

## MINUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD

September 26, 2018

10 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jena Melancon, Doug Trelfa, Laverne Baker, Nan Harper, Beth Partington

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Bob Bennett

**Staff:** Elaine Mager

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Jena Melancon. A quorum was established.
2. Approval of Minutes: **Motion made by Member Harper, seconded by Member Trelfa to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2018 meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.**
3. Sister City Updates:

- a) Gero, Japan—Member Baker reported on the efforts of the Japan American Society to raise disaster relief funds for Gero, Japan. Through contributions from the City and others in the community, the Japan American Society raised \$38,000 and wired the funds to the Gero municipal government to help with their disaster recovery.

She also reported that unfortunately, the Mayor and a delegation from Gero would not be able to reschedule their canceled visit to Pensacola this year.

- b) Macharaviaya and Borobia, Spain—Member Harper reported on the upcoming delegation from Pensacola going to Spain and the activities they would be participating in. Ms. Diane Peterson will represent Pensacola Sister Cities and will present a key to the City and letter from Mayor Hayward to the Mayor of Borobia.
- c) Galvez Celebration—Member Harper reviewed the upcoming schedule of events planned for the National Meeting of the Order of Granaderos y Damas de Galvez that will be in Pensacola October 26-28, 2018. There will be a wreath laying ceremony and lighting of Galvez monument, the newest United States Statue of Bernardo de Galvez on Friday, October 26, followed by dinner at Polonza Bistro. On Saturday, October 27, the National Meeting will take place at New World Landing, starting at 9 a.m. Following the meeting will be a historical tour and stop at T. T. Wentworth Museum to visit the Galvez and DeLuna exhibits. Dinner and entertainment will be at V. Paul's Italian Ristorante. On Sunday, there will be a boat tour of Pensacola bay.

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Member Harper also reported that information on the Galvez Essay Contest will be provided to area schools for students to submit their entry.

4. Japan-America Society of Northwest Florida Update—Member Baker reported that the fourth annual Japan-U.S. Military Program (JUMP) will be on October 6 at the National Naval Aviation Museum. This event connects past and present service members, families and others who have served at U.S. military bases in Japan. It will feature Japanese cultural displays, Japanese taiko drums, shakuhachi bamboo flute, and Japanese food.
5. Gulf Coast Citizen Diplomacy Council Updates—Chair Melancon
  - a) International Visitors Leadership Program  
Currently, a multi-regional group, consisting of mayor's, a governor, presidential advisors, and other governmental officials is in town looking at the structure and functions of governments, successful models of cooperation among state and local governments, community organizations and business sector, and how they interact. There will be three different groups coming in October, four groups in November and three groups in December.
  - b) Young Professionals  
The Young professionals currently have 52 members. Because they are often confused with the Pensacola Young Professionals organization, they would like to change their name. A survey soliciting input for the name change will be sent to the members.
  - c) Youth Diplomats  
Brief update given on the Youth Diplomats program. Contact was made with a couple of churches and with Santa Rosa County about the youth diplomats program. Applications for interested students are due by November 1. The first meeting will be November 17<sup>th</sup>. The Diplomats will be required to do a community/cultural presentation as well as participate in community service projects along with international visitors. A survey will be done with the Youth Diplomats at the beginning and end of their year.
6. New Business—There was no new business.
7. Open Forum

Mr. Bob Bennett volunteered to meet with the delegation from Pakistan when they are in Pensacola.

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8. Adjourn:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at  
10:20 p.m.

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**2018 GALVEZ NATIONAL MEETING REGISTRATION FORM**  
**OCTOBER 26-28, 2018 in PENSACOLA, FLORIDA**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTACT INFORMATION** \_\_\_\_\_

Your preference (phone, text, email) \_\_\_\_\_

For more information: Granaderos 2018 PNS National meeting promo

# of People \_\_\_\_\_

**FRIDAY - 26<sup>th</sup>**

**5:30 PM - Wreath laying ceremony & lighting of Galvez monument** \_\_\_\_\_

Sunset reception hosted by Pensacola Heritage Foundation Galvez Committee.

286 N. Palafox Street

**Dinner** - immediately following ceremony - **Polonza Bistro** \$30.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
across street from monument - (details forthcoming)

**SATURDAY - 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Transportation** - round trip from Pensacola Grand Hotel \$10.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(departs 8:45 AM) to New World Inn, hotel drop off after tour, and one-way to  
V. Paul's Italian Restaurant for dinner (departs 5:45 PM).

**9:00 AM - National Meeting - New World Inn** \$25.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
The French Room - Continental breakfast and lunch consisting of Five Flags salad with chicken  
and Skopelos bread. 600 S. Palafox Street.

**After meeting/lunch private guided Go Retro tour:** \$23.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
"The Longest Siege" Battle of Pensacola historical tour (with stop at T.T. Wentworth Museum)  
A board air-conditioned bus. *Maximum 22 attendees.*

**6 PM - V. Paul's Italian Ristorante** - 29 Palafox Place \$50.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
3 course dinner - **Surf & Turf** - 6 oz. beef filet and shrimp, starch & vegetable, salad & dessert.  
Inclusive of gratuity.

**Drink Option:** 2 (two) drink tickets to use at cash bar \$10.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(1 drink option per meal)

**Entertainment** - musical selections from "*Catalina*" - a play written by John P. Brannan, Jr.

**SUNDAY - 28<sup>th</sup>**

**11 AM - Boat tour of Pensacola Bay** - *Weather dependent* \$25.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Private historical guided tour of Galvez's "*Yo Solo*" voyage and more ..... (details forthcoming)

**Administration/processing fee** \$5.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**GRAND TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

To pay by credit card:

Please call **Go Retro** at 850-466-5220 - Monday thru Friday 8 - 4 PM CST and reserve under  
**G&D National Meeting.**

To pay by check before **October 19<sup>th</sup>**. Make checks payable to **Pensacola Sister Cities  
International**. Mail to: **P.O. Box 9131, Pensacola, Florida 32513. Be sure to include your  
registration form.**