



# 2025 OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

## Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta Sister City Committee



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**¡GRACIAS!**  
SANTA BARBARA/PUERTO VALLARTA SISTER CITY COMMITTEE  
Sunday, September 14, 2025



**Mexican Independence Day CELEBRATION!**




*@TereJurado805*

Santa Barbara/ Puerto Vallarta Sister City Committee  
*Presents*  
**5th Annual  
Cruise For  
A Cause**



Saturday Oct. 11th | Meet at 3:00PM  
3:30-6:00PM | 301 West Cabrillo

**\$75  
Tickets**

- No-Host Bar (ID Required)
- Silent Auction
- Complementary Lunch
- Raffle Prizes
- DJ & Dance Floor

CRUISE ALONG THE SANTA BARBARA COAST TO BENEFIT AID TO FAMILIES OF CHILDREN WITH CANCER IN PUERTO VALLARTA, MX

Info and Tickets at  
805-965-1573  
sbpvsistercity805@gmail.com




**NO GENERAL MEETING  
For October  
Please sign up and join us  
on  
“Cruise For A Cause”**

Top Photo: Kathryn Westland, Exec. Dir. Friendship Center, Gil Garcia, Marti Correa de Garcia, Tere Jurado, SB Eastside Society

Bottom Photo:  
A decade of Presidents of Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta Sister Cities.  
From left: Carlos Velasco, Marti Correa de Garcia, current President; Gil Garcia, Margaret Saavedra, immediate Past President, Blas Garza and Sebastian Aldana.

All photos by Rey Peñaloza



We had a beautiful day for our Mexican Independence Day celebration at the Friendship Center in Montecito. A big thank you to Tere Jurado, of the SB Eastside Society. Tere led us in a very stirring "Grito de Independencia"



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Comité de Ciudad Hermana Santa Bárbara/Puerto Vallarta

START DATE: 01/SEP/25

Duration: 3 months

**MANICURE Y PEDICURE SPA**

**MONDAY**  
4:00 PM A 7:00PM

RECOVERY FEE  
**\$550.00 PESOS**

DOES NOT INCLUDE MATERIALS

"Turn personal care into a business opportunity."

START DATE: 04/SEP/25

Duration: 5 weeks

**EYEBROW STRAIGHTENING AND EYELASH LIFTING**

**THURSDAY**  
4:00 PM A 7:00PM

RECOVERY FEE  
**\$400.00 PESOS**

DOES NOT INCLUDE MATERIALS

"Train yourself, undertake, evolve."

**IDEFT**  
Instituto de Formación para el Trabajo del Estado de Jalisco

In partnership with the Jalisco State Institute for Job Training. Courses endorsed by the Ministry of Education (SEP). You will receive a certificate upon completion.

Requirements: Completed application, Proof of Address, Copy of INE and CURP

Registration is open until August 20th or until places are filled.  
Dr. Mike Lemus 150, Zona Hotelera, Zona Hotelera Nte., 48314 Puerto Vallarta, Jal. ☎️ **322 101 1367**

## Scholarships available for the Mothers of Children with Cancer (AFCC).

This program is offered by the Jalisco State Institute for Job Training. Courses endorsed by the Ministry of Education (SEP). Students will receive a certificate upon completion. This program is an opportunity to help provide income for the AFCC families.

The total cost of both courses and materials is \$130 USD. We have asked members if they would be willing to help one family by paying for the cost of the program. Ten members of our SB/PV members have stepped up and offered to support a family. It is our hope that members will form a relationship with these mothers and will continue to offer support along this journey.

*"Promoting peace through mutual respect, understanding and cooperation-one individual, one community at a time. "*

### UPDATE 9/20/2025

Below is a list of 10 Mothers and families of Children with cancer that are sponsored by SB/PV Sister City members \$138 for their self-sustainability course.

There are 4 more families that need a sponsor. Maybe we can promote this on the cruise for a cause and put in the newsletter.

1. **Marti & Gil - Familia Hernández García & child**
2. **Robert Hernandez – Familia Elizabeth Ramirez Cardona & child**
3. **Marisela Katsapis & Mary Lou Ornelas – Familia Diana Hernandez, husband Juan, 3 children**
4. **Bobby & Becky – Familia Clarisa Diaz Ramirez with 2 children**
5. **Luz Maria Ortiz and E Russell Smith – Familia Mary de Luz her husband and 2 children, 1 grandson**
6. **Zahida Carrera – Family Diana & Juan with 4 children**
7. **Sebastian and Norma Aldana - Familia Aldana de los Santos with 2 Children**
8. **Alma Soto - Familia Adriana and Son**
9. **Jdvisory acqueline Duran - Familia Silvia Cedano with 4 children**
10. **Mike Hernandez – Familia Liliana Guiton – Single mother with 4 children**

### Flying out of SBA?

Changes are coming to Santa Barbara Sister Cities Map at the Santa Barbara Airport. The map has long been out of date and the Sister Cities Advisory Board recently contracted with member and local artist Emiliano Campobello to bring it up to date with the addition of Miraflores, Peru. It should be done soon, check it out.

## NEWS from VIVA VOLCANES

At the September 10<sup>th</sup> board meeting of Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta, the directors learned that Art Fumerton was hospitalized and his family needed help to pay for his hospitalization. A go-fund me account was established and our Board voted unanimously to donate \$1000 towards Art's hospital bills. Sadly, on Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> we received this email from Art's family:

It is with the heaviest of hearts that we share the news of the passing of our beloved husband and father, Art Fumerton. Over the past weeks, so many of you stepped forward with kindness, generosity, and prayers to help us cover Art's medical expenses and support our family through this difficult time. From the bottom of our hearts thank you! Your support has been a reminder of the immense community of love Art built around him throughout his life's work.

Art dedicated more than two decades of his life to the community of Volcanes, believing with all his heart that *the way out of poverty is through education*. He touched countless lives with his vision, determination, and compassion. While we mourn his loss, we also celebrate the extraordinary legacy he leaves behind.

Art's dream will continue through Viva Volcanes, the new name for the program he founded. With Olga Pérez and Megan Gallagher leading the way, his vision will live on and grow, ensuring that children and families in Volcanes continue to have access to education, opportunity, and hope.

Thank you for walking beside us in grief, gratitude, and hope. We know Art's spirit will always remain in Volcanes, in the classrooms, in the community, and in the hearts of all who knew him.

As one of the students beautifully said, 'Mr. Art will surely start the Heaven's Kids Education Program.'

With love,  
**Alexa and Mayra Fumerton**

### Board of Directors Election for 2026/27

At our November general meeting we conduct an election for candidates to our Board for a two-year term. If you are interested in joining our Board, please contact Gil Garcia or Margaret Saavedra.

Criteria:

- Must be at least a one year of member of SB/PV.
- Must be available for evening meetings once per month.
- Submit a resume with your interest and any relevant experience you may think is helpful. Experience is not required.√

Your SB/PV Board of Directors hard at work:

From our recent Board Meeting:

During our 2024 visit to PV we visited ‘Cruz Roja’, Red Cross. They respond to accidents and emergencies and provide first aid services. Their function is to actively provide first aid and to refer patients to other services, and determine if additional care is needed. The Cruz Roja helps the neediest citizens of Puerto Vallarta. They submitted a request for the following equipment:

1. \$2,000.00 - PV Cruz Roja request for :
  - a. \$ 903.00 – 2 Mini Split inverter AC (air conditioning) Mirage Magnum 22 (1.5 tons each). (installation will be completed by Jaime Velazquez, an AV professional)
  - b. \$ 349.00 – 1 Lorma Brand MOD model dry digital surgical sterilizer
  - c. \$ 710.00 - 1 Hergom Medical brand electric saw for cutting plaster cast
  - d. \$ 81.00 - 1 Hergom Medial brand hospital bridge table

**This request was approved by the Board of Directors. Other actions:**

- The board will consider paying airfare for Teddy Bear Foundation CEO to evaluate kids with cancer program in PV. **The hoped for outcome is a plan so to create sustainability for AFCC families.**
- Donated medical supplies from a family in Bakersfield were packaged and sent to Guadalajara for the delivery to the Cruz Roja. Supplies are compressed and mailed from a packaging company in Los Angeles. Member Mayo Villalpando was reimbursed \$330 for packaging and delivery costs.

## IN HONOR OF HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH and EL DIA DEL CAMPESINO

On Sept. 27, UCSB featured a reception in celebration of the gift of a remarkable collection of Mexican prints from local collectors Gil Garcia and Marti Correa de Garcia. This exhibition at the AD&Architecture Museum will extend through December. It was an afternoon of music, refreshments, conviviality, and friendship with friends and family of the Garcia/Correa's.



### ALMA ROSA Winery- September 6<sup>th</sup>

Last May members of the Santa Barbara/PV group participated in a fundraiser walk at the Alma Rosa Winery for the Mental Wellness Center. One of the prizes for fielding a group of 20 walkers, was a free wine tasting at the Alma Rosa Winery in Buellton.



### AFCC – Families of Children with Cancer

Since the end of the pandemic, we have continued to provide fresh fruits and vegetables to 17 families. They receive groceries each month that are supplemental to any other foods they purchase. A child with special needs puts a strain on any budget. The cost of these groceries is supported by a Canadian donor and SB/PV funds. Funds raised by our upcoming “Cruise for a Cause” support food and pay for transportation to Guadalajara for cancer treatments.



New SB/PV Members:  
Delia Medlin  
Patricia Delgado  
Dulce Soto



Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> we celebrated Josie Schrier's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday!! It was also Elsey Nelson's birthday. Many Happy Returns!!

Come to the Oktoberfest for a fun time! Rotary makes many charitable donations to support our projects in Puerto Vallarta.



**Coming Events:**

- 10/1 Sister Cities International Dinner**  
Direct Relief Int'l – by RSVP only
- 10/4 Oktoberfest – Rotary Event –**  
Chase Palm Park
- 10/5 LA Greek Fest – Los Angeles**  
Patras Sister City Event
- 10/11 Cruise for the Cause – fundraiser**  
Children with Cancer in PV
- 11/5 November General Meeting**  
Cesar's Place
- 12/1 – 11 Annual trip to Guadalajara and**  
Puerto Vallarta.
- 12/21 Posada Holiday Celebration**  
Moose Hall

**Board of Directors 2025**

- Marti Garcia de Correa, President
- Danny Contreras- 1<sup>st</sup> V. Pres
- Maria Sanchez – 2<sup>nd</sup> V.Pres
- Gary Petlow, Treasurer
- Luz Maria Ortiz, Corresponding Scty.
- Bonnie Carrol
- Jacqueline Duran
- Alma Soto
- Alicia Sorkin
- Claudia Alvarado.
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