



2025 JULY NEWSLETTER

Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta

Sister City Committee



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Santa Barbara,

Puerto Vallarta Celebrates 53 years of Partnership with Santa Barbara.

Thanks to these people, Sister Cities exists, and to all those who have joined it and given their help and effort. THANK YOU VERY MUCH for 53 Year

Francisco Garcia, President Puerto Vallarta Club.



This year's visit from Puerto Vallarta has been cancelled.

Our friends from Puerto Vallarta informed us about 2 weeks ago that there will not be an official visit to Santa Barbara this year. They cited personal reasons and insufficient time to invite government officials. We are very disappointed!

We look forward to seeing our friends on our visit to Puerto Vallarta this December.

**No General Meeting
For July**

**Save the date
August 3, 2025
FIESTA PANCAKE
BREAKFAST
VETERAN'S MEMORIAL BLDG.
CABRILLO BLVD.**

Puerto Vallarta Sister City Members Having Fun!! June General Meeting at Friendship Center



Our membership June membership meeting was held on June 14th at the Friendship Center in Montecito. Our hosts were Kathryn Westland, Executive Director and Deysi Herrera, DEIA and Wellness Coordinator. The Friendship Center provides Adult Day Services. Our members gathered in the very pleasant center patio. The Center has rooms around the patio providing space for bingo, meetings, movies, dining and other needs. You may remember Deysi from our May meeting where she spoke to us about the “Herencia Latina” program on Wednesday for seniors at the Friendship Center.

Kathryn spoke about their program and invited members to come and visit and find out about their services. The Friendship Center works with families towards making it an affordable option for seniors requiring extra care.



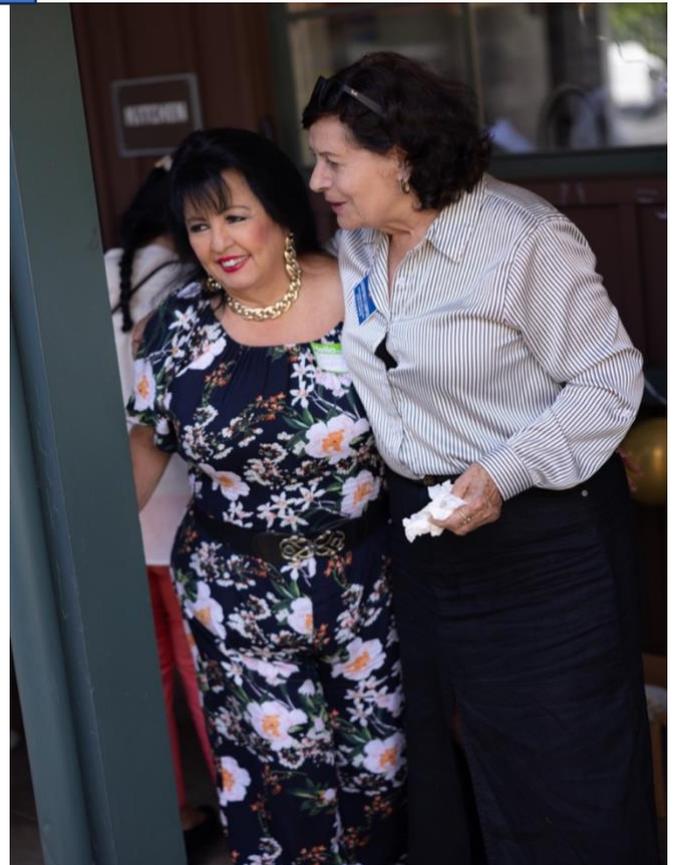
**All photos provided by
Viktoriiia Kontsedailo**
Vika is professional photographer
and a close and personal friend
Ukrainian friend of Gil and Marti.



Villanueva Catering provided the excellent meal.
Members were pleased with the delicious offerings.
We will invite them back!
Villanueva Catering - 805-612-0361
Or esp. 805-512-2938



Rose Garcia O'Dea and Maria Garcia



Josefina Campos/new member Maricela Juarez

Marti and Gil presenting a generous donation to Kathryn for the Friendship Center



Ice Cream for Dessert anyone??

SANTA BARBARA SISTER CITY COMMITTEE VISITATION

Dates: December 1 – 11, 2025

Updated 6/21/25

TENTATIVE ITINERARY

Date	Day	Approx. Time	ACTIVITY
12/1/25	Monday	5:30 AM	Santa Barbara Airbus - to LAX
		10:30 AM	Alaska Airlines flight #AS1418
		3:47 PM	Arrive Guadalajara Airport
			transfer to Hotel Mendoza
		7:30 PM	Dinner at Empalizada de Solomillo - buffet included
12/2/25	Tuesday	TBD	Buffet breakfast included at Hotel
			GUADALAJARA HISTORIC CENTER TOUR:
		10:00 AM	Government Palace & Metropolitan Cathedral
		12:00 PM	La Chata - lunch included
		2:00 PM	Degollado theater
		4:00 PM	Hotel break
		6:00 PM	Dinner at Santo Coyote (not included)
		8:00 PM	Return to Hotel
12/3/25	Wednesday	TND	Buffet breakfast included at Hotel
		10:00 AM	Cabanas Cultural Institute (guided tour)
		1:00 PM	Lunch in Tlaquepaque - El Patio Buffet included
		3:00 PM	Stroll along 'Calle Independencia'
		5:30 PM	Dinner at El Abajeno (not included)
		8:00 PM	Return to Hotel
12/4/25	Thursday		FREE DAY
12/5/25	Friday	TBD	Buffet breakfast included at Hotel
		8:30 AM	Tequila Tour
			Tequila Village; Agave Field; Distillery+Tasting
			Lunch in Tequila - buffet included
		6:00 PM	Dinner at Taqueria Guadalajara (not included)
12/6/25	Saturday	TBD	Buffet breakfast included at Hotel

			OPTIONAL TOURS (see attached)
12/7/25	Sunday	TBD	Buffet breakfast included at Hotel
		9:00 AM	Hotel check-out
		10:00 AM	Departure to Puerto Vallarta

Date	Day	Approx.Time	ACTIVITY
12/7/25	Sunday	2:00 PM	Arrive at Hotel Playa Los Arcos
12/8/25	-12/10/25		No itinerary for Puerto Vallarta as yet. A full itinerary of this part of the trip will be provided when it is available.
12/11/25	Thursday	11:00 PM	Brunch at Andales Resturant
		1:00 PM	Depart to Puerto Vallarta Airport
		4:30 PM	Depart PV Alaska Airlines Flight #AS0444
		5:30 PM	Arrive LAX
		7:30 PM	Santa Barbara Airbus for Santa Barbara
		10:30 PM	Arrive in Santa BarbaEstra

<i>Estimated Cost</i>	
Airbus/ Airfare to Guadalajara / Return to LAX.	\$575
Hotels Guadalajara/Puerto Vallarta	\$935
Activity Fee	\$ 90
Trip Donation	<u>\$200</u>
Total Estimated Cost	\$1800.00

August 25, 2025	Payment to cover air and Airbus	\$575 per person
Sept. 25, 2025	2nd payment due	\$625
Nov. 5, 2025	Final payment due	\$600

If you would like to mail payment, please send a check or credit card info (2% fee for credit card) and include a copy of your passport.

Mail to SB/PV Sister City
P.O. Box 3718, Santa Barbara, CA. 93130

A single room option is available, for pricing contact Marti @ marti@gilgarcia-aia.com, Margaret @ lk4maggie@gmail.com or Gil @ gil@gilgarcia-aia.com.



Membership Report
139 renew; 16 New
total 155 paid members 2025.

RENEWING MEMBERS
Michael Feeley
Cecilia Fabulich
Luz Rocha
ANTONIO & MARTHA
Rodriguez

New Member:
Margarita Alvarado
Maricela Juarez

Coming Events:

JULY 2025 –

- 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 , 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**

Board of Directors 2025

- Marti Garcia de Correa, President
- Danny Contreras- 1st V. Pres
- Maria Sanchez – 2nd V.Pres
- Gary Petlow, Treasurer
- Luz Maria Ortiz, Corresponding Scty.
- Bonnie Carrol
- Jacqueline Duran
- Alma Soto
- Alicia Sorkin
- Claudia Alvarado.
- Margaret Saavedra, Recording Scty. & President Ex Oficio
- Newsletter Editor Since November 2022
- Newsletter published once per month,



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



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