USBC Events - Monthly Social!

The USBC monthly social has been a great way for us all to get together in a safe environment. The next social will be held at Los Amigos on Saturday, March 20th from 1pm to 4pm. There will be a specially priced St. Patrick’s Day menu just for USBC members. Note that to-go food is available.
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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
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Hello members,

I hope everyone is doing well. We have made it through February! I would encourage everyone to get their COVID shot when you can. I believe this is the only way we are going to be able to get back to some sort of normal. We (your USBC board) aspire to plan the fundraiser events again to enable the non-profits and individuals who subsidize the Rosarito community in these extreme times.

We hope to again and in the near future hold our general meetings with our valued guest speakers who educate and inform us of the basic needs that affect our Rosarito community as well as our expat options in our group concerns.

Our USBC social event at Los Amigos last month was a huge success. A great time was had by all...in a safe environment. This next month’s social will have a special discounted menu for all USBC members with corned beef and cabbage for Saint Patrick’s Day. Takeout orders will also be available. Remember to mark the third Saturday of every month on your calendar for this event. The staff of Los Amigos is fantastic... checking temperatures and making it safe for everyone. Thank you so much Los Amigos.

In March, Spring begins. We spring forward on the 14th. Yahoo! We will have more daylight for more fun!

Despite the COVID limitations this past year, your USBC board continues to meet monthly to discuss ideas and future events to benefit our members and our community. Your ideas and suggestions are always welcome.

We have started a new section for classified advertisements in the Communicator. Check it out.

Please continue to be safe and aware. As always, Linda and my prayers are with you all.

God bless,

Wayne Denniston, President

TREASURER'S REPORT
BY MILO GOEHRING

Financial Report (February 2021)
Total Income $ 432.00
Income From Dues $ 280.00
Total Expenses $ 415.00
Profit/(Loss) $ 17.00
Year-to-date Income $ 89.00

Membership Report (February 2021)
New Members 5
Renewals For The Month 9
Total Active Members 133
Community Support – Member Classifieds

Do you have something to sell? Looking for a friend? Do you need anything? Our member classifieds provide a way to reach our community for your needs.

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,

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**For Sale**

Roll top desk 51.5” by 22”
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Wayne: wrd414@aol.com

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Ring Alarm Security Kit - 14 piece - 2nd gen - brand new
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Robin: rsquared44@yahoo.com

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**Wanted**

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Donald Yates: donyates@donyates.com
(US) 619-564-0154

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**Friends**

Looking for adventurous traveling companion to less travelled destinations.

Danielle: dew112@hotmail.com

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**Rentals**
Community Support – The Red Cross Thrift Stores
By Danielle Williams

Undaunted by the pandemic, both Red Cross Thrift Stores are now functioning on a limited basis.

Located on the main road in Primo Tapia, across from the large ROMA pharmacy, the store which re-opened in November welcomes shoppers Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 2:30 pm. COVID protocol is strictly enforced with only two customers at any one time allowed to shop for 10 minutes. On a recent visit I was greeted by Denise Studer who controls traffic outside the door. To go in I had to wait till one of the two customers exited. The store is very bright and attractive. I did not linger to shop, but talked to the store manager, Tammy Black, who explained that their store is run by an elected board of volunteers under the general umbrella of Cruz Roja Mexicana. They help keep the two Primo Tapia ambulances running. They recently had a very successful fundraiser: lasagna to go.

Open 3 days-a-week when the pandemic started, the Rosarito Store was mandated into a two-day schedule by municipal restrictions. It now welcomes shoppers on Mondays and Thursdays from 10 AM to 3 PM. It enjoys a very busy location around the corner from WALDO’s downtown Rosarito. COVID protocol is strictly enforced which makes crowd control a bit of a challenge especially on Mondays at swap meet time. Five shoppers are allowed for 5 minutes at any one time. The store is overflowing with bargains: hundreds of books fill shelves on the back and side walls. and business is brisk. Elma Sotomayor, 4-time president, explained that when the board disbanded a long time after her tour of duty, she was appointed manager by the Red Cross Hospital which they help support. She, in turn, appointed Edie Vines and Charlie Kim as her assistants. There are other volunteers who work diligently in this beehive of activity.

Donations are accepted at both locations. It is truly amazing that, in spite of COVID and against all odds, both these organizations are able to function and serve the community in a most needed way. Why not clean out your closets, get rid of the clutter and pay them a visit and perhaps find a treasure.
Community Support – Phishing and Smishing...

There was an article in the AARP magazine last month which provides good information on some new attacks to our digital lives. Please take care.

Most of us have heard of the term “phishing.” But did you know that phishing done by SMS text message has its own name? That’s right, it’s called “smishing.” (SMS + phishing) And just like other types of phishing, smishing relies on the senders pretending to be someone they are not in hopes of getting ahold of your money or personal information.

How It Works

- You receive a text message that appears to be from a government agency or a company you are otherwise familiar with.
- The text asks for personal information, such as a Social Security number or an online account password.
- It may direct you to click a link to resolve a problem or access a service — during the ongoing pandemic, it may relate to COVID-19 testing, vaccines or contact tracing.

What You Should Know

- Scammers use technology to make it appear that texts are coming from a particular number, like the IRS or Social Security Administration, or from a company you may do business with.
- The message will relay seemingly urgent information that requires you to act right away — your benefits have been suspended, your account has been compromised, or you need to sign up for a COVID-19 vaccine, for example.
- The message will include a link for you to click on to address the situation.

What You Should Do

- Develop a habit of pausing before clicking on texts. Surveys show we are more likely to read and react to a text message than an email, which is why scammers have flocked to smishing.
- Don’t click on links from suspicious texts; it may result in loading malicious software onto your device that will harvest your credentials, or sending you to a website that will do the same.
- If you have reason to believe the text may be legitimate, reach out to the sender — the IRS, UPS, Amazon or whomever — at a number or web address you know to be legitimate.

Thank you to Kathy Stokes, AARP Fraud Watch Network © AARP
**Calendar of Events**

**Calendar Legend:**
- **FRAO Free Spanish Class**, Temporary: ZOOM Web Attendance (See WhatsApp Chat for link) 11am – 1pm Mondays (Beginner) & Fridays (Intermediate)
- **USBC Monthly Social**, Get together with your USBC friends, Los Amigos, Rosarito 1pm – 4pm 3rd Saturday every month – special USBC menu and take-away available

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Our last monthly social was held at Los Amigos on Saturday, February 20th. Los Amigos provided a special menu with reduced meal prices for USBC members. People had a choice to order off the special menu or from their regular menu at their regular prices.

FUN was had by everyone who attended.

The next event will be on March 20th. In honor of St. Patrick’s Day, Los Amigos will plan a special Corned Beef & Cabbage lunch.
USBC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

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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.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 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, 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.rbcchristianchurch.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.

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