



# 2026 JULY NEWSLETTER

## Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta Sister City Committee



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**SANTA BARBARA PUERTO VALLARTA  
SISTER CITY COMMITTEE**  
*Sunday, June 07, 2026*



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**Saturday, July 11, 2026**  
**2:00 – 6:00 pm**  
**Private Residence**  
**806 Romero Canyon Rd**  
**Barbara, CA 93108**

**Chili Cook-Off and BBQ**  
**Tri-tip, Chicken, and fixin's**  
**Western wear boots, shirts and**  
**cowboy hats - Welcome**

**\$35/ \$40 non members**  
**RSVP early to:**  
**sbpvsistercity805@gmail.com**

**The Visitation from Puerto Vallarta**  
**delegation scheduled for July 2 – 8,**  
**2026 has been cancelled.**  
**We will miss our PV friends and hope**  
**to visit with them soon.**  
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## Descapacitados de Vallarta – working with Families of Children w/Cancer



Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta Sister City provides supplemental food to “Aid to Families of Children With Cancer” (AFCC) Our trusted coordinator Ms. Bety Hernandez receives and distributes to the families enrolled in the AFCC food baskets, here shown with distribution for the month of May. Ms. Hernandez provides evidence of delivery from photos, receipts, and purchase, sign in by the families. Funded. As Ms. Bety states funds are provided by the “loving care by Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta Sister City Committee and Donor Tom Tate.”

DESPENSA MAYO 2026

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### Defining Humanity

Being human is a multifaceted concept that encompasses various traits and characteristics. At its core, humanity involves:

- **Consciousness:** The ability to be aware of oneself and one's surroundings.
- **Empathy:** The capacity to understand and share the feelings of others.
- **Creativity:** The ability to generate new ideas and express oneself through art, language, and innovation.
- **Social Interaction:** The capability to form complex relationships and communities.

**No Board of Director's Meeting for June. Special Session held on May 31, 2026**

- The session May 31 was to discuss the division within the PV Board and how it would affect the upcoming Visitation.
- We felt the division could inadvertently affect the spirit of unity and goodwill that has characterized our relationship for more than five decades.
- It was on this basis the Santa Barbara Board decided to postpone the upcoming Puerto Vallarta Visitation. Notification was provided to the Membership, in email dated June 11, 2026
- At this time, the Pres. Marti Correa appointed Gil Garcia to the Board to fill a vacancy left by a resignation earlier in the month.

**Alma Rosa Winery Event  
– May 31, 2026**



May 31, 2026 A Walk to Remember – Alma Rosa Winery  
Many SB/PV, Rotary members and general public were present  
at this fundraiser for the Mental Wellness Center!  
Fresh air, exercise, prizes, snacks, beverages and good company.  
After the walk, liquid refreshments were available. Several  
other wineries also had booths in the oak tree shaded patio area.  
What's not to love?? A great time for a great cause.



## **Board of Directors Meeting, June 30, 2026**

### **Update Regarding the Santa Barbara–Puerto Vallarta Sister City Relationship**

The decision made by the Santa Barbara–Puerto Vallarta Sister City Committee Board of Directors on May 31, 2026, to cancel the annual Puerto Vallarta delegation visit was not made lightly. After careful deliberation, a formal letter was sent on June 1, 2026, to President Francisco Garcia B. and the members of the Puerto Vallarta Board explaining the reasons for the decision.

The letter stated, in part:

“It is with the utmost respect that we address you to express the Santa Barbara–Puerto Vallarta Sister City Committee Board of Directors’ deep concern regarding the serious division within the Puerto Vallarta Committee that was conveyed during a brief telephone conversation with our representative. For this reason, we formally advise you that we are canceling plans to receive the Puerto Vallarta delegation scheduled to visit Santa Barbara from July 2–8, 2026.

While these matters remain internal to the Puerto Vallarta–Santa Barbara Sister City Committee, they have created divisions that, if carried into an official Sister City visit, could inadvertently affect the spirit of unity and goodwill that has characterized our relationship for more than five decades.”

On June 28, 2026, President Francisco Garcia informed our President and Board that the Puerto Vallarta Committee did “not confirm acceptance of the cancellation.”

In response, the Santa Barbara Board convened a special meeting on June 30, 2026, to consider the implications of that communication. During this period, the Board also became aware that the Vice President and several members of the Puerto Vallarta Committee were actively seeking to resolve significant governance concerns within their own organization. The Santa Barbara Committee continues to recognize that these matters are internal to the Puerto Vallarta organization and should be resolved by its own membership.

After careful review, the Santa Barbara Board took the extraordinary step of adopting a Temporary Suspension of its formal relationship with the current leadership of the Puerto Vallarta–Santa Barbara Sister City Committee, A.C. The resolution states:

“In light of current circumstances, including legal matters, governance issues, and challenges involving respectful and inclusive communication that have affected effective collaboration, the Santa Barbara Sister City Committee has determined that it will formally suspend its official relationship with the current leadership of the Puerto Vallarta–Santa Barbara Sister City Committee, A.C. This suspension applies specifically to the present governing board and officers and does not extend to the broader Puerto Vallarta community, past participants, or the many friendships and informal relationships that have developed over the years.”

This action reflects the Committee’s responsibility to preserve the integrity of the Sister City program and to ensure that official partnerships continue to be guided by the principles upon which the program was founded: friendship, mutual respect, goodwill, cooperation, and citizen diplomacy.

The Santa Barbara Committee remains hopeful that the current internal issues within the Puerto Vallarta Committee can be resolved in a manner that restores unity and allows our communities to continue building upon more than fifty years of friendship and successful collaboration.

Happy  
4th of July



### June Renewing Members

Claudia Alvarado

Joyce Axilrod

Esperanza & Roberto Najera

Jan Casserly-Olivas

John Otchis & Aileen Chambers

Joey Perrault & Maria Valencia

Aline Shapiro-Weil & Bill Weil

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Tony Aceves &

Christina Vallejo-Aceves

Raul Audelo

Candala Azenas

Patric Davis

Jen Hamilton

Rick Lang

Anabella Lehne

Kathleen McMahon

## Saturday, July 11, Chili Cook-off Contest And BBQ

Please sign up in advance if you would like to bring a pot of chili, enough for 8 – 10 people.

- We will have prizes for the winners. Don't know what yet – but it will be GOOD!!
- Our BBQ chicken, ribs, tri-tip will be prepared by the famous “Santa Barbara chef “ Richard Tinker. He is a great cook. Our menu includes green salad, garlic French bread, corn on the cob, potato salad.
- Ice cream will be offered for dessert and watermelon for those who do not eat dairy.
- We will have some very cute items for our drawings.
- If you would like to donate new or nearly new items, for our drawings it is sincerely appreciated!!
- Parking is limited – please plan to carpool or the Duran family has offered to valet your car to a secure location!!!



### Coming Events:

#### JULY 2026 –

July 2, 2026 – Board Meeting

7/2 – 8 – Visitation from Puerto Vallarta

July 4<sup>th</sup> – Independence Day

7/11/26 Chili Cook Off – Summer Celebration

7/26/26 SB-Miraflores – Peruvian Independence  
Day – Mesa Park

#### AUGUST 2026

Aug 5– 9, 2026 VIVA LA FIESTA -

Aug. 9 Veteran's Fiesta Breakfast 8 – 1 pm  
SB/PV Sister City & Amer. Legion Post 49

Aug. BOD Meeting TBD

Aug. 14, 15, 16 Greek Festival

#### SEPTEMBER 2026

9/2/26 General Meeting – TBD

Sept. BOD Meeting TBD

9/8-23/2026 Patras Sister City Trip to Greece

#### OCTOBER 2026

October 1, 2026. Sister Cities Int'l. Dinner  
Carrillo Ballroom Downtown SB

Board of Directors 2026  
Marti Correa de Garcia , Pres.  
Cheli Hidalgo, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Pres .  
Gary Petlow, Treasurer  
Sebastian Aldana, Corres. Scty.  
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