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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
JUDY WESTPHAL

JANUARY, 2019

This report is bittersweet as it will be my final report after proudly serving as your President for the past 8 years. I humbly turn over the gavel to your new President, Jim Henshaw, on January 5th knowing that he will bring new energy to our organization. Thank you to all who have supported my term either by serving on the Executive Board, Board of Directors or as active Committee Chairs. I will remain on the Executive Board as your Past President as long as your new President is in office and will give all of my support to his endeavors. Due to the late date of the General Meeting there will be a few reports that are not available as the printer closes the office for the holidays before we are able to get the information included. This will include the December Minutes however a copy will be available at the January, 2019 General Meeting upon request to our Secretary.

As always, I leave you with my wishes for a Happy, Healthy New Year. Please remember my eternal message to you all: “Please be happy, be healthy and love much”!!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT
MILO GOEHRING

Membership Numbers for October, 2018
New – 3
Renewals – 6
Lifetime – 9
Total Active – 189
New Members:
IDA-JO HUARD, PETER SHAPUTIS, & KERENINA ARCHER

TREASURER’S REPORT
November Financials for Communicator
Cash Balance @ 11/30/2018:
Checking 798
Savings 2,578
Petty Cash 303

Ending Cash Balance 3,679
Asset Balance @ 10/31/2018: - $3,769
Nov. Income 353
Nov. Exp. 443
Nov. Net. Loss 90
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NOTE - SORRY NO MINUTES AVAILABLE THIS MONTH!

ABBREVIATED MINUTES
By: REN DRAKE HILL

USBC YEAR-END REVIEW

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  Rent payments at LaMaroma - $1,200;
  And half of the Free Member only BBQ costs of $200.

Total dues received in 2018 was $3,635.

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Watch our Cruise Director, Larry Norman, for his “CRUISE NEWS” on the various 2019 sailings.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS:
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A number of animal groups did benefit from the event, with USBC donating $1,244 for our four legged friends.

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JANUARY POT LUCK INFORMATION

Date:  Saturday, January 19, 2019
Time:  1:00pm
Place:  La Maroma
Hostess:  Kathy Hutzler  661-100-6060
       (Need Volunteer Servers)
Theme!  "Laid Back"
Object:  Just come and enjoy a great home cooked meal and fellowship with friends. After the holidays we all deserve a quiet day of relaxation and enjoyment. And … no dieting allowed!!

Each participant needs to bring enough food to serve 8.
   A-1          Desserts
   J-Q          Main
   R-Z          Sides & Salads

SUNSHINE REPORT

SUSAN VALENZUELA
05/29/63 - 11/29/18

USBC sadly announces the recent passing of our Member, Susan Valenzuela. Susan is the daughter of our long time Board Member, Amy Valenzuela. She graduated from Marian High School in San Diego, California. She also graduated from dental school at the Universidad Autonoma de Baja California, Tijuana in 1989 and maintained a successful dental practice in Tijuana until her illness. Her husband preceded her in death. Susan fought a valiant battle against cancer for more than two years. She passed peacefully on Thursday, November 29th. Our hearts and prayers go to Amy, Elizabeth (her sister) and the entire Valenzuela family.

A rosary mass will be celebrated at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, December 19th at our Lady of Fatima - the Catholic Church in the center of Rosarito. Should you have time following the service, please join family and friends at Charlie’s for a buffet lunch and laughs. Susie would want that. Please RSVP no later than Sunday, 12/16 so enough food can be planned. Elizabeth Valenzuela (714)862-6230 Cell or by email: eav918@gmail.com.
HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ALL OUR MEMBERS

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JANUARY CALENDAR

2
Wed
10:00 USBC Board Meeting at La Maroma

5
Sat
10:00 USBC General Meeting at Rosarito Beach Hotel, Salon Casa Blanca

9
Wed
NO USBC Sunset Social Happy hour this month

19
Sat
1:00 USBC Members’Pot Luck at La Maroma

23
Wed
NO USBC Restaurant Social This Month

16
Wed
10:00 Friends of the Library Meeting at IMAC Library

8
Tue
10:00 Rosarito Theatre Guild Board meets at the Theatre in the CINES RIO Building
**JANUARY CALENDAR**

- **14 Mon**
  - 10:00 Cruz Roja Rosarito Board meeting

- **17 Thr**
  - 10:00 Cruz Roja General Meeting at Popotla Restaurant

- **16 Wed**
  - 10:00 Flying Sams meet at the Villas del Mar Clubhouse
  - 1:30 Flying Sams Bingo at Papotla Jr. (formerly California Fresh)

- **10:00 Rosarito Theatre Guild Board meets at the Theatre in the CINES RIO Building**

- **17 Thu**
  - 10:00 FRAO Breakfast at Calafia Hotel

**Cruz Roja Primo Tapia**

- 1:00 Bingo at el Pescador

- **9 & 23 Wed**
  - 10:00 Rosarito Sister Cities Committee meets in Room 212 at City Hall
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

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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, website 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. 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. www.bajascholarshipfoundation.org Contact: Judie Desson 661-613-2359 760-208-2840 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. (Locn. Determined on date) Thrift Store, located behind Waldos, open Mon–Sat, 9:00–3:00. Tel: 661-612-3455 Contact Jerry Allen, jerryallen540@gmail.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
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: Oscar Lozano, 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: Oscar Lozano, 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.rosaritootheatre.org

United Society of Baja California (USBC)  General Meetings 1st Saturday of the month, 10:00AM, Rosarito Beach Hotel. Board meets Wednesday prior to the 1st Saturday, 10:00AM, at La Maroma. USBC is primarily a social group serving as the hub of information for the English speaking community in the Rosarito area.  Contact: Judy Westphal, President  661-614-1113 jawmem@msn.com  www.UnitedSocietyofBaja.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.  Info: 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  Info: 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.  Info: 619-504-9611 jirehnazeng@gmail.com
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