1988. It was shipped to PV and much of the hospital equipment is still in use, even now!!



NUESTRO RECONOCIMIENTO
AL COMITE DE
CIUDADES HERMANAS,
SANTA BARBARA
PUERTO VALLARTA
POR SU VALIOSA AYUDA.
CRUZ ROJA MEXICANA
DELEGACION PTO. VALLARTA.
DIC - 10 - 1988.



Our visit to DIF

DIF is a government program to provide occupational and physical therapy to low income residents of Puerto Vallarta. We were impressed with the level and amount of services that are available at this downtown location. There is speech therapy, counseling, and pediatric services on many levels and a pool for aquatic therapy. We met a young mother whose daughter has Cerebral Palsy and she travels 2 hours each way to get therapy for her daughter. A physical therapist in our group is offering to help her with exercises to do at home to reduce number of trips.

What does the Red Cross do in Puerto Vallarta???

- They have trained Paramedics that go out on emergency calls.
- They are an alternative to private ambulance services.
- They provide First Aid.
- They house a clinic and provide medical care to the poorest of the population.
- They provide emergency supplies in the event of a fire, flood or earthquake.
- They accept clothing, medical supplies and any equipment that they acquire.

IF YOU HAVE ANY MEDICAL SUPPLIES, SMALLER MEDICAL EQUIPMENT (i.e blood pressure monitor) etc. clothing. Please contact us and we can arrange to ship to the Red Cross.



Reception for Artist Javier Niño

We were honored to be invited to a private reception to see Javier Niño's work. He has a home and studio at 'Arte Vallarta Gallery' a few blocks from our hotel. Many examples of his work were on display in the home he shares with Natalia Hurling, an artist in her own right. Their home is truly an art gallery with paintings and pottery, the restroom doors feature pictures of Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera. These are only a few of his many delightful pictures! We toured and were able to see others of his art work at the Arte Vallarta Museum on Saturday night.



Gil Garcia, Javier Niño and Raoul Coultas, member of PV/SB group.



A very popular motif!!



My personal favorite



**Sorry to hear you are not well.
We're praying for you to get well soon.**

Barbara Najera,

Elvia Rivero

Richard Axelrod

Gloria Berumen

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Membership Renewal for 2025

Your annual membership ends on Dec. 31. The membership cost remains at \$35.00 per person. Please be sure to notify of any change in your contact information.

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