



# Newsletter

# Las Noticias

## November 2009



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### President's Corner

Your Board earned its keep this month! Besides the usual Board meetings and preps so our members can have a good club, we have been struggling with conflicts concerning the timing of the July/August visitation from our brothers and sisters from PV. After a very productive post-visitation evaluation meeting, we came to the realization that adding to the usual conflicts that visitation during Fiesta brings; the city packed to its gills, our members either having their family visit them or getting out of town for the onslaught of visitors and the fact that our guests no longer participate in Fiesta activities like they once did, added to all this is the fact that the International Sister Cities Organization has established its Conference for late July early August every coming year. After a great deal of soul searching, back and forth with PV, we have arrived at the conclusion that we need to consider other possible dates for the visit. We came up with four possibilities: May 28th, that way they can be here for our I Madonnari; June

19th, they could then enjoy a truly Santa Barbara celebration, the Summer Solstice; July 2nd, they would be here for the fourth of July; or August 13, nothing happening in SB but we would make things happen for them. I hope that any one of these dates will mean that more of our generous and loving members will open up their homes to receive our brothers and sisters. I'm sure that those of you who attended our last General Meeting were as moved as I was with the presentation of Maria Segal and her two young friends, George and Michael. When Michael stated, "compared to what they have gone through, my life is easy and if they can do it so can I." This statement summed up the tremendous value of the work that Maria Segal, Ingrid Sarrat and The Jewish Federation are doing to reach and turn around the lives of at risk youth in Santa Barbara. Thank you Maria, Ingrid and the Jewish Federation for your outstanding work and thank you Jan for arranging this wonderful presentation. Alice has been busy with the preparations for our visit to PV next month. We have 38 adults, one 11 year old child, 6 artists and 3 police department representatives that will comprise our contingency. We will have our orientation on the 7th of November at Joe and Alice's home, a requirement for all people going on this fun filled visitation. November's General Meeting promises to be interesting as well as entertaining. Angie has arranged for Peter Leyva, the Youth and Mariachi Group Director, to tell us all about his program and to allow us to sample the fruits of his labors by having a representative group of students play for us. We will try a new site, the Del Pueblo Café at the Magnolia Center. Very apropos to the theme of the meeting! We sampled their food and it was very good and the room we will use

is certainly large enough – you will feel you are already in Mexico. I hope to see you all there.

Barbara Ellis, President

### DINNER MEETING

**Date:** Wednesday November 4  
**Location:** Del Pueblo Café at the Magnolia Center, 5134 Hollister Ave  
**Social hour:** 6:00 p.m.  
**Dinner:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$18.00 per person  
**Menu:** a choice of Chile Verde, Chile Rellenos or Combo of Taco and Enchilada; Side choice of rice and beans, grilled veggies or salad; and soft drink or coffee.  
 We will have fund raising dessert (if you plan to donate please call Barbara)

**Program:** The program for the evening will include Peter Leyva, the Youth and Mariachi Group director. He will demonstrate what his organization does by having a couple of songs played by a representative group of the members of the Youth and Mariachi Group .

**Call Joe Vazquez at 684-4724 for reservations by Sunday, November 1st.** We prefer you make your reservations by e-mail to "baja.lot@verizon.net" if at all possible. PLEASE REMEMBER TO CALL IN NO LATER THAN **SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1ST...OR AS SOON AS YOU RECEIVE THIS NEWSLETTER!!** Reservations are called in on Monday afternoon. PLEASE CALL TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY!

AND REMEMBER.....A  
**RESERVATION MADE.....IS A  
 RESERVATION PAID!**

## NEXT BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, November 10, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. - Re/Max Realty, 1903 State St. All members are welcome to attend.

## WELLNESS

Our members seem to be suffering from all sorts of ailments but our trusty Wellness Lady, Dee Dee Lane, takes care of sending our best wishes to all of them.

A sympathy card was sent to:

### Helen & Harry Vizzolini

If you know of anyone who is ill, PLEASE let either a board member or DEE DEE LANE know! No cards can be sent unless you let us know how our members are doing. The phone numbers for your board members are included in every newsletter. Dee Dee may be reached at 967-7596. Thanks for our help!

## BADGES

New members - Let me know when you are coming to the dinner meeting so I can be sure to have your badge. Please either call me at 684-4724 to make arrangements to pick up your badges or come to our dinner meeting and see what a great time we have! This is what

Sister City's all about. People to people.

### Alice Vazquez

#### UPCOMING CALENDAR

- Nov 4 Monthly Dinner Meeting
  - Nov 7 Orientation for PV Travelers. At Joe & Alice's ...more later
  - Nov 10 Board Meeting
  - Nov 28-Dec 8 Puerto Vallarta – here we come!!
- 2010
- Jan 6 Monthly Dinner Meeting
  - Jan 12 Board Meeting
  - Jan 21-24 USMSCA National Conference Cathedral City
  - Apr 21-25 Mexico National Conference Puerto Vallarta

## Renewals

The following members have renewed and are continuing to have fun being part of this organization!

Rosemary Santillan  
 Dean Larson  
 David Medina  
 David/Jane Gorbet  
 Maria/Ruben Rey  
 Linda Karppinen  
 Miguel Avila  
 Craig/Marcia Nielsen  
 Beta Rivera

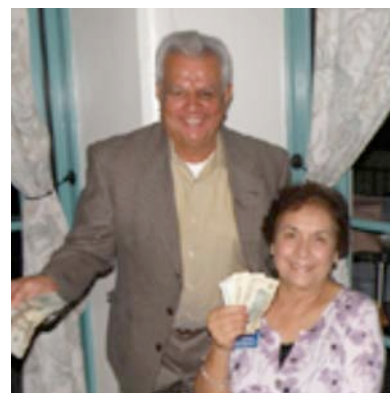
And our newest member

**Scot Gorbet**  
(Jane/Dave's son!!)

## PV VISITATION NOVEMBER 28-DECEMBER 8, 2009

Orientation is scheduled for November 7 at 1:30 p.m. at Joe and Alice's home. Please mark your calendars. We try to make it early enough so you can get in, pick up your "stuff", socialize a little with your traveling companions and get back on the road.

And don't forget....**dues must be current!!**



Big Money Winners Roberto Esperanza and Mary Bischof at the last dinner meeting raffle

## Interesting Facts about Mexico

(submitted by Gil Garcia)

Did you know why the official residence of the Mexican presidents is called “los Pinos (the pines)”? It is not because pine trees are in abundance at the residence location, but because it is in memory of an orchard of pines in the Mexican State of Michoacan where the first Mexican president who lived in Los Pinos, Lazaro Cardenas, met his wife.

Did you know that the state of Zacatecas, Mexico is the largest producer of silver in the world?

Did you know that Mexico is the largest consumer per capita of Coca Cola in the world? (527 bottles, 8 oz, per person per year which is more than the U.S. 411 bottles, 8 oz, per person per year. I wonder what the difference would be in the consumption of beer.



Members of the Youth and Mariachi Group that we will learn about at the November dinner meeting

### 2009 - 2010 Board of Directors

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