

HBSCA NEWS

Hermosa Beach Sister City Association Newsletter



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Dear Members,

These are strange, unprecedented times we are living in. We are each being challenged to change our personal behaviors for the common good. Not an easy task to say the least. And while I would never wish this on anyone, I admit to taking comfort in being in it together!

This newsletter is a forum for sharing new things I am learning about our organization and a way to interact with you. I hope to keep it going! If you want to contribute, please email me!

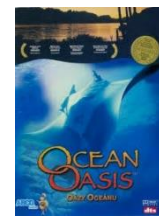
Top stories in this newsletter:



HBSCA – Sending Funds to Loreto



**Learn more about HBSCA:
An interactive lesson**



**Family Night DVD:
Ocean Oasis**

HBSCA SUPPORTS LORETO During Covid-19 Pandemic



On Monday April 27, we held our FIRST ONLINE meeting using ZOOM. Those present voted to use some of our funds to support relief efforts in Loreto. We voted to give \$1000 to Eco-Alianza de Loreto. Read all about their efforts [here](#). They have been very grateful for the support they have already received from individuals in Hermosa and elsewhere since they began this campaign last month.



We also voted to give \$1000 to Con Amor a Loreto, a grass-roots volunteer effort to provide groceries and basic hygiene supplies to needy families in Loreto. You can donate directly to this cause via [HBSCA through GiveBox.com](#) or send a check to HBSCA PO Box 1025 Hermosa Beach, CA 90254 and in the memo section write "Con Amor a Loreto."

HBSCA HISTORY – Interactive Lesson about our Organization

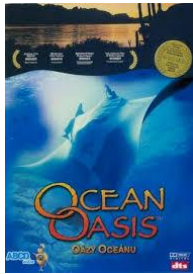


Do you want to know more about our organization? We invite you to surf our website at <https://www.hb-sistercity.org/> For those that prefer a little more guidance, attached to this email please find an interactive "Lesson Plan" that will take you on a guided exploration of the highlights of our organization! Just follow the directions on each page to click on images to be taken to different sites.

HBSCA NEWS, CONTINUED...



Ocean Oasis



Need a little entertainment? Back in 2004, HBSCA held a fundraiser with the San Diego Natural History Museum. Read about it in the Beach Reporter [here](#) or visit our website on the [“News” page](#).

“**Ocean Oasis** is a fascinating journey into the bountiful seas and pristine deserts of two remarkably different, but inextricably linked worlds – Mexico’s Sea of Cortes and the Baja California desert.”

The DVD is available to purchase on Amazon and can be viewed on Amazon Prime. A Teacher’s Guide is available (free) through the San Diego Natural History Museum:

<https://www.sdnhm.org/oceanoasis/teachersguide/index.html>

HBSCA Scholarship Committee



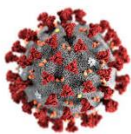
The HBSCA Scholarship Committee worked hard in April to select four High School Seniors, alumni of our Student Exchange Program, to receive \$500 each. The names have been sent to the schools (three different high schools) and we will share the names in our June Newsletter! (It’s still a surprise and we want to notify them first!) Our members voted to give 3 scholarships from our budget and the Hoffman’s donated an additional \$500 so that we could award a 4th!

OTHER UPDATES:



Campaign for a NEW FIRE ENGINE for Loreto – [Pledge Sign-Up Link](#)

We are continuing to raise money to co-fund a new Fire Engine for Loreto! Please pledge to support this campaign today!



COVID-19 Help at Home - If you are a person who is at-risk and would like help with groceries, pharmacy needs, pet supplies, and/or calls of comfort, please visit this [link to a request form](#). You can complete this form for yourself or for someone else. Let’s be sure our community stays happy, healthy, and safe.

Other organizations Helping the People (and animals) of Loreto during COVID-19 Pandemic:

- **FEED LORETO** – A collaboration between Orlando de la Cruz (of Orlando’s Restaurant), Gretchen Bell (of Wine Bar in Loreto) and Mary Lampros (of the Loreto Optimist Club). Donations accepted via PayPal using email bajabell@yahoo.com
- **BuyLoreto.Com** -Visit this site to see what they are doing and to make a donation <https://www.buyloreto.com/sponsor-a-family-with-a-csa-box-6-week-program/>
- **Animalandia** - <https://www.animalandialoreto.org/>