



# Tucson-México Sister Cities

First Quarter 2009  
Newsletter

Promoting Cultural,  
Educational, Social,  
and Economic  
Development

## A Message From the New President Ana D. Romero



As incoming Tucson-Mexico Sister Cities President, I feel extremely honored to be selected by the nominating committee and approved by the board to serve as your 2009 TMSC President. I want to acknowledge and thank everyone who has served before me and has helped to advance our organization's goals and objectives. I have had the honor to work with the dedicated volunteers of Tucson Mexico Sister Cities for six years.

We will continue to promote cultural, educational, social, and economic development for mutual benefit of the Tucson, Cd. Obregon, Guadalajara, and our new sister city, Mazatlan communities by fostering and encouraging our sister cities relationships. The success of this organization depends on a collaborative team of enthusiastic people. Also, recruiting a new generation of members who will contribute and implement new ideas, engage the membership, and further advance our mission.

I'm looking forward to embracing the responsibility of leading this organization in 2009. Please join us by participating in the abundance of activities and projects planned for the upcoming year. May you have a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Ana D. Romero

## Upcoming Events

Tucson-Mexico Sister Cities (TMSC) has engaged in activities that address cultural, health-care, educational and economic development issues. We have had the opportunity to visit our sister cities of Cd. Obregon and Guadalajara during the past years and hosted them as visitors as well. This year our organization has been fortunate enough to welcome our third sister city, Mazatlan Sinaloa. TMSC Activities planned:  
\*On January 30, 2009, our organization will host a Member Appreciation and New Board Member installation dinner.  
\*During the month of March, we will have our spring fundraiser. Funds raised will be donated to an all girls orphanage in Mazatlan.  
\*In April there will be an invitation to visit our new Mexican counterparts in Mazatlan.  
\*The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Hispanic New Year's gala is planned for 12/31/09 to welcome in 2010.



TMSC welcomes new members. Please call, email, or attend a Board Meeting. Gracias!

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Tucson-Mexico Sister Cities welcomes you to our community. We hope you will be able to participate in the exciting events planned for 2009!

## [Tucson Mexico Sister Cities Members Travel & Build Bonds Throughout Mexico](#)

### **Tucson Symphony Orchestra presents 2009 !FIESTA!**

The MTCVB Vamos a Tucson Program in partnership with the Tucson Symphony Orchestra, the Mexican Consulate, Tucson Mexico Sister Cities and many of Tucson's valuable Hispanic organization, have formed an alliance to increase awareness, within our community, of Tucson's vibrant Latino music and arts. "

" For our first endeavor, we are celebrating the rhythm and romance of Latin music with the Tucson Symphony Orchestra 2009 !FIESTA! This four-concert program features the appearances by the ROMERO GUITAR QUARTET with guest conductor JORGE MESTER, on Friday, March 6, 2009 at 8:00p.m. at the Tucson Music Hall. After the concert, we are holding a reception to recognize internationally renowned conductor Jorge Mester, and to celebrate with the members of The Romeros Quartet."

Part of the sponsor letter signed by Jose Felipe Garcia, (MTCVB) Martha Tadlock, (MTCVB) and Juan Manuel Calderon, Mexican Consul in Tucson.

For information and tickets please contact Norma Pernisco (743-0142) or Enna Cassler (256-9276)



### **Congratulation TMSC Board Member Shawn Page**



Phoenix and the Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce honored its 2008 40 Hispanic Leaders Under 40 on Wednesday 24, September 2008.

In its second year, the program honored leaders working toward the greater good of the community with winners representing corporate, government, non-profit, and arts and culture sectors across Arizona.

*JULIA SHAWN PAGE* was selected as one of the 40 under 40 Hispanic Leaders in Arizona by the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Arizona for her work and dedication and was the only candidate from Tucson, AZ.

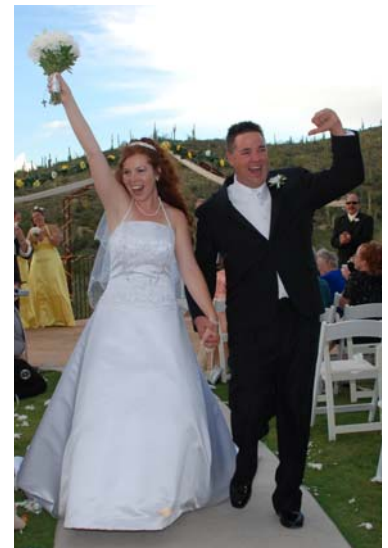
### **Centro Rebozos at Tucson Art Museum**

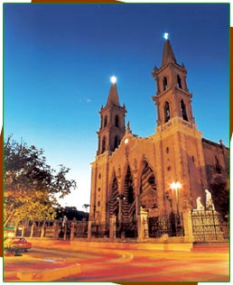
On Saturday, May 9 the Rebozo program will feature folklorico and a fashion show. Other family events will occur on Sunday, May 10. Tickets are on sale for \$25 at The Tucson Museum of Art. Call Enna at (520) 256-9276

**NOTE:** Due to City Budget cuts the Tucson Family Arts Festival has been cancelled.

### **La Boda de JESSA Y JOE**

En un lindo sabado, Septiembre 25, 2008 tuve el honor de ser invitada a la Boda de nuestra linda amiga y companera de Tucson-Mexico Sister Cities Jessa Burger con el caballero Joe Turner. La reception tuvo lugar en un bellissimo rancho llamado Reflection at Saguaro Buttes con un ocaso precioso que celebraba tan dichoso dia. Jessa lucia bella con su vestido de chifon que mas radiante que nunca lucia feliz feliz en su dia. Y bajo ese celaje se dieron los hermosos votos de felicidad y amor. Luego vino la cena, con muchos manjares sabrosos y no dejando atras el apetecido pastel. Y claro no podia faltar la musica a donde la novia y su amado esposo junto con toda los invitados salieron a ponerle el son a tan feliz dia. Mil felicidades JESSA Y JOE! Te saluda tu amiga Norma Pernisco





Several members of the Tucson Mexico Sister's City group visited

Mazatlan, Sinoloa Mexico and met with governmental and business leaders mid-summer (5/28/08-6/1/08) to begin the discussions which may create more economic and cultural activities for the both communities. A leadership contingent of the Tucson-Mexico Sister Cities group, a non profit community based group that serves both Pima County and the City of Tucson, met with the various elected city officials, economic development, Chamber of Commerce and individual entrepreneurs with the primary purpose of development of cultural, legal and economic opportunities that could lead to increase commerce, trade and cultural exchanges

The primary organizers of the trip included Sister Cities Past-President, Alicia Vasquez, Past president Donna Whitman, Augie Garcia, Economic Development Board Member who met with the Mayor, council members of the Mazatlan city council , and various private business people who expressed interest in the renewal of 1)Transportation from Tucson to Mazatlan, including direct train and airplane, commercial trade including produce, tourism and economic diversity.

Preliminary talks focused on structure, development and mutual interest. A opening cultural exchange function included a suggestion by Chairman Richard Elias, of the Pima County Board of Supervisors, to develop a cultural sports event where the equivalent triple AAA team from Mazatlan visit Tucson to play a game a the Tucson Electric Park with the Sidewinders. The Mazatlan working group expressed an interest in this cultural exchange. The response was extremely positive and motivated. Gifts on behalf of the Pima County Board of Supervisors including a proclamation were presented to the local officials.

The Mazatlan working group, including the Mayor of Mazatlan and several council members traveled to Tucson August 15 to review and formalize the relationship between our two cities. During the stay of the Mazatlan delegation in Tucson, a business breakfast was held at the Doubletree Hotel during which Chairman Richard Elias and Mayor Jorge Abel Sanchez signed a proclamation joining Tucson to Mazatlan as a Sister Region. The Mazatlan delegation then toured the Recycling Department of Pima County as well as World Care. Many other productive relationships were established during this time and we look forward to traveling to Mazatlan in April of 2009 to follow-up on projects initiated in August. Mazatlan trip details can be found at [www.tucsonmexicosistercities.org/events](http://www.tucsonmexicosistercities.org/events)



**Tucson Mexico Sister Cities is a non-profit, volunteer organization.**



**2009 Slate of TMSC Board Officers**

**President—**

Ana D. Romero

**Vice President-**

Amy Lopez

**Past President-**

Alicia Vasquez

**Corresponding Secretary—**

Gloria Corral

**Recording Secretary—**

Yvette Lopez

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Jose Luis Hernandez

**Cd. Obregon Liaison—**

Ron & Maria Elena Newman

**Membership Chair—**

Hannibal Chinchilla

**Event Coordinator**

Norma Pernisco

**For more information please visit us on the web**

[www.tucsonmexicosistercities.org](http://www.tucsonmexicosistercities.org)

*Tucson Mexico Sister Cities  
Welcomes New Members  
Bienvenidos*

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## TUCSON MEXICO SISTER CITIES

### Membership Dues / Form

<b>OFFICERS:</b>	___ Individual	\$ 25	<u>Please Print Very Legibly</u>
Ana D. ROMERO President	___ Couple	\$ 40	Last Name: _____
Amy LOPEZ Vice President	___ Student	\$ 10	_____
Enna CASSLER Treasurer	(High School or College)		First Name: _____
Gloria CORRAL Cor. Secretary	<u>Corporate</u>		_____
Yvette LOPEZ Recording Secretary	___ 1 - 25 Employees	\$ 50	Address: _____
Donna WHITMAN Mazatlan Liaison	___ 26-75 Employees	\$100	_____
Jose Luis HERNANDEZ GDL Liaison	___ 76+ Employees	\$150	City: _____ State: _____
The NEWMANS Cd. Obregon Liaison	<u>Payable To:</u>		Zip: _____
Alicia VASQUEZ Past President	<i>"Tucson Mexico Sister Cities"</i>		Home Tel: ( ) _____
Norma PERNISCO Event Coordinator	<u>Mail To:</u>		Work Tel: ( ) _____
<u>BOARD MEETINGS:</u>	TMSC Membership Chair		Cell Tel: ( ) _____
Every 2nd Thursday	P.O. Box 41571		E-Mail: _____
5:30 pm—7:00 pm (mas o menos)	Tucson, AZ 85717		
Ward VI Office * 3202 E. First St.			
Current & Prospective Members			

**WELCOME TO ATTEND**

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