Our Thanks to the Tijuana Lions Club
for a fabulous Christmas Party

And Thanks to Dorothy’s group and Santa’s Elves we gave
Over 150 of our patients a Merry Christmas

Samaritanos Voladores
Playas Rosarito Chapter

The Flying Samaritans is a non-profit organization which has conducted free medical clinics, for those who have no other resources, in remote areas of Baja California since 1961. We operate in conjunction with the UABC as invited teachers. The Playas de Rosarito Chapter was formed in 1994. Our Clinic is currently located in Rosarito Beach, about 20 miles south of Tijuana.

Clinic days are the second (Medical), third (Hearing), and fourth (Medical) Saturday of each month. Due to our close proximity to the border we are a “drive-in” clinic and easily accessible. Most of the other clinics in the organization are “fly-in” clinics. We need you, whatever your talents, medical or non-medical, bilingual or non-bilingual. We need volunteers on clinic days, as well as throughout the month, to prepare for clinic.

There is a destiny that makes us brothers. . . None goes his way alone.
All that we send into the lives of others. . . Comes back into our own.
-Edwin Markham

LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE
Spotted outside a church
Honk if you love Jesus.
Keep texting while you drive if you want to meet him
**Presidents Message**

It’s been an amazing year. Due to the dramatically increased patient count we found ourselves heading for some serious financial problems. Fortunately our 4th of July event generated nearly ½ the years financial needs. Our membership committee got busy working on signing up new members and our members came forward with additional donations. We are once again able to take on new patients and continue our service to the community. You are the people who keep our doors open year after year. We Thank You.

Jorge and Marta Gomez, long time volunteers, have now brought us a new Lions Club Group who put on a wonderful Christmas party for our patients and their children. The group also has plans to do the same for Mother’s Day and many other holidays. They are a great addition to our dedicated volunteers. Thanks Jorge & Martha and the Tijuana Lions Club.

**BEST WISHES TO ALL FOR A WONDERFUL NEW YEAR**

Susan Smith
President, Rosarito Chapter

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**GETTING TO KNOW YOU . . . Dr. Donald Childs**

Dr. Donald Childs has been a dedicated volunteer at the Flying Samaritan Clinics for over 15 years. Although he is a Pediatrician, he frequently sees many of our slightly older patients. His plans for retirement still include us. He and his wife Jacquie, a retired Marriage and Family Therapist will be spending half the year in Florida and the other half here in Rosarito, so fortunately we will continue to see him at our clinics.

Among his hobbies are going to the Gym – for those of you have met him this comes as no surprise. And happily for Jacquie he also likes to cook – he insists it’s only simple stuff, but I’m guessing it’s pretty darn good.

They have 3 children, the oldest of which is in business in California, middle one is a Deputy Sheriff in Florida and the baby of the family works at a theater near San Francisco (lighting, set building, etc. – not an actress) They have 2 grandchildren . . . so far. They currently have only 2 cats, down from a maximum of 5 cats and 2 dogs.

We are so fortunate to have volunteers like Dr. Childs and look forward to seeing in the future at the Clinic.
We have had a very good year thanks to all the support we’ve gotten, and the increase in Volunteers. We have made life easier for Seizure patients who were never able to be sure that they would have access to medications, and now have a secure source. We are successfully maintaining two Parkinson’s patients at the best status possible. We’ve seen more children successfully referred to Shriners, and will be able to help with the cost of their visas. We are now doing wound care for patients with Diabetic foot and leg ulcers. Due to a special effort of some members a child who came to hearing clinic was fitted with much needed hearing aids. (see story below)

Our two Lions members who have been so loyal for years are now joined by new Lions for special events for the children. Our volunteers now include more members of the native population.

Thank you all for making 2014 our best year ever!

Nutritional advice for Seniors - Sharpen the mind.
Key nutrients for the brain include brightly colored fruit, leafy veggies, fish and nuts. Regular consumption of antioxidant-rich green tea may also enhance memory and mental alertness as we age.

Jennifer’s story – by Jackie Rawding
Jennifer’s story was brought to my attention at the end of September. She is 6 years old and a straight A student. Earlier in the year her teachers noticed her grades began to drop and over the course of a few months her school work really began to suffer.

After various tests and diagnosis, Jennifer’s parents were advised that she had a hearing problem and unless they could provide her with 2 hearing aids she would have to leave the school at the end of this year. Her parents did not have the financial resources to send her to one of the special school she would need, nor did they have the resources for hearing aids.

Jennifer’s teacher brought this sad story to the attention of one of her friends who is an avid Flying Samaritans supporter, Fernanda Sanchez from Baja Produce, who happens to be a good friend of mine. Jennifer’s parents had taken her to our Hearing Clinic where she was seen by the wonderful Pat Hedrick.

The donation necessary for the 2 Hearing Aids was $660. At the end of October I decided to see if I could assist with raising some monies for this family. In less than 4 hours I had raised the whole amount with a little to spare and I am still collecting.

In November, I met Jennifer and her Mother for the first time. I gave her a gift from friends who run animal rescue group in San Felipe who had also generously donated towards her future.

Jennifer Alexandra Antuna Arambula has been fitted for her hearing aids and will receive them on Jan 17, 2015

Watch for our follow-up story in the next issue.

For those of you who don’t know Jackie, she is a long-time supporter of the Flying Samaritans and our Raffle Prize procurer extraordinaire! Thank You Jackie for all you do for the Flying Samaritans.
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**CLINIC ADDRESS:**
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(approx 1 km east of Quinta del Mar)

**CLINIC DATES:**
MEDICAL: 2nd Saturday
HEARING: 3rd Saturday
MEDICAL: 4th Saturday

General Meeting 3rd Wed of each Month at 10 AM
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