USBC Events - Monthly Social!

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United Society of Baja California (USBC) General Meetings: 1st Saturday of the month, 10am, 
Hotel Calafia (Carretera Libre Tijuana- Ensenada KM 35.5, Villa San Pedro Rosarito, B.C.). Board meets Wednesday prior to the 1st Saturday, 10am, at La Maroma. USBC is a social charity group serving as the hub for social, charitable and special interest groups in the Rosarito area.

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Hello members,

Happy New Year to everyone! I hope everyone had a safe and merry Christmas.

Once again in this past horrible year of 2020, we lost one of our greatest ladies of USBC and the Rosarito community, “Baja” Mavourneen O’Brien. She did so much for our Baja neighbors. What an inspiration and example she set for all. USBC supported her every year for famous 50 mile walk for multiple sclerosis. She helped so many of the needy and other non-profit organizations in our community. I know she is walking with the angels. Please keep your thoughts and prayers for her family and many friends. She will be truly missed, and our community once again mourns.

We are looking forward to a better 2021 for both USBC and all of you. USBC has changed our monthly potlucks into a USBC social for the year. It will be held at Los Amigos on the 3rd Saturday of each month, starting on January 16th from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., with a specially priced menu just for USBC members. Each month will feature a different special discounted menu. Masks will be required, temperatures will be checked and social distancing will be adhered to. Take out option is available. 50/50 tickets will be available. Please remember to keep your membership updated. See the Communicator each month for further details.

Remember that our objective is to have FUN. Please join us!

Thankfully, there are now two vaccines available for COVID-19. There are now three thousand people dying a day from this contagious virus. Please get your vaccine when it becomes available to you so we can get back to normal. In the meantime, continue with the safety protocols required to keep each other safe.

As always, Linda and my thoughts and prayers are with each of you and your families.

God bless,

Wayne Denniston, President

TREASURER'S REPORT

BY MILO GOEHRING

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Community Support – Member Classifieds

With the start of a New Year, we are introducing a classifieds section for our members.

Please visit [www.unitedsocietyofbaja.org/classifieds](http://www.unitedsocietyofbaja.org/classifieds) to submit your advertisement. Each advertisement block is $5 per month, with larger (double-sized) blocks at $10 per month,

### For Sale

**Pride GOGO Elite Traveler 3-Wheel Portable Scooter.**
Pride FDA Class II Medical Device. Can be taken apart in Four Pieces. 300 lb. Weight Capacity. $400 USD

Milo: Phone: MX 661-100-6653 or US 702-645-8428

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**Samsung Surround Sound Speakers** - (2) rear speakers with wireless capabilities and (1) subwoofer $100 USD

Robin: rsquared44@yahoo.com

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**Truper Concrete Circular Saw 7”**
$70 USD

Robin: rsquared44@yahoo.com

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**Ring Alarm Security Kit - 14 piece**
- 2nd gen - brand new $175 USD

Robin: rsquared44@yahoo.com

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**Working chest freezer**

Wayne & Linda Denniston: wrd414@aol.com

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### Friends

Looking for adventurous traveling companion to less-travelled destinations.

Danielle: dew112@hotmail.com

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### Rentals

Rental house 3-bedroom, 2-bath ocean view. La Reforma $700.00 month

Pat & Alisa Ward: US 619-200-3711

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**Beautiful 3-bedroom, 3.5 bath home with view of the ocean. Entertainer’s delight with open floor plan. Rancho Del Mar $375,000 USA (includes furniture)**

Robin: rsquared44@yahoo.com

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Rest in Peace – Mavourneen “Baja” O’Brien

It is with great sadness to announce that we have lost a treasure in Rosarito. On December 12th 2020 we lost our Mavourneen “Baja” O’Brien. Mavourneen passed away peacefully at Kaiser Zion Hospital from COVID. She was 86 years old.

Eric, Kurt, and Lisa will soon be holding a memorial service. They will announce details through Mavourneen’s email account.

Mavourneen O’Brien was the daughter of the late actor Pat O’Brien and Eloise. She crowned the winner annually at the Del Mar Racetrack, which her father helped build for the Pat O’Brien Handicap. Betting horses remained one of O’Brien’s hobbies along with climbing the Timpanogas Caves, Utah and Diamond Head. Hawaii; singing, creating and directing musical programs; and exploring cave painting sites, playing with whales, scuba diving and beach combing in Baja.

O’Brien had devoted her life to endeavors that enrich the lives of others through education, performing arts, writing, mentoring, and her volunteer work with social and health organizations such as the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. As a teacher of language arts for over 35 years, Mavourneen had passed on her passion for communicating through language and the arts. She was an active volunteer member of the Flying Samaritans and a volunteer English teacher.

Mavourneen graduated Magna Cum Laude from Marymount College with a B.S. in music and an M.A. in Education from Loyola University. She holds a General Life Secondary Credential, Library Science Credential-CSLA.

She will be sadly missed by all of us.
Calendar of Events

Calendar Legend:

FRAO Free Spanish Class, Temporary: ZOOM Web Attendance (See WhatsApp Chat for link)
11am – 1pm Mondays (Beginner) & Fridays (Intermediate)

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Law Enforcement Appreciation Day
Orthodox New Year
National Hat Day
USA Inauguration Day
National Pie Day
Data Privacy Day
National Croissant Day
National Hot Chocolate Day
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1/2 - $350 USD

Contact: Wayne Denniston – wrd414@aol.com
USBC Community – CARES Act

In 2020 taxpayers who claim the standard deduction also have a chance to deduct charitable donations.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act gives taxpayers who take the standard deduction the ability to take an additional above-the-line $300 federal income tax deduction for qualified charitable contributions.

"Above-the-line" means that the deduction is above line 15 on the 2019 1040 tax form and will reduce both your adjusted gross income and your taxable income — which, in turn, reduces the amount of federal income tax you owe.

For more information, please visit:

https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/special-300-tax-deduction-helps-most-people-give-to-charity-this-year-even-if-they-dont-itemize

USBC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

$20 USD - 1 Yr Membership (Per Person)  *Make checks payable to USBC

Full Name(s): ___________________________  ________________________________________________________________

Mailing Address: __________________________

Home Phone: _________  Cell Phone: _________  E-mail: ___________.

Month/ Day of Birthday: ___________  Month/ Day of Anniversary: ___________.

USBC is a 501c3 non-profit organization. Donations are greatly appreciated.

You can also apply or renew your membership online at: www.unitedsocietyofbaja.org
AA Grupo open meetings: Sun, Mon, Thurs, 10 AM Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 6pm, 2 blocks east of Del Mar Inn. Closed Women's Wednesday 10AM & Men's Thursday 6PM. (661) 614-1678.

AL-ANON (English) Tuesday 10AM 2 blocks east of Del Mar Inn. Saturday 1PM in Primo Tapia. Call for information (661) 614-1678.

Angels 2 Angels is a bi-national mission-centric charitable organization dedicated to helping orphanages transform into centers of excellence, providing children with protected, loving, quality care. 100% of all donations go directly to help the orphanages. www.angels2angels.org. Contact: Leticia Castro de Halverson, Founder and Executive Director, (951) 205-9890, Leticia@angels2angels.org.

Baja Animal Sanctuary Provides help for abused and abandoned animals by spaying/neutering and finding homes. Contact: Sunny Benedict, bajadogs@aol.com, www.bajaanimalsanctuary.org.


Baja Dog Rescue American-run 501(c)(3) organization operated by volunteers in Baja California. We are a no-kill shelter that rescues and rehabilitates unwanted, abandoned, and neglected dogs and finds them loving homes. Contact: (619) 407-9372, (664) 636-2997, josh@bajadogrescue.org, www.bajadogrescue.org.

Baja Scholarship Foundation Provides financial support to superior Mexican students at risk of dropping out of school due to financial hardship. Contact: Judie Desson (661) 613-2359, (760) 208-2840, www.bajascholarshipfoundation.org, kenorjude@yahoo.com.

Bajavurah Meets the last Sunday of the month. A Jewish social group whose members live part or full-time in the Rosarito Beach area. www.bajavurah.com. Contact: Gordon Kane, President, (619) 980-4673, gordonmkane@gmail.com.

Club de Ninos y Ninas Rosarito Affiliated with the Boys & Girls Club of America. Provides positive programs, services and activities for school-age children. Contact: Rosy Torres, President, rosymtorres@hotmail.com, www.clubnyn.org.

Cruz Roja Voluntarios Americanos de Rosarito General meetings 2nd Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. at the Beach Comber Restaurant & Bar, Blvd. Benito Juarez Km 25.5 in Quintas del Mar. Thrift Store, located behind Waldos, open Mon-Sat 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

DIF Desarrollo Integral de la Familia Meetings in English: 2nd Tuesday,9:00AM, Salon Maya, Rosarito Beach Hotel Contact: Linda Munoz, (661) 612-6082 or (661) 612-6077, dir.dif.rosarito@hotmail.com.

Flying Samaritans Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at Villas del Mar, 10:00AM. They conduct free clinics for people of Mexico who have no other resources. Medical clinics the 2nd Saturday, and a hearing clinic the 3rd Saturday. Clinic is located at Calle Chihuahua #488, Colonia Constitución. Contact: Susan Smith, President, (858) 240-2360, (661) 100-6066, susansmithz@hotmail.com, www.flyingsamaritansrosarito.org.

FRAO The Foreign Residents Attention Office, located in Suite 107 on the first floor of City Hall, provides information and assistance to international residents. Breakfast meeting on the 3rd Thursday of the month 10:00AM. Calafia Hotel Contact: (661) 614-9600 ext. 1080, frao@rosarito.gob.mx.

Friends of the Library Our meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month except December (10AM) at CEART. FOL promotes reading, literacy & works to improve conditions and collections of the 5 library branches. Contact: President Nancy Zvonkovic, friendsofthelibraryrb@gmail.com, www.friendsofthelibrary.com.mx.
Hearts of Baja Children's Homes Network To coordinate the needs and resources of the 109 registered and additional non-registered group homes for the nearly 6000 children, orphaned or not, living in our own backyard. **Contact:** Marilyn Widd, mkwidd@hotmail.com, (442) 400-2309, (760) 936-3772, www.heartsofbaja.com.

Los Angelitos Orphanage You are welcome to be part of this orphanage, and the blessing of your sponsorship will allow an additional child to enter into this home. info@losangelitos.org, www.losangelitos.org.

Rosarito Sister Cities Committee Meets the 4th Thursday of the month, 10:00AM in Room 212 at City Hall. Aims to increase international trade, economic development, and exchanges of culture, educational and social services. **Contact:** (661) 614-9600 ext. 1080, frao@rosarito.gob.mx.

Rosarito Theatre Guild Board of Directors meets on the 2nd Tuesday, 10:00AM at their Theatre in the CINES RIO building, #76 Benito Juarez Boulevard, Rosarito (one block south of Elektra), **Contact:** Sylvia Dombrosky, President (664) 631-3320, sylvia.dombrosky@gmail.com, www.rosaritotheatre.org


Calvary Chapel Rosarito Pastor Mike Vincent. Meets at Aqua Calientes #2978. Services: Sunday 9:00 & 11:00AM, Saturday 6:30PM and Wednesday 6:30PM. (661) 612-7915, calvarychapelerosarito@yahoo.com.

Hope Chapel Rosarito Located in Baja Malibu, right next to Baja Storage at KM 23.5 along the Tijuana-Ensenada free road. Services: Sunday 11:30AM and Wednesday at 6:00PM, (664) 609-3557, www.hopechapelrosarito.org.

Hope and Faith Amish Mennonite Fellowship In La Misión, we will be bilingual. Info: Jason Caruth (646) 155-0539, (619) 591-8009.

Latter-day Saints (Mormon) English service Sunday 9:00AM-12:00PM, Rosarito Chapel, 20 Calle Cantil, 5 blocks west of Benito Juarez off Av. Del Mar. Info: Craig Klein (619) 581-7121, craigklein@onebox.com.

Rosarito Beach Christian Church Km 42.6 on Tijuana-Ensenada free road. Sunday Worship Service 9:45AM, Info: (661) 614-0009, Pastor: Dr. Tom Ward, rosaritochurch@yahoo.com, www.rbccchristianchurch.com.

Rosarito Church of the Nazarene Pastor Gary Tucker. Meets at Calle Abete & Mediterraneo, 2 blocks east of Crown Plaza Hotel. Services: Sunday 10:00AM, Wednesday 6:30PM, (619) 504-9611, jirehnazeng@gmail.com.

Mission St. Mary Magdalene Playas de Rosarito Rev'd Fr. Mark S. Lieske, East Side @ Km 40.3 Free Road Ensenada - Tijuana Look for our Signs, Next to Artistic Furniture North of Ollie's Pizza & South of Baja Produce. mark@missionstmarymagdalene.net, US (619) 313-7511.

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