



## President's Message

I welcome you all to this new and exciting season 2012/13.

Our board members have been hard at work and I am sure you all had a chance to visit our new Home Tours website at [www.pvhometours.com](http://www.pvhometours.com) . (Please see Mike's article for more details.)

We just completed our 3rd Cleft Palate Clinic on November 2nd, with our new partners CMQ Premier. (Please see April Miton's report about the great people involved in this key charity program under the Medical heading.)

Mike McGee has been hard at work with TJ and Janie Blank developing better promotional tools for our South Shore Home Tours. These same tools will also be easily extended to other projected tours in the future.

Eric Davies has also been very busy developing other promotional and exchange venues to widen our exposure.

To push forward I am appealing to you to volunteer for many of our extensive programs. You will enjoy it I am sure. Last year Linda organized great events in a very short time but to do more and develop further projects she needs your support. (Please contact Linda Mellor, our Events co-ordinator; she is looking for events committee members and an assistant.)

In the office starting November 12 we need volunteers to mind the Front Desk. The Front Desk volunteer allows our Administer, Josue Santiago to perform his duties while the volunteers take care of the members needs, answer questions, sell event tickets, and cover the phone. We still need one member to cover our Monday mornings from 9:00 to 1:00 and two members to cover our Thursday and Friday afternoons from 1:00 to 4:00.

This period of the year until the end of December has fewer members in town so please volunteer now until January if you do not want a lengthy commitment.

The energy from the board members is at a high and with your support we will have a terrific, fun season.

Thank you

Mandy MacLeay, President



**INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP CLUB**  
**Edificio Parian del Puente # 13 (upstairs)**  
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**Puerto Vallarta**  
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**ADMINISTRATOR - Josué Santiago**



**Kelly Trainor de O**, the USA Consular agent, will be in the IFC Clubhouse the first Wednesday of the month (9:00 am to 11:00 am) to assist you with all your passport needs or any other information you may require. For further information: [consularagentpvr@prodigy.net.mx](mailto:consularagentpvr@prodigy.net.mx).



## WHO WE ARE

The International Friendship Club was founded in 1987. Today there are members from the USA, Canada, Mexico, Europe and many other countries. The Club is a volunteer organization operated totally without personal gain and has been granted Registered Charitable Status by the Mexican Government. The club is operated on a Committee-Structure basis.

The International Friendship Club has 3 mandates: to solicit and distribute funds and materials in response to the humanitarian needs of our community; to promote friendship through social and cultural activities; and to help organize and unite our community.

General meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month at the IFC clubhouse. Everyone is welcome!

# YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS NEEDED NOW!!!

As IFC kicks off the new season we continue to look forward to another successful year of meeting our community's needs while renewing friendships and enjoying the sociability our club offers. We hope to make this our BEST YEAR EVER!!!

We hope to see you all at our upcoming functions and please remember to bring friends along to introduce them to IFC. They will certainly want to become new members when they discover what our Club is all about!

In addition to fulfilling our commitments to the needy in PV, we are also offering many benefits to our ExPat members, such as discounts to local businesses and restaurants and most recently, membership to Travel Assist. This is medical air evacuation insurance, much needed by all ExPats, and it is being offered by our Club at a 40 percent discount. More information on this will be forthcoming at a presentation being made by the company at the club house on Dec. 5th at 2 PM. Another reason for joining or renewing your membership!

Looking forward to seeing you all at the IFC clubhouse, and upcoming events,

Barbara Bornstein & Jan Blacklidge,  
Co-Chairs  
Membership Committee



## Elections to be held in March 2013

Hard to believe that high season is upon us once again and we will be drafting a new slate of officers to be elected in March 2013. Please be thinking about how you can help your Club and feel free to talk with any of the current officers about their positions if you are interested in stepping up. We will be establishing a Nominating Committee to begin the process of nominating a slate to keep the club moving forward. We will need new people for many of the elected positions, so please give consideration to how you can help.



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## IFC Home Tours

We are making final preparations to kick off IFC's Original Home Tour season. It will be our 24th season and what a history. They begin November 14 and continue every Wednesday and Thursday until April 11, 2013.

This year we need your support more than ever. For the past four years our numbers have been declining. Last season we only had about 1,500 guests compared to 1,800 and 2,000 the past two years. Yes, the economy and continuing concern about traveling to Mexico has contributed to the decline but we can turn it around. The economy is improving and I already see more visitors in town. There are over 500 IFC members. If each of you commits to going on one tour this season, we will assuredly exceed last years numbers. And to get off to a good start, we are offering our members and their families a 50% discount on the tour for the month of November!

Kathleen Phillips, an IFC volunteer, is responsible for acquiring the homes and deciding which ones will be on each tour. Kathleen works hard to make sure there is not a lot of repetition and that each tour is a fresh and new experience. She works with property managers, realtors and friends who know of great homes she can add to the IFC inventory. Many of the homes are available for rental so a lot of coordination is involved. This year there are a number of exciting new properties included on the tour.

As you know the proceeds from the tours fund a number of Puerto Vallarta charities, primarily our Cleft Palate Surgical Program and other Educational and Community Service Programs. It also provides assistance to Becas Vallarta, the Refugio Infantil Santa Esperanza (R.I.S.E), the Los Mangos Biblioteca, Santa Barbara Clinic Rehab and the Salvation Army among others. All the work at the club and at the Home Tours is accomplished by volunteer club members dedicated to contributing to our long established goals of giving a helping hand to the less fortunate children of Puerto Vallarta and its surrounding areas.





Open 7 days a week  
Mid-December thru Mid-April

# Vallarta Botanical Gardens

9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

- Palm Gardens • Rose Garden
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- Jungle Trails • Tropical Bird Watching
- Agave Gardens • Mexican Wildflowers
- Carnivorous Plants • Restaurant

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

There are several ways to purchase a ticket. Advance sales are available at our new website, [www.pvhometours.com](http://www.pvhometours.com), via PayPal, in person at the IFC office, and on the day of the tour beginning at 9 a.m., at Restaurante La Albufera, Aquiles Serdan #242, which is just west of Ignacio Vallarta. Buses depart at 10:30 a.m. and return at approximately 1:30 p.m. Always bring your camera and share you photos at [www.pvhometours.com](http://www.pvhometours.com) or on the IFC Vallarta Facebook page.

The IFC office is located at Edificio Parian del Puente #13, Libertad corner Miramar (Northeast corner of the Rio Cuale Bridge above the HSBC Bank), Centro, and is open Monday to Friday from 9 to 4.

The donation for the tour remains at \$450 pesos cash only on the day of the tour. If you go on one of the Home Tours, we would be appreciated if you would go to Trip Advisor and write a review. This will really help. And here is how:

1. Go to <http://www.tripadvisor.com>
2. Click on "Write a Review" in the top banner
3. Next page, click on "attraction" then enter "IFC Home Tour, -private tour"
4. Click on your rating, enter a title, write your review, and fill in the other information as asked. Add a photo if you would like.
5. Finally, click on "Submit your Review" at the bottom of the page.

Looking forward to see you this season and thank you for your help.

Mike McGee  
Home Tour Director  
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## EDUCATION

Another great year is starting this November 19 when IFC will be distributing books from the U.S.A. to R I S E. Another first, setting up a reading, lending library for the children. After that, off to Cabos Corriente (El Tuito ) to distribute more books to new class rooms that have not received books yet from IFC.

This is the 5th year that Glenn Baron, (my nephew from North Carolina) has done this with the approval from Aduana (customs) . Usually he brings about 500-1000 books each year, divided into grades and sets up library cards for each book so a student may receive another book after returning the previous book.

IFC works along with Glenn and those that come along from the States to help.

Glenn, a retired veterinarian and now a grade school teacher, raises money and contributes himself to make this all possible. Thanks again Nephew!!

Since we now have a total new administration here in PV, I need to meet the new person in charge of education to see where IFC can assist. This will be done very soon. Hoping also that contributions and fund raising will be sufficient to make our continuing work possible.

I will continue to inform all of the progress in the education committee.

Mel Bornstein  
Chairman  
Education Committee



## RENEW NOW!

Renew your IFC Membership from the comfort of your home or office.

1. Go to [www.ifcvallarta.com](http://www.ifcvallarta.com)
2. Click on "Membership" about half way down in the left column
3. Scroll down to the bottom of the page, select your membership type (single or Couple)
4. Enter the member's name(s) and click on "Buy Now". This will take you to the Paypal Payment site where you can pay for your membership with a credit card or from your Paypal Account (if you have one).

**It's that easy!**

## Lost Emails?

Are you missing some of the IFC emails? Here are a few reasons why and what you can do about it.

Sometimes emails end up in your SPAM folder for various reasons. Check your SPAM folder on a regular basis and delete known SPAM messages.

1. If you find a message that is not SPAM, move it to your inbox. How to do this varies according to your email handler (Gmail, Yahoo, Hotmail, etc.)

2. Some email handlers allow you to identify senders that are not spam. Do this with

a. [Communications@ifcvallarta.com](mailto:Communications@ifcvallarta.com)

b. [WebMaster@ifcvallarta.com](mailto:WebMaster@ifcvallarta.com)

c. [Info@ifcvallarta.com](mailto:Info@ifcvallarta.com)

If you change email addresses, or would prefer to have IFC emails delivered to a different email address, or are receiving duplicate emails, you can change your own email address on the IFC web site.

1. Go to [www.ifcvallarta.com](http://www.ifcvallarta.com)

2. Click on "2012/2013 Membership" in the left column

3. Find your name in the membership list. Names are in order by last name.

4. Click on your name

5. Click on "Edit Profile" in the left column under "Member Functions."

6. Change any information that is incorrect, and add information that other IFC members might find interesting.

7. IMPORTANT - Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on "Save Changes."

These same procedures also work on our new web site [www.pvhoumetours.com](http://www.pvhoumetours.com). If you have taken a Home Tour in the past, or take one in the near future (Thank you for your support), you may receive a confirmation email for purchasing your tickets online thru PayPal, and one after you have taken the tour.



## I Hate Shakespeare

A rollicking, rip-roaring rundown of the classics from the Bard, with zombies, talking cows, and hilarious surprises. People who like Shakespeare will enjoy this show. Those who don't like Shakespeare will LOVE it.

Friday, November 30, & Saturday, December 1, 2012 at 8:00 PM

The American School of Puerto Vallarta

Colegio Americano de Puerto Vallarta

Tickets Available at: Deja New Consignment Store; Lobo Lui's BBQ Shack; Mailboxes Etc. – Riveria Molina Plaza ;Quantum Holistic Bio Spa – Plaza Marina, Local B10; And at the door

\$200 peso donation