



2026 MAY NEWSLETTER

Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta Sister City Committee



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Joint Puerto Vallarta Sister City and Rotary Event

On Thursday April 16th at the beautiful Mental Wellness Center. A welcome speech was given by Anne Marie Cameron at our second annual Mental Wellness Fundraiser. A happy crowd enjoyed music by Darla Bea and chicken and tri-tip catered by Mayo Villalpando.



Sister Cities International has formed an alliance with Rotary International and Jim Lisi represented Rotary North Santa Barbara.

May 5, 2026
General Meeting Dinner
St. George Comm. Ctr.
1032 E Mason St., 93101
6:00 – 8:30 pm
Menu: Mole Rojo,
Costillas en salsa verde
Handmade tortillas and
quesadillas
Aguas frescas
\$35.00 /\$40 non members
RSVP early to:
sbppsistercity805@gmail.com



Marti and Gil shared their wedding anniversary with us.

All photos provided by Vika Kontsedailo



Board of Directors Update April 8, 2026

Actions Approved by the Board:

- Approved \$100 donation for SCI -Young Artist and Authors Showcase
- Approved additional \$68 to improve our website, total website maintenance to \$233.00 per year
- Approved Cruz Roja request of \$600 for 8 pairs of boots, funding from last year's carryover
- Puerto Vallarta delegation set to visit July 2 – 8, 2026, waiting to confirm number of visitors to determine housing needs. Number of visitors also needed to prepare budget for visitation
- Board members signed up for Committees to review and prepare for actions or events outside of board meetings, i.e. By Laws, Finance, Publicity, Firefighters, Law Enforcement, special events. Interested members are welcome to join in any of these committees.
- Reviewed Sister City Philanthropic Code of Conduct, will provide a form to submit a proposal for a new project for anyone seeing a need or requesting support.
- Membership currently 115 paid and renewals pending on 71 previous members

BOOTS REQUESTED BY CRUZ ROJA IN PUERTO VALLARTA



When a request is made by one of our project partners in Puerto Vallarta they must show the need, get an estimate, and tell us how it will help support their mission. The request is then submitted to SB/PV Board and is reviewed and voted on. As First Responders, they arrive at sites where there may be broken glass, blood, metal fragments, etc. In this case they provided an estimate from an authorized dealer providing gear and footwear for Police and First Responders.

Each year the board prepares a budget and allots a dollar amount to each of our many projects in PV. Some years no requests are made and funds carryover to the next year. In this case there were carryover funds, so we were able to approve this quickly

Seeking Education Support for MOM's of Children with Cancer in Puerto Vallarta

Would you be willing to become a god-parent to one of these ladies, desperately wishing to be able to improve themselves and their children's lives?? Contact one of our board members for more info.

Last fall a group of 15 mothers and older sisters took courses for manicure and pedicure. Some of our sister city members became 'god-parents' to the ladies in that they provided the financial support. Additional training is available and they would really like to continue learning. The workshops begin on April 20, 2026.

Courses Currently available:

- Acrylic Nail Application is a 2 month course at a cost of \$160 a session.
There are currently 6 ladies requesting the opportunity to take this course
- Design, Effect of Eyelash Extensions – 2 month course, at \$276 per person
There are 11 ladies desiring to take this course.

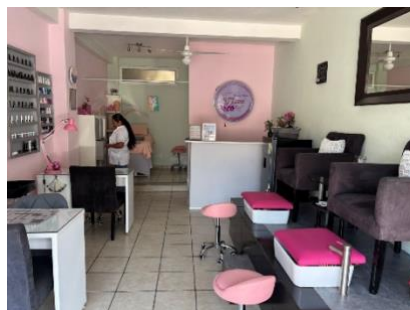
*The workshops are offered by IDEFT (Institute for Job Training of the State of Jalisco) created in partnership with the SEP (Ministry of Public Education) and the State Labor Secretariat. Upon completion of the course participants will receive a certificate.

Good afternoon, Dear _____

This is Patricia González Giles. I hope you and your family are in good health. I would like to request your support once again to continue my training in the upcoming workshops. They have been very helpful to me, and my intention is to continue developing myself to grow as a woman and provide a better future for my children. I am a single mother and currently work mornings at a nail salon called D LUXE BEAUTY STUDIO and evenings at a taco stand called EL FLACO TACOS.

I am sending you my cell phone number if you would like to stay in touch with me and my family: +52..... I didn't have the opportunity to meet you in December. I hope to meet you soon, and I thank you for your support. I send my you my warmest regards and blessings.

(translated from Spanish and photos were included of her and her work site were included)



Carta de parte de
Norma Elizabeth Ramirez Cardona
Hola Padrino, espero que se encuentre bien quiero agradecer por su apoyo y me gustaria seguir aprendiendo los nuevos cursos que me ofrecen con los cuales podre tener mas conocimiento y nuevas tecnicas y poder trabajar y general mas ingresos a mi hogar .Muchas Gracia Agradezco que Dios lo bendiga siempre y seguimos preparandonos

Included photos of Norma Working on clients.





Santa Barbara Puerto Vallarta Sister Cities joined with Rotary Clubs to celebrate May as Mental Wellness Month. Our dinner fundraising event netted an anonymous donation of \$5,000 and over \$1,800.00 by our members.

You can participate in the 'Peace of Mind Winery Walk and Fundraiser' on May 31ST at the spectacular Alma Rosa Ranch and Vineyards. Most importantly, 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!

Join us for the Walk of the Year

Sunday, May 31st at Alma Rosa Winery & Estate
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 several esteemed Santa Ynez Valley wineries
- Folk and country music by popular duo **Tina Dabby & Jim Rankin**
- Delicious food for purchase by food trucks
- Non-alcoholic beverages to rehydrate

To sign up or learn more, scan the QR code or visit mentalwellnesscenter.org/peace-of-mind-walk

8am
Walk Check-in/Raffle

9am
Walk Begins

12:30pm
Event Concludes

\$60 when you sign up
by April 15th
\$70 after April 15th





In 2012, celebrating the 40th Anniversary of SB/PV at the Naval Base in PV. Laurel Carrillo, Jane, mystery lady and Evelyn Gonzalez from Bakersfield.

R I P Jane Carole Gorbet
 1942 - March 2026
 Jane formed lifelong friendships through many community involvements with Starr King Preschool, the Santa Barbara Woman's Club and others. Her love of community extended internationally through the Santa Barbara Sister City programs, where she made dear friends in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, and Dingle, Ireland.



- Coming Events:
- MAY 2026**
- 5/10/26 Mother's Day
 - 5/05/26 SB/PV General Membership Dinner –
 St George Community Center
 Mexican attire
 - 5/13/26 Board of Director's Meeting
 - 5/22-25, 2026 I Madonnari Italian Street Painting
 Festival - Artist from PV arrive
- MEMORIAL DAY WEEK-END**
- JUNE 2026**
- 6/26 – Sunday SB/PV General Membership Dinner
 Friendship Center, 89 Eucalyptus Lane,
 - 6/10/26 Board of Director's Meeting
 - 6/21/26 Father's Day
- JULY 2026 –**
- 7/2 – 8 Visitation from Puerto Vallarta
 - July 4th – Independence Day
 - 7/22/26. BOD Meeting
 - 7/26/26 SB-Miraflores – Peruvian Independence
 Day – Manning Park
- AUGUST 2026**
- 8/5 – 9, 2026 **VIVA LA FIESTA** -
 - 8/9 /26 Veteran's Fiesta Breakfast 8 – 1 pm
 SB/PV Sister City & Amer. Legion Post 49
 - Aug. BOD Meeting TBD
- SEPTEMBER 2026**
- 9/2/26 General Meeting – TBD
 - BOD Meeting TBD
 - 9/8-23/2026 Patras Sister City Trip to Greece

WELCOME NEW MEMBER Patricia Solis

RENEWING	MEMBERS
Mary T Alsip	Gloria Franco
James L. Brock	Blas & Mary Garza
Lisa & Scott Burns	Linda Gunther
Robin Cederlof	Olive Moreno
Aileen Chambers	Suki & Joaquin Ornelas
Gloria Desales	Alicia Sorkin
Teresa M. Dorado	

Board of Directors 2026
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Carlos Velasco
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Annual Trip to Puerto Vallarta

By popular request we are planning a change in the format of our usual trip to Puerto Vallarta. Plans have not been finalized but we do plan to visit another city in Mexico as well. Standby for further information and costs.

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