



2025 NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta

Sister City Committee



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Santa Barbara, California

International Dinner Celebration

October 1, 2025



GENERAL MEETING

Nov. 5, 2025

6:00 PM

Cesar's Place

712 N. Milpas

MENU to be

Determined

More info to come!

Bonus – It's bring your own bottle of wine!!

The corking fee is only \$5.00.

RSVP early to:
Sbppsistercity805@gmail.com

Our dinner was held at the beautiful Hatch Auditorium, in the Direct Relief Building. Dancers from the Contreras Flamenco Arts Studio performed for our members. Our sister city organization flags and our pull up banner, provide a nice back drop. **New this year**, each group prepared a slide show highlighting the past year's activities and we were able to display them on the extra large TV monitor!





Left-
George and
Denise Lilly
Kotor,
Montenegro

Right-
Margaret
Saavedra,
Chair
and Linda
Mathews,
Toba, Japan



Left -
Margarita
Gonzalez
Zaske,
Miraflores,
Peru

Center -
Jessy Lee,
Weihai,
China

Right-
George
Papazach-
arioudakis,
Patras,
Greece



This is a very fun event. It's exciting to see the variety of foods brought by the members. The dishes are from their respective sister cities. We encourage members to dress in the costume of their sister country. It's a very relaxed and friendly dinner.



Left-
Marti Correa de Garcia, Puerto
Vallarta, Mex.

On the Right-
Emiliano Campobello, flautist

The success of this event was due to the hard work and support of all of our Sister City Clubs!! Many, many thanks to all who worked the night of the event, at the reception table, selling raffle tickets, at the bar and of course getting the tables and decorations in place. Each group contributed a lovely basket! Special thanks to the Dinner Committee: Margarita Gonzalez Zaske, Linda Mathews and Margaret Saavedra



Nominating committee report for 2026 SB/PV Sister City Board of Directors

Do you want to know more about how our organization functions?

- How we decide to choose events?
- Why and where does the money we raise go??
- What are we doing in Puerto Vallarta?
- How are we helping the people there??

If you want to know more and willing to spend two hours a month at an evening board meeting, you should consider applying for a seat on our Board. If you are interested or want to know more, contact Gil Garcia at gil@gilgarcia-aia.com Board members serve for a term of two years, with an option of running for a second two-year term.

SB/PV Sister City thanks the outgoing board members for their service.

1. Alicia Sorkin – Termed out
2. Bonnie Carroll – Termed out
3. Maria Sanchez – Termed out
4. Claudia Alvarado – Conflict with work schedule
5. Zahida Carrera – Conflict with work schedule
6. Margaret Saavedra – Termed out – but will remain on Board as President Ex-Officio

**Respectfully submitted with thanks to the nominating committee participants
Gil Garcia – Chair Nominating Committee.**

Guadalajara and Puerto Vallarta Trip - Are you thinking, golly, this is a fun group!! I wish I had signed up for the trip? Well you can!! We had a few cancellations so we have space!! Contact Marti right away at marti@gilgarcia-aia.com for current prices!!

Cruise for a Cause - Oct. 11, 2025

Members and friends came out to support our fundraiser for **Children with Cancer** in Puerto Vallarta. The cost of the ticket included a meal, a deejay and a cruise down the coast to Carpinteria and back. The day was sunny and the dancing music was great! Many happy 'cruisers' by the smiles in the pic's!! The event was coordinated by Sebastian and Norma Aldana and Mike Hernandez and Claudia Alvarado among others!!





WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
 Lula (Zaharoula) Valissarakkos
 Roberta Vega
 TOTAL 166



Sister Cities Leadership Conference
Oct. 9 – 12, Tempe, Az.
 A lot of good information and networking with Sister City programs from other states!
 Attended by Margaret Saavedra

 Photo with Ricki Garrett, President of SCI and Carlos Capua, Chair of SCI Board of Directors and Margaret Saavedra, SB/PV Past President

Board of Directors 2025
 Marti Correa, de Garcia President
 Danny Contreras- 1st V. Pres
 Maria Sanchez – 2nd V.Pres
 Gary Petlow, Treasurer
 Luz Maria Ortiz, Corresponding Scty.
 Bonnie Carroll
 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,

Coming Events:

11/5 November General Meeting
Cesar's Place

12/1 to 12/11 Visit to Guadalajara and
Puerto Vallarta
12/21 Posada Holiday Celebration
Loyal Order of Moose Hall



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