



# 2025 AUGUST NEWSLETTER

## Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta Sister City Committee



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Santa Barbara, California

**Annual FIESTA ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT Pancakes Only \$15 Breakfast**

Active Duty Personnel eat for free!

**SAT, AUG 2  
SUN, AUG 3  
0800 TO NOON**

Breakfast includes one serving of Eggs, Sausage, Coffee, and Orange

**SANTA BARBARA**  
Veterans Memorial Building  
112 W. Cabrillo Blvd.  
Santa Barbara, CA

THIS EVENT HELPS SUPPORT VETERAN OUTREACH AND OTHER NEEDS.

**Sunday August 3, 2025**  
**FIESTA PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
**VETERAN'S MEMORIAL BLDG.**  
**112 W. CABRILLO BLVD.**

*Viva la Fiesta*

Join us Sunday morning for more Fiesta. We are partnering with the American Legion to support their fundraising for Veterans outreach.

**Contreras Flamenco Arts Studio** will perform for us again and we will also have the **Mariachi Fiesta Alegre**. Come for a good time and for the all you can eat pancakes with one serving of eggs, sausage, coffee and orange juice.

It was a great event last year and a sellout.

**We have tickets available. Text Marti at 805-680-2163 or Margaret at 805-708-0770 for tickets.**

**No General Meeting  
For August**

### Mini PV Visitation

Although the official visit was cancelled, two longtime members Hery Caballero and Cuquis Caballero had tickets so they came anyway. Gil and Marti hosted them for their stay, however several members stepped up to drive them to see the sights and go shopping!! A welcoming potluck was quickly arranged at the home of the Garcia's on Monday night for a few friends. Hery and Cuquis felt very honored by the attention and sincerely appreciated the small gatherings of friends. It turned out to be a real vacation and it gave them a real close up view of how our committee works cooperatively.



Photo courtesy of Bonnie Carroll

## 2025 SANTA BARBARA SISTER CITY COMMITTEE VISITATION

Dates: December 1 – 11, 2025

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12/1/25	Airbus to LAX to Guadalajara – 6 nights in Guadalajara
12/7/25	Guadalajara to Puerto Vallarta - 4 nights in Puerto Vallarta
12/11/25	Return to LAX, Santa Barbara

Space is limited, to reserve your spot, please send your deposit no later than August 25, 2025.

Please include a copy of your passport with your initial payment.

Hotels are quoted at double occupancy.

Single room options are available. Please contact names listed below for pricing.

<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 airfare and Airbus	\$575 per person
Sept. 25, 2025	2 <sup>nd</sup> payment due	\$625
Nov. 5, 2025	Final payment due	\$600

To send payment by mail, send a check or credit card info  
(2% fee for credit card)

Include a copy of your passport.

Mail to: SB/PV Sister City

P.O. Box 3718, Santa Barbara, CA. 93130

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### New Badge for 2025

We are changing our membership badge from this point on. New members and any one replacing their badge will receive this new style. The cost to make our previous badges had gone up to \$13.00 and the added flag ornament on old badges seemed to keep falling off. This new badge is a metal alloy and the flags are scribed on to the front. These have a bright blue border and these appear sturdy and durable.

**DID YOU KNOW??**

When the “1000 year floods” hit Texas, do you know who the first persons to arrive to provide aid were?? This was days before any help came from the U.S. government.

**POST FROM THE RED CROSS:** The Cruz Roja Mexicana (Mexican Red Cross) has deployed a group of highly skilled volunteers to Texas as part of their assistance to the relief efforts coordinated by the American Red Cross, where more than 2,000 disaster workers are already on the ground with hundreds more expected to arrive in coming days. The cadre of Mexican volunteers are supporting sheltering and distribution efforts, while also connecting with Spanish-speaking disaster survivors to keep them informed about support available to them. Rojas and his teammates are not the only volunteers who want to help. More are planning to arrive from the Mexican Red Cross to assist in distributions and other relief activities. Once the current group’s 20-day rotation has concluded, they will be replaced by a second round of seasoned disaster responders eager to assist. Many of the volunteers came from a city 140 miles away. Civil Protection and Fire Department of Ciudad Acuña, Coahuila, and the nonprofit organization Fundación 911. Their deployment was made independently, in response to a request from the U.S.-based organization Texas EquuSearch, and was not coordinated by the Mexican federal government.



**Training Symposium**  
**Tamazula, Jalisco Mexico**  
 INTERNATIONAL FIREFIGHTERS TRAINING ASSOCIATION (IFTA)  
 July 10, 11, 12, 2025  
 TAMAZULA, JALISCO  
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**Simposio de Capacitación**  
**Tamazula, Jalisco Mexico**  
 INTERNATIONAL FIREFIGHTERS TRAINING ASSOCIATION (IFTA)  
 10, 11, 12 DE JULIO 2025  
 TAMAZULA, JALISCO  
 Conducción de aparatos de bomberos, seguridad y técnicas  
 Hidráulica, tipos de camiones de bomberos y bombas  
 Hidráulica aplicada a incendios  
 Mecánica de fluidos y estática de fluidos  
 Hidrostática, hidrodinámica y potencia de fluidos  
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July 10, 11 and 12, 2025  
 TAMAZULA, JALISCO  
 The International Firefighters Training Association is hosting a Driver Operator Training Class in Tamazula, Jalisco for Firefighters in the surrounding communities



**Have you heard the story about “When Gil and Marti went on vacation to Mexico?” Word got around!!**

Members Maria Sanchez, Angelica Cipriano, Leticia Ortiz accompanied them on their trip. On July 20 the group met with Sister City committee from Temixco, Morelos. Pedro Medrano (with the hat) is a part time resident of Santa Barbara. In this visit he mentioned the groceries program the they run with Federal Government provided food at low cost.



Meeting with Dr. Sandra Meneses of the municipality of Temixco and Pedro Medrano, president of Temixco Sister City Committee



The group also met with the mayor of Jantetelco, Morelos, and the director of civil protection for the state of Morelos, Ubaldo González, to discuss matters related to firefighting and civil protection teams.



Too many more photos to add of visits with various mayors, firefighter and civil protection authorities from Morelos including state government officials.

### Membership Report

Total: 158 paid members 2025.

#### RENEWING MEMBERS

Zahaida Carrera and  
Hector Valerio



Hugs kisses and thanks to:

Cheli Hidalgo who waited at the airport when the flight was delayed for hours. Lucrezia Mendez and Gloria Berumen who took Hery and Cuquis shopping. On Sunday, Margaret drove to the casino where we met Marisela Katsapis for lunch. Marisela toured the ladies in Solvang. They really, really enjoyed their visit. Hery and Cuquis were excellent house guests, preparing breakfast each day and doing any necessary cleaning and gardening.

Thanks Marti and Gil!!!

Coming Events:

#### **JULY 2025 –**

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. Cancelled~~

9/14 **Mexican Independence Day Celebration. Friendship Center**  
12/21/25 - **Posada Celebration**  
Moose Hall

#### **Board of Directors 2025**

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Maria Sanchez – 2<sup>nd</sup> V.Pres

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