

HBSCA NEWS

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Former President Barack Obama visited Loreto last month to board Steven Spielberg's yacht and cruise around the Islands of Loreto. According to sources, he tried to arrive quietly at the Loreto Airport but the Loreto gossip machine was no match for US attempts at secrecy! La Mision posted an online video on their Facebook page and What's App, Facebook, and Instagram were exploding with the news. See the article in the San Diego Reader [here](#)

Mourning the Loss of Dr. Fernando Lopez Pineda



On January 22, 2020, we lost our dear friend and partner, Dr. Fernando Lopez Pineda. For many, many years he served as our translator for the Paramedic Training Program for the Loreto Bomberos. He spent many hours volunteering with Paul Hawkins, Kim Bridges, and Mike Garafano planning and preparing the courses for the Bomberos. In 2017, the HBSCA recognized his outstanding efforts with our International Humanitarian Award at our 50th Anniversary Gala in Hermosa Beach. There has been a grand outpouring of love and support to his family from both sides of the border. His [Facebook page](#) is full of testimonies to his life's work of care for the community. A ["Go Fund Me" page](#) has been established to help his children complete their medical studies in the wake of his demise. "Ojala que te vayas bonito" nuestro gran amigo.

CASINO NIGHT—August 30, 2020



Our planning committee will begin work on our 2020 FUNdraiser—CASINO NIGHT scheduled for August 30, 2020, so SAVE THE DATE! In lieu of our annual "Tri-Cities 5 de Mayo Revisited" fundraiser at Ortega's, we've decided to try something **NEW!** Please SAVE THE DATE and we'll share details as they are set. Start inviting your friends and family NOW to make it the HUGE SUCCESS we are hoping for! We'll have BlackJack/21 and Poker for sure, maybe Roulette or Craps, as well! Music, Dancing, Food, Drinks, the works! Fun for ALL!

Welcome to Michael Detoy—HB City Council Member Representative



Our newly elected Hermosa Beach City Council Member, Michael Detoy, will serve as the city's representative to the HBSCA. "Hermosa Beach City Councilmembers serve as representatives on various regional and local associations, boards, commissions, districts, groups and governing bodies as well as Council subcommittees dedicated to a specific area of interest, event or project. A primary delegate and alternate are generally appointed by Council on an annual basis with updates as needed." Mayor Mary Campbell will serve as the Alternate representative. Looking forward to meeting him soon!

For more information about Michael Detoy, you may want to visit his [webpage](#).



HBSCA NEWS, CONTINUED...

HBSCA Visits DTLA Central Library



On January 29, 2020, we took a tour of the Los Angeles Central Library. It was fun and interesting and I for one learned a lot! Have you read "The Library Book" by Susan Orlean? ([Cool review in the New York Times](#)) Our docent was so knowledgeable and enthusiastic about our library—the history, the architecture. It was a fascinating day! (Do you know why the library has a pyramid on top rather than a dome?) If you didn't make the trip with us, consider going on your own! Visit <https://www.lapl.org/branches/central-library/docent-tours-central-libra> for more info on daily free tours!

Stay tuned for our next Cultural Outing!

Capital Campaign for NEW Fire Truck for Loreto



Loreto needs a NEW Fire Truck. Not a donated 20 year old truck that doesn't work and for which parts are unavailable.. A new truck, made in Mexico so parts are available. I would like to begin a CAPITAL CAMPAIGN to raise PART of the funds needed to purchase a new fire truck. The Bomberos will raise part of the funds. And HOPEFULLY Loreto municipality will also pay for part. I am working with the Loreto Bomberos and they are working with the City and other entities in Loreto to be able to pay for part of the truck. This will NOT be funded out of HBSCA funds. This will be a SEPARATE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN. A pledge form will be created to see how much I can generate in donations. The Loreto Bomberos will find and purchase the truck and provide for maintenance and repairs. There are trucks for purchase from Mexican companies that could be purchased for about \$85K USD. So, I just need to find 50 friends to donate \$1K each and we're in business! More info will be forthcoming!

MB and RB Sister Cities Need Our Help!

Volunteers Needed!



I'm not sure how or why HBSCA has been SO FORTUNATE to have such a committed, dedicated, and HIGH FUNCTIONING Sister City Association but I am GRATEFUL for it!

George Barks is currently working to re-invigorate the Redondo Beach Sister City Association. (RB is Sister City to Ensenada and La Paz in Mexico, Itoman in Japan, and Zhangjiagang in China.) Nicole Burke is also working to generate new interest in Manhattan Beach's Sister City Association. (MB is Sister City to Santa Rosalia in Mexico.)

It takes a special group of people to do what we do. If you know people in our neighboring cities who may be interested, please put them in touch with George or Nicole! I was recently contacted by Carl Morehouse of Ventura who is trying to re-invigorate Ventura's SCA, they are also Sister City to Loreto! It takes a village!

In other news:



Our next HBSCA meeting is Monday, March 2nd, at 7pm in the Hermosa Beach Community Center Room 9. Hope to see you there.

Join HBSCA in the Hermosa Beach St Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 14th, from 10am-12pm. Meet us along Valley Drive SOUTH of City Hall at 10am.

Woman's Club of Hermosa Beach will be hosting the Annual "Adrienne's Search for Children's Cancer Cure" on Saturday, March 28th, from 5-9pm at the Hermosa Kiwanis Hall.

Woman's Club of Hermosa Beach



is proud to host the

**14th Annual
Adrienne's Search
For Children's Cancer Cure
Fundraiser**

Saturday, March 28, 2020
5:00-9:00 pm

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