



2026 SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta

Sister City Committee



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SISTER CITY COMMITTEE

Sunday Aug. 9 Pancake Breakfast



CELEBRATE MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY
2 SEPT 2026
CODY'S CAFE
4898 HOLLISTER AVE
6:00 - 8:00 PM
TASTY MEXICAN MEAL,
ENCHILADA, TACO, CHILI RELLENO
COST \$40 OR /\$45 NON MEMBERS
RSVP:
SBPVSISTERCITY805@GMAIL.COM
COME IN MEXICAN ATTIRE, LADIES W FLOWERS
IN THEIR HAIR,
GENTS W/COWBOY SHIRTS AND HATS

Breakfast with the VFW at the Veterans Memorial Hall was a great success. The food was good, weather was beautiful and Mariachi's were excellent. Many guests got up and danced to old favorites.



Santa Barbara /Puerto Vallarta Sister City -
Visit to Oaxaca. January 14–23, 2027.

We are working with a travel agency in Mexico called “Andanzas”. The travel agency has negotiated hotels and activities for us and needs a deposit in order maintain the hotel and the prices listed below.

To reserve a hotel room a **\$300 non-refundable deposit is required by August 30.**

Hotel pricing and excursions are based on a group of 30 persons.

A **deposit for airfare** will be requested when the price is confirmed.

Airfare is estimated at \$750

ACCOMMODATIONS — 9 NIGHTS +
Cost is per person for excursions, services and airfare.

Single Occupancy

USD = \$3505

Double Occupancy

USD \$2835.

PACKAGE INCLUDES

Oaxaca — 10 Days / 9 Nights · Cultural Experience

January 14–23, 2027

Includes transfer to the hotel and a welcome dinner at the hotel.

Visits to: Monte Albán, Alebrijes & Black Pottery

El Tule, Teotitlán, Mitla & Mezcal, City Tour of Oaxaca

Sierra Norte & Pueblos Mancomunados, Ocotlán & Backstrap-Loom

Textiles, Oaxacan Cooking Class & Guelaguetza Show, Farewell

Dinner, 9 nights of accommodations, 2 dinners, 8 buffet breakfasts

plus 1 traditional mountain breakfast

Contact Marti, Gil or Cheli Hidalgo for more information.

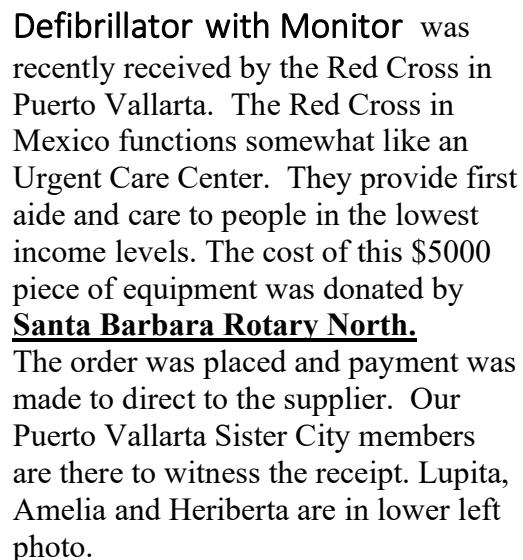
Gil@gilgarcia-aia.com, Marti@gilgarcia-aia.com or Cheli at sbpvsisterCity805@gmail.com

- **Approved** expense of \$500 to buy tickets for Veterans's Fiesta Pancake Dinner.
- **Deferred** funding request exterior maintenance of Boca Clinic, pending estimate
- **Approved** request of \$3000 to ship equipment to Morelos for IFTA training in November
- **Approved** the cost of \$140.00 to keep MexUsa active and current as an international non-profit with the Mexican government.

- The Puerto Vallarta Sister City Board is still trying to resolve their internal situation. We are hoping that a resolution can be achieved soon. We miss our friends in Puerto Vallarta.
- On recent visit to Puerto Vallarta, the Marti and Gil Garcia were warmly received by the President (Mayor). He appreciates the care and support for the people of Puerto Vallarta we have provided over the years.
- A musical and cultural exchange is in the process of being formed with Westmont College Choir and La Orquesta Escuela de Puerto Vallarta.
- IFTA firefighter training schedule for Nov. 5, 6, 7 in Morelos. Members are welcome to accompany Marti and Gil Garcia to represent SB Sister Cities and meet with IFTA representatives.

If you have already been to Oaxaca- maybe you would like to go to Morelos. A small group of SB/PV members will go to witness the firefighter training on Nov. 5, 6, 7, and visit small towns in the area.

You know who to all!!





Claudia was the lucky winner of a free wine tasting at the 'Peace of Mind Walk' Mental Wellness Center fundraiser on May 31, 2026. Claudia chose 25 of her friends to join her! Lucky us!! It was also Rosemary's 29th birthday, so it was an extra special day!!



News from other Sister Cities:

Santa Barbara/Patras Sister City members (including many SB/PV) members are leaving on a 2 week visit to Greece, including a 7 day Cruise to ports on the Adriatic, including Santorini, Montenegro, Corfu, Messina Sicily and disembarking in Barcelona, Spain.

Santa Barbara/Miraflores/Peru Sister City

Is planning a THREE COUNTRY JOURNEY, Peru, Brazil and Argentina. Highlights are Machu Picchu, Iguazu Falls, and Christ the Redeemer in Brazil and Rio de Janeiro. Discover Buenos Aires and enjoy a tango performance in Argentina. May 20 thru June 3rd, 2027. Contact (805) 453-5735 for more information or to book your trip!



Coming Events

SEPTEMBER 2026

- 9/2/26 General Meeting – Cody's Cae
Sept. BOD Meeting TBD
- 9/8-23/2026 Patras Sister City Trip to Greece
- 9/19/26 – Oktoberfest at Chase Palm Park
Rotary event, welcome supporter of SB/PV

OCTOBER 2026

- October 1, 2026. Sister Cities Int'l. Dinner
Carrillo Ballroom Downtown SB
- Oct. Date TBD Fundraiser Kids w/Cancer

NOVEMBER 2026

- Nov. 5, 6, 7, IFTA Training in Morelos
Gen'l Meeting TBD

DECEMBER 2026

- Dec. 13 Posada Holiday Celebration
Moose Lodge

JANUARY 2027

- Jan. 14, - 23, 2027 Visit to Oaxaca

BIG NEWS

You can now submit RSVP and pre-pay for your dinner events.
Zelle your rsvp and send pmt through your bank to:
sbpvsistercity805@gmail.com

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