



Tucson-México Sister Cities

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Friendship

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Medical Vehicles Donated to Agua Prieta

On Wednesday, May 23, Southwest Ambulance will donate an ambulance to Agua Prieta, Mexico to be used by Cruz Roja (Mexico's Red Cross), and a mini-bus to Nogales, Mexico to be used by it's Homeland Security Department.

This ambulance will make a significant impact on the medical care Agua Prieta, Mexico residents and visitors receive," said Patrick Sullivan, Division General Manager of Southwest Ambulance's

Southern Arizona Operations. "The mini-bus was greatly needed and will be an important resource for Nogales' Homeland Security Department."

TMSC Updates Via Email

If you would like to receive email updates regarding TMSC events and such please submit your updated contact email address to Elocatfan@aol.com. Muchas Gracias!

Sister Cities' Appreciation Corner

Tucson-Mexico Sister Cities would like to thank the following organization for all their contributions and support:

* **South West Ambulance** for all the hard work of preparing the van for the alzheimer's group in Cd. Obregon.

* **TMC de Mexico** for the donation of equipment and supplies.

* **Gloria Corral**, our Tucson Mexico Sister Cities' Cook Extraordinaire, for providing the board members with scrumptious botanas during our monthly meetings.

* **Judge Margarita Bernal**, City Court Magistrate, for meeting with a Cd. Obregon delegation at the request of Sister Cities.

* **Steve Lasky and Digital Business System** for printing the Tucson-Mexico Sister Cities newsletters

TMSC welcomes new members. Please call, email, or attend a Board Meeting. Gracias!
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Tucson Mexico Sister Cities Members Travel & Build Bonds Throughout Mexico Sister Cities Goes to Court!

Tucson Mexico Sister Cities was instrumental in setting up a meeting between three Cd. Obregon City Officials and Tucson City Court personnel on June 5, 2007. Donna Whitman escorted the Chief of Police, a City Council member and a Public Safety Director from our Sister City Cd. Obregon to Tucson City Court to meet Judge Margarita Bernal, a City Court Magistrate and Tucson Mexico Sister Cities member, who graciously accepted to meet with the group. Also present at this encounter were Presiding Judge Tony Riojas, Deputy Court Administrator Chris Hale, Supervisory Bailiff Gloria Camacho, Rene Ruiz, City Court Prosecutor and Antonio Zapata, Assist Public Defender. All gave a comprehensive presentation to our Cd. Obregon guests explaining the inner workings of our municipal court system. That same evening, Judge Bernal accompanied the Cd. Obregon delegation to the jail to



observe "Night Court" in action. The request to visit Tucson City Court was made by the Mexican delegation on the heels of Gov. Bours' initiative to make changes to the traffic court protocol currently in place in the state of Sonora. The group was not only impressed with the what they observed and learned but were very grateful for the court contacts afforded them by Sister Cities President, Donna Whitman. After all was said and done, the Cajeme city officials have expressed a desire to meet with our Sister Cities group in October during our goodwill trip to Cd. Obregon, to further promote mutual interest in the law enforcement field and possible training opportunities between our two cities. (See article re: Goodwill trip to Cd. Obregon) Thank you Judge Bernal and City Court for your hospitality!

Reception for visiting city officials from Mazatlán

On a beautiful Spring evening, April 26, 2007 to be exact, our TMSC board hosted a reception for a delegation from Mazatlan. This was, in effect, a direct result of our visit to Mazatlan earlier this year. Our member, Adela Allan, generously donated her beautiful and charming home and gardens. Our members and guests, totaling about fifty, enjoyed the ambiance and the music provided by Francisco Garcia, harpist (music veracruzana). After a brief cocktail hour with drinks provided by the Caballeros Del Sol we then proceeded

to partake in a fantastic meal provided by our own Gloria Corral. The event was attended by Mayor Bob Walkup, the delegates from Mazatlan including: Clara Pelayo Osuna representing the "Festival Cultural de mazatlan", Jose Luis Hernandez, Norma Alicia Hernandez, Ricardo Arguijo, and many other Sister Cities' members and friends Everyone had a great time eating, drinking, chatting and listening to the music under the beautiful Tucson sky. It was truly a great cultural exchange fulfilling the purpose and spirit of Sister Cities. Thanks to the hard work of all the members who pitched in and helped the event was a success. If you were unable to attend you missed a great time. See you at the next one.

Two Sister Cities Trips in the Works

The board is feverishly coordinating two trips scheduled for the month of October. The first trip to Cd. Obregon is scheduled for October 4 thru the 9th. Meetings and other activities are being planned. The second jaunt will be to Guadalajara in late October to take advantage of the Fiestas de Octubre: Anyone wishing to attend or would like to have a particular meeting set up, please contact either Donna Whitman at (whitval@cox.net 750-9754) or Augie Garcia at agarcia34@cox.net)

So get your passports ready!

The weekly newspaper “Inside Tucson Business” has named Alejandra Dreisbach, Board member for Sister Cities and Vice President and CEO of TMC de Mexico for TMC HealthCare, to the publication’s fourth annual special section honoring Women of Influence.

“It is an honor for our committee to have talented women such as Alejandra that can help develop stronger relationships with our sister cities, positively impact Tucson’s economy by meeting her organization’s goals, and setting the example for future generations,” Eloise Carrillo stated.

Ten women were selected from community nominations, honored for stepping outside what might be considered “expected” career paths to do something more for themselves and for the community. The 2007 Women of Influence was honored with a breakfast on June 7 at the Marriott University Park.

Alejandra’s profile was published April 30 in “Inside Tucson Business”: Alejandra Dreisbach: Improving healthcare on both sides of the border

In just five years, Alejandra Dreisbach has made quite an impression when it comes to healthcare in Southern Arizona. She is vice president and CEO of TMC de Mexico. She serves as a liaison between Mexico and the United States in healthcare.

Before she arrived, Alejandra already had plenty of experience spanning nearly two decades, mainly in the northeastern United States. Before that she worked in Saudi Arabia for the Minister of Science and Technology managing turnkey programs, including the National Observatory.

She found her way to Tucson when Tucson Medical Center recruited her to evaluate operations and conduct training programs. That led to her be offered her job running TMC de Mexico, which is establishing closer relationships in northern Mexico in an effort to attract paying patients and employees, particularly nurses, from educational programs.

Alejandra is a teacher at heart. The part of her job she most enjoys is teaching and mentoring future healthcare leaders. She has taught at the university level in both the United States and Mexico, and has written in healthcare textbooks and other periodicals. “I like having the opportunity to convey the knowledge that I have to the next generations of leaders in healthcare,” she said.

She said she emphasizes to her students the importance of being knowledgeable in their fields of expertise and to remain connected to the latest developments. At the same time, she encourages them to remain flexible and adapt to the ever changing environment of healthcare.

At the end of the day though, for Alejandra it’s all about making a difference.

“Healthcare is the best industry for challenging oneself,” she said. “Everyday we have the opportunity of making a difference in a patient’s life.”

Alejandra believes she is a leader of business because she strives to strengthen the relationship between the United States and Mexico through mutual respect and understanding. “I have been able to be a bridge between both cultures,” she said.

She recognizes the United States has much more resources for healthcare than is available in Mexico. But, she says, despite the greater economic challenges, very good health care is available in Mexico.

She sees this as an opportunity for both sides of the border. Alejandra loves her organization and the opportunity to speak both English and Spanish assisting patients from the region on a daily basis.



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