Reminder:
Our new meeting place is the Calafia Hotel starting with the February meeting. Carretera Libre Tijuana- Ensenada KM 35.5, Villa San Pedro Rosarito, B.C.

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Note: Committee Chairpersons will be listed in our next issue once they are appointed or volunteer. If you would like to be on one of our committees, please reach out to one of the board members.

United Society of Baja California (USBC) General Meetings 1st Saturday of the month, 10:00AM, Hotel Calafia (Carretera Libre Tijuana- Ensenada KM 35.5, Villa San Pedro Rosarito, B.C.). Board meets Wednesday prior to the 1st Saturday, 10:00AM, 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

Jim Henshaw  
jim@henshaw.com

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your vote of confidence by our latest election. Your new board is committed to moving USBC forward with new ideas, innovations, trips, and events to help us provide funds to charities in our community that depend on us as the hub for social, charitable and special interest groups in our Rosarito area.

Look at the list of your 2019 executive board, board of directors and alternates on Page 2. We will add the committee chair people once we have those positions filled in the coming weeks.

Your new board of directors are all committed and devoted to the growth and success of USBC in 2019 and beyond. We have plans to bring a wide variety of speakers to inform, teach and share on services from FRAO, US Consul General to various charitable organizations as well as others. If you have any ideas or suggestions for speakers, how to improve the way we do things, please feel free to reach out to one of your new board members.

Our february speaker will be Judy Westphal with a presentation of “What is USBC” on Feb 2. For our march 2, 2019, both meetings will be at Calafia Hotel at 10 am our guest dpeakers will be from the Foreign Residents Attention Office also known as FRAO. Please come and hear the great work that the FRAO has been doing of late. Come with questions that you might have for Alex and Roxanne. They will be happy to answer them sending you in the right direction.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT
BY MILO GOEHRING

Lifetime Members – 8  
New Members – 2  
Renewed Members – 7  
Active Members – 187

TREASURER’S REPORT
BY MILO GOEHRING

2018 YEAR-END REPORT.

Checking Acct. $568  
Savings Acct. $2,578  
Petty Cash $306

Total Cash Balances $3,452

Total Income $14,846  
Total Expenses $17,119

NET 2018 LOSS ($2,273)

USBC donated a total amount of $5,729 USD to various non profit organizations this past year. Full financial report available from the Treasurer.
ABBREVIATED MINUTES
By REN DRAKE HILL

USBC General Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2019. Meeting called to order at 10:26 am.

In attendance: Judy Westphal, DeeDee Martinson, Ren Drake Hill, Milo Goehring, Jim Henshaw, Wayne Denniston, Linda Gaetan, Arlene Sieman, Bill Clark, Kathy Hutzler, and Anita Olson. Guests: Iran Verdugo and Dinora Soto with COTUCO.

Installation of Officers: New Board members installed: Jim Henshaw, President; Wayne Denniston, 1st VP; Anita Olson, 2nd VP; Linda Gaetan, Secretary; Milo Goehring, Treasurer; Judy Westphal, Past President; Board members: DeeDee Martinson, (Amy Valenzuela and Carmen Valencia will be installed at a later date); and Alternates: Laura Orange, Arlene Sieman, and Grace Paniagua.

President’s Opening Remarks: Jim presented Judy with flowers, gift and certificate. Outgoing Board Members were presented with certificates. Minutes Ren: Minutes were accepted & presented.


Dues covered two tuitions for medical students, four quarterly donations to the Flying Sam’s, Member BBQ and rent to LaMaroma. $3635 received in memberships. $4700 was received from the cruise. $1244 raised at the annual event was given to animal charities.

Speakers: COTUCO President Dinora Soto and Director of Tourism Iran Verdugo spoke about Rosarito tourism and their office at Oceana. They presented rosicas in honor of Three King’s Day. Gift bags were given to those who found the hidden baby. They presented videos promoting Rosarito which was Baja’s 2nd most visited destination in 2018.

Judy Westphal and Diego Knight are working on a USBC promotional video that they will present next month.

Membership: There are 187 active members. The General Meetings will move to Calafia’s Titanic Room starting in February. Better breakfasts, better parking, and better conditions were cited as the reason for moving.

NON PROFITS

Flying Samaritans: February 6 is their Fondue luncheon. Meetings are the third Wednesday of the month, as is BINGO.

Friends of the Library: The Holiday Home Tour raised about $7000. Monthly meetings are moving to CEART the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Baja O’Brien raised $5000 for the MS Walk this year.

Club de Ninos y Ninas: Sponsors are needed to help match an anonymous donation of 1 million pesos.

50/50: Dean Stalcup split $76 and 130 pesos with the USBC,

Kathy Hutzler told the Joke of the Day.

Meeting adjourned at 11:36 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Ren Drake Hill, Outgoing Recording Secretary, for Linda Gaetan.
Congratulations and thanks for a successful January potluck to Kathy Hutzler as the host.
April 6, 2019 – 7-Day Mexico Cruise – Roundtrip San Diego

Cruise from San Diego on Holland America’s Ms Eurodam April 6th to 13th to Cabo San Lucas, Mazatlán, Puerto Vallarta, with 3 relaxing days at sea!

Rates: Inside Cabin:$850; Oceanview Cabin:$919; Balcony Cabin:$1,199; Suite:$2,599

April 13, 2019 – 16-Day Circle Hawaii - Roundtrip San Diego

Enjoy a relaxing cruise of a lifetime, to the beautiful Hawaii with NO FLYING!!! Visit six ports Kawai, Honolulu, Lahaina, Kona, Hilo, and Ensenada, with 9 relaxing sea days!

Rates: Inside Cabin $1,936; Oceanview $2,349; Balcony $2,929; Mini-Suite $4,662

Please contact Larry Norman group escort, larrynormanctc@gmail.com
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USBC Board Meeting: “La Maroma” Blvd. Benito Juarez across from Burguer King Rosarito, B.C.
Fondue Fest Event Flying Sams - Las Rocos Resort Km. 38.5, Rosarito, B.C. Rsvp: susansmithz@hotmail.com
Cruz Roja Voluntarios Americanos de Rosarito - Popotla Restaurant Km. 34, Carretera Libre Tijuana-Ensenada.
USBC Potluck - “La Maroma” Blvd. Benito Juarez across from Burguer King Rosarito, B.C.
Flying Sams General Meeting - 10 am Villas del Mar Club House.
Flying Sams Bingo - Mariscos Popotla Jr. Blvd. Popotla No. 3103, Rosarito, B.C.
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When: Wednesday Feb 6 2019 - 1 PM
Where: Las Rocas Resort

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Contact: Alexander Magnum, (661) 614-9600 ext. 1080  frao@rosarito.gob.mx

Friends of the Library  Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the IMAC central library. FOL promotes reading, literacy & works to improve conditions and collections of the 5 library branches.  www.friendsofthelibrary.com.mx.  
Contact: Susan Shea, President, friendsofthelibraryrb@gmail.com.

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

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.

Jewish Chavurah  Meeting the last Sunday of the month. Marsha Baker, President marsha787@gmail.com.

Fundamental Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints  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–12:00, Rosarito Chapel, 20 Calle Cantil, 5 blocks west of Benito Juárez 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 Abeto & 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@stmarymagdalene.mx  US (619) 313-7511.
AA Rosarito Group Sun Mon Thur 10:00AM, Tue Wed Fri 6:00PM, Sat 3:00PM; Al-Anon meetings Tues 10:00AM Ave. Mar Mediterranco #16 (2 blocks east of Las Brisas Hotel) AA Closed Meeting, Wed 12:00noon, at Flying Sams clinic, Calle Chihuahua #488, Colonia Constitución  Contact: 661-614-1678

Al-Anon meetings Tues 10:00AM & Thur 4:00PM, Ave. Mar Mediterranco #16 (2 blocks east of Las Brisas Hotel) Contact: 661-614-1678

Angels 2 Angels is a binational 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 California Spay Neuter Foundation Providing low cost spay and neuter clinics in Baja. Volunteers always welcome. Contact: Robin Gunther, President, 661-123-3619, 619-906-7294 BajaSpayNeuter@gmail.com, www.BajaSpayNeuter.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 Dessen (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: Marsha Baker, President, 602-819-4993 664-631-3586 marsha787@gmail.com

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

Cruz Roja Primo Tapia Supporting ambulance service from Popotla to Bajamar, Bingo is on the 2nd and last Wednesdays of the month,1:00 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 10:00AM, Popotla Restaurant. Board meets Monday prior to 2nd Thursday 10:00AM, in Hospital Board Room. Thrift Store, located behind Waldos, open Mon–Sat, 9:00–5:00. Contact Mary Moreno, President 661-612 - 3486 miqueridomx@yahoo.com

DIF Desarrollo Integral de la Familia a social service agency provides help for the neediest members of the community. 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
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