St. Patrick's Day potluck
March 16, 2019 - 1 PM at “La Maroma”
“La Maroma” Blvd. Benito Juarez across from Burguer King Rosarito, B.C.

We having a White Elephant Gift Exchange
Unique, Funny or Odd Gifts Encouraged.

Your Host for this event will
Mona Jean Smith-Middleton & Larry Kolisyk
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Each person should bring enough food for 8 people. Last names:
A – I  Sides & Salads
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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Jim Henshaw
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I want to start by thanking the attendance we had for our general meeting in February at our new meeting place at the Hotel Calafia.

A couple of days after our meeting the Hotel informed us that we did not order enough breakfasts to cover the cost of their staff. We have negotiated with the Hotel to have a wider variety of dishes on the menu. We will now have some options for lunch in addition to breakfast. I ask you to please support with the ordering of food in our meetings since as a group we must consume a minimum of twenty dishes otherwise we will have to pay for the rent of the place. The board will continue to work with our host Hotel Calafia to receive quality service.

In other news Larry Kolisyk and Mona Jean Smith-Middleton are working hard to coordinate a fun Potluck that we will have on March 16 at 1 pm, at La Maroma. You are cordially invited to spend an excellent afternoon enjoying the company of friends and delicious food, we will have a fun White Elephant gift swap with creative objects that we will bring from our homes and go home with something from someone else's home.

March 18 will be a day off throughout Mexico (be aware of this holiday because of possible traffic and delays around the city) for the celebration of the birth of Benito Juárez (March 21) who was president of Mexico on several occasions between the years of 1857 and 1872 a very important character for the history of Mexico. I invite you to read his biography that is very interesting. In closing, I extend an invitation for you to contact me or any other person from our board for your suggestions or anything regarding USBC.

TREASURER’S REPORT

BY MILO GOEHRING

As of February 28, 2018:
Checking Account $5,256
Saving Account $2,578
Petty Cash $486
Total Cash Assets $8,310
February Income $5,160
February Expenses $790
Net Income $4,370

During February USBC received a check from Larry Norman for $4,600.00 from the 2018 Cruise, received $200.00 from membership dues, and $550.00 from Communicator Advertising. Full financial report is available from the Treasurer. (All amounts expressed in U.S. dollars unless otherwise noted)

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

BY MILO GOEHRING

As of February 28, 2019
Lifetime Members 8
New Members 1 (Barbara Acosta)
Renewed Members 8
Total Active Members 191
Total Dollars Collected = $200.00
ABBREVIATED MINUTES

By LINDA GAETAN, SECRETARY

General Meeting Minutes February 2, 2019

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Wayne Denniston, First Vice President. Introduction of new executive board members by Jim Henshaw, President. Introduction of speakers for the month: Reggie, Penny, and Montserrat from Seniors Helping Seniors.

Motion to accept minutes for January 5, 2019 general meeting by Anita, second by Mona; minutes approved by unanimous vote. Financial report by Milo: Income for this month was $1068; Expenses for the month was $506 with a net income of $562 for the month of January 2019.

Jim stressed that the focus this year is on increasing and retaining members. Reggie Corsaro spoke about the serious need in our community for assistance to the elderly. DIF, is no longer distributing food. Their successful first event on October 13, 2018, netted the group $4800 which they used to purchaser 50 lb. sacks of rice, salt, beans, flour and sugar from their wholesaler. They are currently working on their 501c(3) charitable organization designation and have stressed that they will not be working with any governmental or political entities. They have plans to establish a mobile food bank to the different elderly communities in Rosarito. Education and Sunshine committee chair, Amy, spoke regarding the continuing support of our two medical students.

Kay gave praise to Cruz Roja regarding the excellent service she received from their ambulance service to the border. Membership committee chair, Milo, submitted his report that we have 190 active members as of this date.

We need a chairperson for our speakers committee
Non-profit reports: Ren reported for Sister Cities. Their retreat will be held March 27-30 at Bobby's By the Sea. More information will be forthcoming. Teresita from Rosarito announced that Cruz Roja will have their event at Charley's on March 15th from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. Lots of wonderful raffle prizes will be available.

Dean reported for Flying Samaritans who provides free medical and medications clinics for the poor of Rosarito. Their second annual casino event will be held on Saturday, March 16th at Calafia from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Amy Chankin reported for the Friends of the Library that they are establishing a model for libraries and have a book mobile almost ready to go.
Baja reported for Rosie of the Boys and Girls Club that their new clubhouse is open for visitors and is progressing nicely.

Larry announced his new travel club was launched on February 1st. Larry presented a check to USBC for $4600 for the last ten day Mexican cruise enjoyed by 83 people.

Milo asked that everyone update their contact information. The 50/50 drawing of $86 was split and won by Jim Henshaw, who promptly donated back to USBC. The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.
FIRST GENERAL MEETING IN THE HOTEL CALAFIA FEB 2 2019

Photos by LARRY KOLISNYK
2019 USBC 4th Annual Fundraising Cruise — 15-Day Panama Canal Cruise

Leaving San Diego Saturday Nov 16, Arriving Fort Lauderdale Sunday Dec 1st Special Vacation and Cruise Club Sailing includes Host, Cocktail Party and Exclusive Shore Excursion.

15-Day Panama Canal on the Eurodam
Departing from San Diego, California to Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

November 16, 2019 through December 1, 2019

Nights: 15 Ship: Eurodam Price Per Night: $146.60 (USD)
(Based on double occupancy for comparison only)

Special Vacation and Cruise Club
2019 Distinctive Voyage Sailing*
(1.) Distinctive Voyage Host
(2.) Private Cocktail Reception
(3.) Exclusive Shore Event 4
* Subject to minimum bookings

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Balcony Suites: $4,099* per person
Balcony Cabins: $2,499* per person
Oceanview Cabin: $2,179* per person
Inside Cabins: $1,779* per person
* Subject to availability

With Optional 7-Day Eastern Caribbean Cruise — on the brand new Nieuw Statendam.
Round trip from Fort Lauderdale, Florida Departing from Fort Lauderdale.
December 1, 2019 through December 8, 2019

Nights: 7
Ship: Nieuw Statendam

Prices start at:
Inside $599*
Oceanview $799*
Balcony $999*
Suites $1,399*
*All cabins are Per person, double occupancy.
*Plus Port Tax of $170 per person.

Or Optional Back-to-Back Eastern & Western Caribbean Cruise — on Nieuw Statendam
Why not extend your cruise to a total of 29 Days, by doing this 14 Day once in a lifetime cruise?
Round trip Dec 1st 2019 and returning to Fort Lauderdale Saturday Dec 15 2019, just in time for the Holidays!

Nights: 7
Ship: Nieuw Statendam

Prices start at:
Inside $1,149*
Oceanview $1,499*
Balcony $1,889*
Suites $3,299*
*All cabins are Per person, double occupancy,
*Plus Port Tax of $310 per person.

Please contact Larry Norman group escort, larrynormanctc@gmail.com
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Meeting Place:
USBC General Meeting - Calafia Hotel Carretera Libre Tijuana- Ensenada KM 35.5, Villa San Pedro Rosarito, B.C.
USBC Board Meeting- “La Maroma” Blvd. Benito Juárez across from Burguer King Rosarito, B.C.
USBC Potluck - “La Maroma” Blvd. Benito Juárez across from Burguer King Rosarito, B.C.
Birthday of Benito Juárez, Important Mexican Holiday

21 of March 1806 - 18 of July 1872

March 21, is a national holiday in Mexico commemorating the birthday of the visionary Zapotec Indian leader and great 19th century president of Mexico, Benito Juárez. In addition to his many other achievements, Juárez was the author of the quotation, “El respeto al derecho ajeno es la paz” (respect for the rights of others is peace), which is displayed on the flag of the state of Oaxaca, is well-known throughout Mexico, and is used as one of the epigraphs for this website.

Juárez is easy to look up in the Wikipedia or in other sources on the Web. He was born in a Zapotec village in southern Mexico in 1806, but he was orphaned three years later. At the age of 12, he walked to the state capital, the city of Oaxaca, to join his sister who worked as a household maid. The owner of the house and another man were so impressed by his intelligence that they helped the boy learn to read, write, and speak Spanish, and to get an education.

He turned away from the priesthood, the intention of one of his mentors, and went on to get a law degree. He quickly entered Mexican politics as a reformer dedicated, among other things, to selling off the extensive land holdings of the Roman Catholic Church. In the 1850s he became a key figure in promulgating several major reforms, but conservative armed forces - ousted the reformers in 1858. In 1861, however, the reformers re-took Mexico City and Juárez was elected President. Since the national treasury was nearly empty, he decided to suspend payment for two years on Mexico’s foreign debts. In response, England, Spain, and France decided to invade, though England and Spain withdrew their troops when they realized that France was determined to stay and colonize Mexico. France installed a puppet ruler, Archduke Maximilian of Austria, in 1862. On May 5 that year, the Mexican army defeated the French in a major battle at Puebla—celebrated as the Cinco de Mayo holiday—but French reinforcements allowed Maximilian to continue his rule until 1867. Juárez was re-elected as president in 1867 and again in 1871, dying in his office of a heart attack in 1872.

Mexicans have admired his life and work ever since, and they have named numerous towns and one major city, across the Rio Grande from El Paso, Texas, after him. His famous quotation, “respect for the rights of others is peace,” captured the essence of this honest, modest, idealistic leader.

It also epitomizes the way people in at least one relatively peaceful Zapotec community, known as “La Paz,” firmly believe in mutual respect as the basis for their nonviolent family and community relations. Douglas Fry titled an interesting anthropology journal article in 1992 after the Juárez quote, effectively tying together his research on La Paz with the ideals of the famous Mexican leader. Reading Fry’s article, available in many academic and research libraries, on the 21st would be an appropriate way to join the Mexicans in celebrating their national holiday.

By Bruce Bonta
Source:
https://cas.uab.edu/peacefulsocieties/2005/03/18/birthday-of-benito-juarez-important-mexican-holiday/
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**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**
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: Alexander Magnum, (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 (10 AM) 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

Rosalito 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

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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.

Rosalito 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.

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