

13. **UNITED NATIONS DAY OCTOBER 2015:** The date of U.N. Day is Thursday, October 22. Ms. Gunther has reserved the Cabrillo Arts Pavilion for this annual event. Raul Navarro presented a new idea, he suggested that we have a short walk on the beach with Sister City members carrying banners or flags. This would not take the place of the October 22nd event, but would be an additional event to try and publicize the seven City of Santa Barbara Sister Cities. After further discussion it was decided that each Board Member would go back to their respective Sister City Committee and ask their interest and involvement.
14. **PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY TV CHANNEL 18:** The Dingle delegation visit to Santa Barbara had a film crew tag along during the visitation. The event will be on the community channel shortly. The next Sister City to be filmed and aired will be San Juan, Philippines. It was suggested that during the San Juan visit at the end of May a similar filming of the visitation be documented and aired.
15. **REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:**
- Puerto Vallarta, Mexico:** President Raul Navarro handed out a Committee Report with activities past and future. Briefly, a successful BBQ in support of the Law Enforcement Exchange took place; several conferences are to be held in Mexico, and the support of a sewing school and sewing business venture in Puerto Vallarta.
- Weihai, China:** Representative Ken Steiner reported that a trip is being planned next year to Weihai.
- Patras, Greece:** Bessie Condos, alternate representative, reported that the committee is active and had a successful Greek Independence Day on Saturday, March 21 at the St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church. Patras Sister City Committee members will have a table at the Greek Festival at Oak Park. Ms. Condos announced that the wedding of Patras Sister City Committee member Terry Keramaris is not an official visit to Greece. Ms. Condos thanked the Santa Barbara Sister Cities Board for all their support.
- San Juan, Philippines:** Jaime Sodusta reported on the exciting news of a delegation of over 20 people which includes the Mayor of San Juan visiting Santa Barbara on May 26 until May 28. Mayor Helene Schneider has invited all Santa Barbara Sister Cities Board members to a reception at City Hall in honor of the delegation. An e-mail will go out with date and time. Other activities are being planned for this short visit.
- Toba, Japan:** Gary Maxwell, alternate representative, reported on the activities of the group. Recruitment for the summer school exchange is ongoing. This exchange has been ongoing for 23 years. A trip to Toba is planned from November 9 – 22, 2015; it is a sold-out event. An exhibit at the Santa Barbara Art Museum on “wood block” is currently at the museum. Toba Sister City member Marylyn Hochhauser will have a “papermaking” demonstration to accompany the exhibit at the Santa Barbara Architectural Foundation from June 5 – July 10, 2015.
- Kotor, Montenegro:** President George Lilly reported on the activities of the group. The Culinary Academy in Kotor continues to be a success, creating jobs for hearing-impaired students and others. The program is expanding, they have hired a part-time person to visit Kotor resorts, hotels and restaurants to forge a stronger program and create jobs for the graduate of the Culinary Academy. A youth water polo team will be visiting Santa Barbara next year.
- Dingle, Ireland:** No representative attended and no report was made.
16. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marti Correa de Garcia, Secretary