



2025 MAY NEWSLETTER

Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta Sister City Committee



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Puerto Vallarta Sister City Members Have More Fun!!



Look at all the smiling faces from our April general meeting at the Mental Wellness Center.

We had a singing chef: Mayo Villalpando

Mayo also provided an excellent meal.

So hurry and join us, so you can avoid "FOMO".

General Meeting Dinner Wed. May 14, 2025

Cody's Cafe

4898 Hollister Ave.

Turnpike Shopping Center

6:00 – 8:30 pm

Menu

Salmon

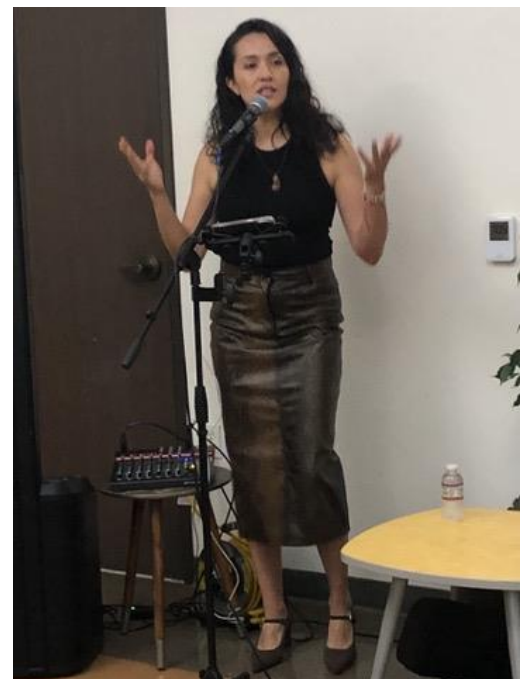
Roast Beef

Vegetarian by request

\$35.00 /\$40 non members

RSVP early to:

sbpvsistercity805@gmail.com



Adriana Reyna provided musical entertainment for our dinner. She is a group favorite and has a great repertoire of songs.

Adams School Ocean Sealife Mural

This mural is a project by Emiliano Campobello, a local artist. It was a joint project by SB/PV Sister City, Children's Creative Project and Santa Barbara Rotary North and in cooperation with NOAA. Each student chose an ocean sea creature to research and then created it and then it was placed in this mural. The mural was unveiled April 9, 2025.



Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta Sister City is a prizewinning organization.

We have awards to prove it!! Each one is a testament to the positive and enriching work we do for Sister Cities International and Puerto Vallarta.



There are more but we don't have enough space to picture them all and we would be embarrassed to put them all in the Newsletter!! We don't want to toot our own horn!!

March General Meeting Mardi Gras Celebration

Members had a great time celebrating Mardi Gras. Our delicious meal of tri-tip and chicken was catered by Richard Tingstrom of “Tinkers”!



The winner of the costume contest was the lady in the center wearing black and white wearing a large golden sun ornament. Do you agree??

Our dinner meeting was held at the Direct Relief International headquarters in Goleta on March 5, 2025. Members had a great time celebrating Mardi Gras in costume and some in spirit.



More smiles and happy faces! Mike Hernandez and Claudia Alvarado on the left and Danny and Marcie Contreras on the right.



Annual Trip to Puerto Vallarta

By popular request we are planning a change in the format of our usual trip to Puerto Vallarta. This year we plan to spend five days in PV and travel, perhaps to visit other cities, such as Tequila en route to Guadalajara.
Standby for further information and costs.

YOUNG AUTHORS AND ARTISTS SHOWCASE FRIENDSHIP: THE HEART OF GLOBAL PEACE

The Young Authors and Artist Showcase is sponsored by Sister Cities. It is an opportunity for young between the ages of 13 – 18 to submit works of art, poetry or digital entries on a theme chosen by SCI. It is always inspiring and incredible to see the art submitted by these young people. A reception is held at the Santa Barbara County Education Office Auditorium, this year it was on Thursday, April. Many students were present with family members to receive recognition for their entries and the winners received a cash award.

This year we had an international flavor with entries, art works and poetry received from Weihai Experimental High School, Weihai Crown Middle School, and Weihai Wanghaiyuan Middle School. These were submitted by Santa Barbara's Weihai China Sister City Group.



Takako Wakita of the Toba, Japan Sister City and Margaret Saavedra, Chair of City of SB Sister Cities Advisory Board.



First place winner in classic art with Dr. Susan Salcido.



First Place Winner – Poetry
Orchard of Youth

Many thanks to Dr Susan Salcido, Superintendent of Santa Barbara County Education Office for becoming our partner in the Young Author's and Artist Showcase. Special thanks to the staff of Children's Creative Project (CCP), Kelly Mitchell, Kai Tepper and Yoseline Gonzalez.

See more on the Youth Showcase at:
<https://www.edhat.com/author/bonnie-carroll/>

2nd Place - 2 Dimensional Art - The Light Within



If you did not attend our general meeting dinner at the Mental Wellness Center, you can still support their lifesaving services.

You can participate in the 'Peace of Mind Winery Walk and Fundraiser' on May 17th at the spectacular Alma Rosa Ranch and Vineyards. Most importantly, our sponsorship today will be matched dollar for dollar by Alma Rosa Winery's proprietors, Bob and Barb Zorich, doubling the impact of Rotary Club and Sister Cities' support!

Please consider participating in this exciting event!

Coming Events:

MAY 2025

- 5/11/25 Mother's Day
- 5/14/25 SB/PV General Membership Dinner – Cody's Café
- 5/21/25 Board of Director's Meeting
- 5/23-26 I Madonnari Italian Street Painting Festival - Artist from PV arrive

MEMORIAL DAY WEEK-END

JUNE 2025

- 6/8/25 – Sunday 6:00 p.m SB/PV Monthly General Membership Dinner Friendship Center outdoor courtyard, 89 Eucalyptus Lane, Montecito Hawaiian Theme"
- 6/11/25 Board of Director's Meeting
- 6/15/25 Father's Day

JULY 2025 –

- 7/2 – 8 Tentative Visitation from Puerto Vallarta to Santa Barbara
- July 4th – Independence Day
- 7/9/25 Wed. Board of Directors Meeting
- 7/13/25 Sunrise Rotary Club Dolphin Derby – Chase Palm Park
- 7/27/25 SB-Miraflores – Peruvian Independence Day – Manning Park

AUGUST 2025

- 7/30/25 thru 8/03/25 **VIVA LA FIESTA** - support de la Guerra Food Booths sponsored by SB/PV!
- 8/3/25 Veteran's Fiesta Breakfast 8 – 12 noon by SB/PV Sister City & Amer. Legion Post 49
- 8/13 SB/PV Board of Director's Meeting
- 8/23 Sunday - *SB/Patras Wine Tasting @ Firestone Winery. – "Do No Harm" plays*



Join us for the Walk of the Year

Saturday, May 17th at Alma Rosa Vineyards and Ranch
7250 Santa Rosa Road, Buellton, CA 93427

Enjoy a gorgeous stroll through the rolling hills and natural beauty of the exclusive Alma Rosa Vineyards while raising money for Mental Wellness Center and mental health research! Then, a magical respite awaits at the Walk's conclusion where you'll enjoy:

- Wine tastings of five esteemed Santa Ynez Valley wineries
- Good-time blues and rag music by popular guitar and harmonica duo Tom Ball & Kenny Sultan
- Delicious food for purchase by Santa Barbara Food Connection
- Non-alcoholic beverages to rehydrate

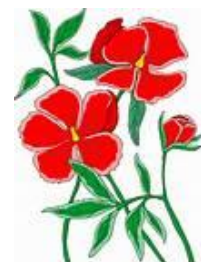
To sign up or learn more, scan the QR code or contact
Yvonne 805-705-4887, EventsByYvonneSB@gmail.com

8am
Walk Check-in/Raffle

9am
Walk Begins

12:30pm
Event Concludes

\$60 per person
\$50 when you sign up
by April 15th



Board of Directors 2025

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Don't forget to renew your membership for 2025.
You can renew at the May Dinner.



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