

FLYING SAMARITANS NEWSLETTER

JANUARY – JUNE 2019

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.

*All that we send into the lives of others. . . Comes back into our own.
-Edwin Markham*

February brought another Valentine's Day Fondue Fest



Nearly 50 chocoholics' showed up to enjoy a lovely lunch and lots and lots of chocolate. There was pound cake, strawberries, pineapple, jimica, bananas and of course marshmallows to soak up all that chocolate. Several folks said it was the best fondue they've had at our Fondue Fests.

NEW PROSTHETIC CLINIC

For those of you who are familiar with how life changing amputation can be you also know how life changing prosthesis can be. The idea was brought to us by Dr. Richard Thunder Orthopedic Surgeon in San Diego, and thanks to him and a group of dedicated Americans and Mexicans the clinic has already been able to help a number of amputees. In Rosarito where amputations due to diabetic complications are common the need is great. It is the difference between being able to work and help support the family or being a burden, the difference between hope and hopelessness.



Donations can be made through our website: FlyingSamaritansRosarito.org and donate with PayPal or Go Fund me page - type in Flying Samaritans under search and see our Prosthesis site. When you go there you will see a place where you can forward it to friends. Please send it on to everyone you know. Or send a check to Flying Samaritans PO Box 439030, San Diego Calif 92143. Any donation, no matter how small will be greatly appreciated and be put to good use.

Donations are completely Tax Deductible.

Laughter is the best medicine

At a church sponsored Marriage Seminar, the priest asked Luigi, as his 50th Anniversary approached, to share some insight into how he managed to stay married to the same woman all those years. Luigi replied to his audience "Well, I tried to treat her well and spend money on her. But, the best thing I did was take her to Italy for our 20th anniversary.

The audience was very impressed and the priest asked him what he was planning for their 50th anniversary. Luigi proudly replied "I'm gonna go get her".

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE.

It's been another busy year. Lots of good things have happened. First the Kiwanis Club once again donated \$1,000. When I went up to their luncheon to thank them, they generously gave us a check for an additional \$500, we plan to use in our new Prosthetic Clinic.

The Prosthetic Clinic began as a result the efforts of Dr. Thunder, Orthopedic surgeon, in San Diego, his son and a number of American and Mexican volunteers, with Nancy Callison spearheading our involvement.

We now have a "Go Fund Me" page to help fund this new effort. Please go to "Go Fund Me" and type in prosthetics. Not only can you donate, a very important help would be for you to "share" it with everyone you know.

We had a great Cinco de Mayo event hosting 20 orphans at our carnival. Abuleo's Abuela's (grandma and grandpas) "adopted" an orphan for a few hours, bought them carnival tickets and helped them play the games. . . and played a few themselves. Especially popular was the toilet paper roll toss!

Susan Smith

CLINIC REPORT

Now that we have returned to a once a month clinic, actual populations seems to be slowly increasing again. We are still badly in need of providers (i.e MD's, PA's, NP's) For those of you who may not know at this, the Flying Samaritans have been helping Mexicans who have no other access to health care in Mexico since 1963. There is no need for any special licensing or permits for providers to practice at our clinic.

We are happy to help people find their way from the border down to the clinic in Rosarito and back.

Our new goal for the clinic is to have 2 providers present at every monthly clinic. Currently we depend entirely on Dr. Soto for patient care, but he cannot always attend and the patient load is very heavy for one doctor to maintain.

Please help us recruit more providers. Thank you for your support

Nancy Callison, RN (ret)
Clinic Director

CINCO DE MAYO

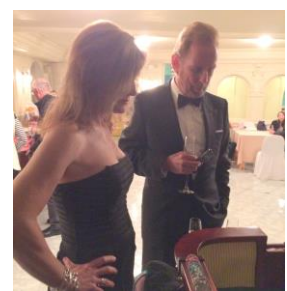
Even though Cinco de Mayo is not considered a major holiday here in Mexico -
A lot of Gringos and kids sure enjoyed it.



In addition to the Toilet Paper Toss, we had Balloon Popping, Tic Tac Toe Toss, Water Pistol Shoot out and several other great carnival games. Who played all these games? 20 orphans were invited to join in the fun and we got to be abuela (grandma) or abuelo (grandpa) for each of them. All of the children left with a goodie bag of their winnings. And some of the rest of us went home with some pretty awesome Raffle Prizes.

And Flying Samaritans made the important funds to keep the clinic operating.

CASINO ROYALE



Thanks to some great volunteers and some glamorous gamblers, a great time was had by all. The champagne flowed which is only proper at a Royale Gambling establishment.



It's none too soon to start thinking about Bratwurst & Beer. We're not too many months away from what will be our second annual OKTOBERFEST.

It's being held this year at Las Rocas.

Music, Dancing, Entertainment, Food, Beer, Wine
and since we're in Mexico, Margaritas
Details to come.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM
Please Print

Date: _____ New _____ Renewal _____

Name: _____

U.S. Mailing Address: _____

Phone (U.S.) _____ Phone (Mex) _____

E-Mail: _____

Interest/Skills: Doctor _____ Nurse _____ Pharmacist _____ Interpreter _____ Clerical _____ Fundraising _____

Newsletter _____ Transportation _____ Not available to donate time, but want to support the organization _____

Other _____

Yearly Dues: Business-\$150 Couple-\$30 Individual-\$20 Student-\$10
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CLINIC ADDRESS:
#488 Chihuahua
(approx. 1 km east of Quinta del Mar)
CLINIC DATES
MEDICAL: 2nd & 4th Saturday
HEARING : 3RD Saturday

General Meeting 2rd Wednesday of each Month at
10am at Villas Del Mar. Contact Susan for directions
susansmithz@hotmail.com

WISH LIST

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