



**INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP CLUB**  
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# NEW!

**NEW** - Phone number from US and Canada.  
Call if you have questions or comments **1-514-418-2123**

**NEW** - Web Site - [www.IFCVallarta.com](http://www.IFCVallarta.com).

Our new web site has an activities calendar, listing daily activities at the club house, along with details you need to know.

Update your membership profile and you can contact other member.

Find and contact other members who have the same interests as you, This is a web site for friends and fun.



**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).

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mandy MacLeay

I hope you are all having a great time in Vallarta and at the club. Again this year we are having a season packed with varied activities and hopefully bring you pleasure, entertainment and fulfilment.

I thank all the volunteers that are helping in the office, either working in the morning or filling in the afternoon hours. This has allowed us to keep extended hours and increase our pre-sale of Home Tours tickets. It also helps many members who come in to renew their membership. The volunteers also give information to the many visitors that visit our club.

I have noticed that our new website: [ifcvallarta.com](http://ifcvallarta.com) is also getting many visitors. People come to the clubhouse to get more information on things they have read about on the web site. Some want to find out more about our Cleft Palate Program. My thanks go Janie Blank and T.J. Hartung for the great work they have done and continued support of T.J. in maintaining the site. A great site is only as good as the current information available.

Some of you that regularly visit the office have noticed that Josue has been absent for a while, he is not well at the moment and we wish him a speedy recovery. For now we have the help of Luis Puentes to whom I am sure you will give great support.

I know that we will see many of you at the St. Valentine's dinner and I hope to see many of you at our other fundraiser events.

As always I appreciate any new ideas and suggestions that may help us raising funds that are fun and help to fulfill our Club mission.



## 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!

## Home Tours

The Home Tours started the season in November at a new location on Aquiles Serdan 242. Actually, the program was returning to its beginnings having operated for a number of years from the Rio Cuale Hotel and Molino de Agua Resort.

At the half way mark of the season, we are keeping pace with last year's numbers. Plus, we are continually adding new homes to the tour including such gems as Villa Paraiso and Casa Serena. From the feedback we have been receiving from our guests, the docents are again doing an outstanding job of introducing the homes on the tour, telling interesting stories about Vallarta and interjecting a laugh or two. Special thanks go this year to our sponsor, Elements Design, and our host La Albufera restaurante espanol. Please patronize them.

Advance ticket sales have proven to be very successful. We now sell tickets at the IFC office every Wednesday and Thursday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. There is a \$5 discount for tickets purchased in advance. On the days of the tour, tickets go on sale at 9 a.m. The first bus departs around 10:30 a.m.

The proceeds from the tours fund a number of programs benefiting the children of Vallarta, including the Cleft Palate Surgical Program, Becas Vallarta, Refugio Infantil Santa Esperanze, The Salvation Army and Los Mangos Biblioteca, among others. As always, we ask IFC members to participate as volunteers, enjoy the tours themselves and bring friends and family on the tours. Because of your continued support, we will be offering members a significant discount during the month of April. Rather than \$35 per ticket, you and your family members can enjoy the tour for only \$25 each. Make sure you have your valid membership card to receive the discount.

If you have any questions, please contact the IFC office or Home Tour Director Mike McGee, 322 221 5681.

### MINI-MOXIE SCOOTER FOR SALE!

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Heaviest component weighs only 41 pounds.  
Fits in the trunk of almost any car.

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minimum 10 days, 30 usd/day  
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## Beyond Vallarta's Tours gathering of fellow travelers.

It was a perfect evening to host a great party on the top terrace of Jeana's beautiful home overlooking Puerto Vallarta.



Jeana Dunphy, Owner and Director of Beyond Vallarta Tours, hosted an evening get together where fellow travelers were able to share their experiences and pleasant memories that they have shared on their travels with Jeana.

It was a time to have great fun, see old friends, meet new travelers, share tour stories and look ahead to new tour adventures. Many travelers are already making plans for the next season, to places not yet visited but highly anticipated.



It was also an opportunity for the new guests to meet Jeana's associates at Beyond Vallarta Tours, John Hamlin, John Lockington and Marsha Germaine who form a great group of very helpful people surrounding Jeana.

Beyond Vallarta tours contributes a portion of the proceeds from each tour to the International Friendship Club, thus assisting in supporting their many worthwhile charities, including cleft palate surgery.



Joining the party was also Mandy Macleay, President of the IFC and her husband Angus.



Beyond Vallarta Tours specializes in "Boutique Tours", meaning limited numbers on all tours and stays in boutique hotels.

This year has been a huge success with all tours sold out, except for the March 15-17 Deluxe Guadalajara.

For information on the tours or to get on the mailing list for next season, contact Jeana 222- 6726 [beyondvallarta@live.com](mailto:beyondvallarta@live.com) or call the IFC 222 5466 or visit their website: [www.ifcvallarta.com](http://www.ifcvallarta.com)

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 Open 7 days a week  
 Dec 13 thru May 1st.

# Vallarta Botanical Gardens

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 24 Km South of town (on Hwy 200)

- Palm Gardens • Rose Garden
- Tree Fern Grotto • Orchid House
- Jungle Trails • Tropical Bird Watching
- Agave Gardens • Mexican Wildflowers
- Carnivorous Plants • Restaurant

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