USBC
Potluck & White Elephant Swap
Saturday, March 21st 2020, 1pm
La Maroma, Blvd. Benito Juarez, Rosarito

We all have stuff around the house that we don’t use, don’t want, or can’t re-gift. Well, here’s a chance to swap it for something better (or worse lol). Bring it along to the potluck and go home with a new, can’t-live-without item.

Each person attending must bring enough food for at least 8 people. Your last name determines the type of food to bring.

A-G Desserts; H-R Main Dish; S-Z Sides & Salads

~ Your Potluck Hostess ~
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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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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
Wayne Denniston
wrd414@aol.com

Congratulations to all our new board members. They are a highly motivated and idea-packed group who are working hard to make USBC a great organization for our community. Welcome aboard and I am looking forward to working with all of you this year.

A special thanks to John Larsen and Laura Cota (our February speakers) for preparing us for disaster. We need to work together on this crucial problem so we can be ready for whatever comes.

Our February casino trip was a great success. Thank you Grace for the amazing job despite all the last minute emergencies. We are still working on getting the bugs worked out so it is a wonderful experience for all. Mark your calendars for our Laughlin/Vegas extended trip in the fall.

Also watch for our Roaring 20’s event, which should be great fun. Save the date of July 18th. Tickets on sale soon. Thank you Mona and Robin for your hard work! “Fun” is our goal for this year. So, “shimmy” in and join us.

The Valentine’s Day potluck was beautiful; the decorations were fantastic. Thank you Laura and all those who helped make this another great event.

The restaurant tour is back this month at Los Amigos. See page 6 for more information. Thank you Sandy.

Any member with an idea is welcome to chair a committee that will further the goals for our community. We cannot do it without your help!

Remember to set your clocks ahead on March 8th for daylight savings time. Spring is in the air!

TREASURER’S REPORT
BY MILO GOEHRING

Financial Report (February 2020)
Total Income $ 9,470.45
Total Expenses $ 9,152.19
Profit/(Loss) $ 318.26
Income from: Member Dues $ 280.00
Casino Bus Trip $ 520.00
Whale Trip $8,475.00

Membership Report (February 2020)
New Members 2
Renewals For The Month 11
Lifetime Members 8
Total Active Members 213
**General Meeting Minutes February 1, 2020 at Calafia Titanic Room**
The meeting was called to order at 10:11 a.m., by Anita Olson, First Vice President.

Wayne Denniston introduced the USBC board who were present at this meeting. There were 40 people in attendance. Installation of the newly elected board of directors was conducted by Billy Ray Clark. Congratulations to this new board.

Wayne recognized USBC’s birthday on February 24th. USBC was founded in 1983. The January 4, 2020 general meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

The January financial report was provided by Milo. We had an income of $577 (of which $480 was from membership dues). Our expenses for the month were $690 (which includes Daniel’s medical student tuition). We sustained a loss of $113 for the month. The entire treasurer’s report is available with Milo.

As Judy (our cupcake queen) was unable to attend this meeting, Wayne provided cupcakes for February birthday and anniversary celebrants.

**New Business:** Milo reported on the results of the survey. Twenty-three questionnaires were returned. The survey results are available with Milo. The popular choices included restaurant tours, bus trips, greyhound races, extended trips to San Felipe, Laughlin and Copper Canyon, mystery trip, roaring twenties, Mardi Gras, and black and white event. Also popular were cruises, member BBQ, holiday potluck, summer sunset happy hours and sports events.

**Old Business:** Miss Morgan spoke about the upcoming whale encounter tour in March. She will send updates to those who signed up for this event. This should be an exciting and close-knit group.

Wayne introduced our speaker, John Larsen, an expert on Community Emergency Response Team. He educated many emergency responders all over the country. He stressed that we must be personally prepared as the professional emergency responders may not get there in time. We need to know what resources are available and the location of evacuation centers. Emergency personnel may be overwhelmed and we need to rely on each other for our personal safety.

Wayne introduced our second speaker, Laura Cota and her assistants from MUST, who distributed brochures and a checklist handout for emergency supplies.

**Committee Reports:**
Amy reported for the Sunshine committee. Kathy Hutzler is dealing with numerous traumatic life events and would appreciate your encouragement. You can get her contact information from Amy Valenzuela.

Milo reported that in January, we had 10 new members, with a total of 211. Membership renewals are sent out via email the week before the end of the month in which the renewal is due. A second reminder is also sent the next month. Membership is terminated after no response to these notices. Please make sure we have your current contact information.

Danielle, our new speaker chairperson, has already scheduled speakers for most of this year.

DeeDee, our potluck chair, reports that September is still available for a host.

Sandy, our restaurant tour chairperson, was absent. February’s restaurant tour is announced in the Communicator. March’s restaurant tour will be at Los Amigos. Please check your Communicator for information.

DeeDee spoke about our upcoming events. Mona and Robin will be co-hosting a Roaring 20’s ball this summer (please save July 18th). We have moved our tentative date of September in order to avoid conflict with RTG’s main event. Please check your Communicator for future details.

February is free for seniors (65+) for entrance into San Diego Wild Animal Park.
Committee Reports Continued:
DeeDee spoke about an Alaskan cruise on May 10th through the 17th, leaving from Seattle and a Mexican Riviera cruise on a new Holland America ship out of San Diego on October 3rd through the 10th. Flyers were provided.

Non-profit reports:
Arturo Hernandez reported that he is the new president for Sister Cities. Arturo suggested that we check their website at Ksitas.org for updates. DeeDee announced the annual chocolate fondue luncheon for Flying Samaritans.

Amy Chankin spoke for Friends of the Library. It is almost the one year anniversary for the bookmobile. They are receiving more requests from different colonias. They continue to need volunteers for the bookmobile. Save the dates of May 13th (general meeting), May 30th (Hidden Garden Tour), and completed. Donations are still needed.

Alexander Magnum brought up information regarding the opening of three kitchens for seniors and others. The organization is named Saints for the Day.

Amy Chankin spoke for the Rosarito Theater Guild, which will be presenting a Katherine Hepburn play in June.

Robin Bell provided two great Valentine and marriage jokes for the day.

The 50/50 raffle was conducted by Laura. The Flowers won $46.

Anita will conduct the March meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at twelve noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Denniston, Secretary

*These minutes have been condensed for the Communicator. Please see our website for the complete minutes.
Join Sandy and friends to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day at Los Amigos Sports Bar and Grill!!

Erin Go Bragh! That is what they say in Ireland. It translates to English as Ireland Forever. I once had a magical week in the Green Isle and it has never left me. We might live in Mexico, but we can still celebrate St. Patrick’s Day along with everybody else around the world. The Restaurant Tour is going back to Los Amigos to bring in the green. This is one of my favorite places in Baja for comfort foods. Lorenzo, the chef, always does an amazing job whether it is turkey, ham or corned beef.

So wear something green and come and celebrate with us.

Here is the menu:

- Corned Beef (of course)
- Cabbage
- Potatoes
- Dinner Rolls
- Chocolate cake with pistachio ice cream

Cost of dinner is $14 and includes a welcome cocktail of Irish Coffee, and does NOT include the tip

Please RSVP for the dinner to seddahbi@aol.com
## Calendar Legend:

- **FRAO Free Spanish Class**, Rosarito City Hall 11am – 1pm Mondays (Beginner) & Fridays (Intermediate)
- **USBC General Meeting**, Hotel Calafia, Titanic Room First Saturday of the month
- **USBC Restaurant Tour**, organized by Sandy Eddahbi
- **USBC Potluck**, La Maroma at 1pm Third Saturday of the month

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- **Carmen Valencia**
Month in Review

General Meeting – February 1st

Viejas Casino Trip – February 4th
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: _______

☐ New  ☐ Renewal

Please Send Communicator

☐ By E-mail

☐ Regular Mail

Amount Paid:

☐ Check  ☐ Cash

Mail to:

USBC Membership
PO Box 439030  #168
San Ysidro, CA 92143

Or drop off at
The Mail Room at Rene’s

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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.bajaanimalssanctuary.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 Primo Tapia Supporting ambulance service from Popotla to Bajamar, General Meeting is 2nd Friday of each Month 10AM at Bobby’s by the Sea; Bingo is on the 2nd and last Wednesdays of the month, 1PM at El Pescador. Their Thrift Store is open Tuesday-Saturday, 10:00-2:00. Contact: Val Valle, Director, valv16@msn.com; Melody Lawson, Store Manager, (661) 119-3439 store cell.

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 & 4th Saturdays, 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, calvarychapelrosarito@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.
~ Save The Date ~

Please join us in July when we celebrate the Roaring 20’s, with entertainment, food and drink at Hotel Calafia!

Further details on this exciting event will be announced over the next few weeks...

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