

SOCAL/NORCAL SISTER CITIES JOINT MEETING SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2018

LOCATION FOR THE MEETING:

Hodel's Country Dining: <u>https://hodels.com/</u>

5917 Knudsen Drive Bakersfield, CA 93308

DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO HODEL'S:

From the 99-freeway, take the Olive Drive exit, west to the first stoplight, and turn right onto Knudsen's. Hodel's is on the left. They have a large parking lot off Knudsen.

COST: \$15 p/p—cash or check payable to Bakersfield Sister City

- Continental breakfast with fresh fruit, Hodel's famous cinnamon rolls, assorted muffins, croissants, nut bread, orange juice, coffee, water
- Buffet Luncheon
- Afternoon cookies, coffee, tea, water

PROGRAM: TBD

RESERVATIONS: E-mail Pat Fallin: patfallin@msn.com

PRE-MEETING ACTIVITIES: FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2018

MAYOR'S RECEPTION: SISTER CITY GARDENS AT MILL CREEK

- LOCATION: The Sister City Gardens are located on 18th Street near R Street. (If you are staying at the Marriott at the Convention Center, you could walk there. From Truxtun Avenue, go north on Q Street, then turn right on 18th Street.)
- TIME: 6:00 PM-7:00 PM
- HOSTED BY BAKERSFIELD SISTER CITY

<u>DINNER AT WOOLGROWER'S BASQUE RESTAURANT</u>: http://woolgrowers.net/

- ADDRESS: 620 East 19th Street (A map will be provided for those who need one.)
- COST: \$35 P/P <u>RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY FRIDAY, MAY 11.</u> Contact Sue Stone (<u>rstone2@bak.rr.com</u>)
- MENU: A traditional Basque meal, served family style:
 - o Basque Vegetable Soup with hot sauce & beans
 - Pickled Tongue
 - Salads: Green Salad & Tomatoes with vinaigrette
 - Fried Chicken & Roast Beef Tri-Tip
 - Vegetable
 - French Fries
 - Spaghetti
 - French Bread
 - o Wine, coffee, or tea
 - Sherbet or Ice Cream

Please RSVP to Pat Fallin by Friday, May 11. patfallin@msn.com

HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS: Marriott Hotel at the Convention Center

- ADDRESS: 801 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield 93301
- DRIVING DIRECTIONS: From the 99-freeway, take the California Avenue exit, and head east to Chester Avenue. Turn left (north) onto Chester and continue to Truxtun Avenue. Turn right onto Truxtun and continue east until you see the Marriott on the right. (The Marriott is just past the Rabobank Arena & Convention Center.)
- SPECIAL RATE: \$105 PER ROOM PER NIGHT: We have reserved rooms for both Friday night and Saturday night at this rate. <u>RESERVATIONS MUST BE</u> MADE BY APRIL 18TH TO GET THIS SPECIAL RATE.
- TO MAKE A RESERVATION:
 - BY PHONE: Call Marriott reservationist Sara Walker at (844) 745-6336 or (661) 323-1900. Say that you are with Sister Cities.
 - ON-LINE: <a href="http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=Bakersfield%20Sister%20City%5EBFLMC%60bscbsca%60105%60USD%60false%604%605/18/18%605/20/18%604/18/18&app=resvlink&stop_mobi=yes

OTHER ACTIVITIES IN BAKERSFIELD: If you are planning to stay over on Saturday night, here are some suggestions for things to do:

- BUCK OWEN'S CRYSTAL PALACE: You can eat dinner here or just go for drinks, live country music, and western dancing. Or you can go for brunch Sunday morning. http://www.buckowens.com/
- DEWAR'S ICE CREAM & CANDY SHOP: A Bakersfield treasure, in business since 1917, Dewar's is famous for both its ice cream and its candy—especially Dewar's Chews. They now have 3 Bakersfield locations, but the original is at 1120 Eye St, Bakersfield. https://www.dewarscandy.com/
- KERN COUNTY MUSEUM & PIONEER VILLAGE: If you have time on Sunday, you could visit the museum with its Pioneer Village, Black Gold Oil Exhibit, Bakersfield Sound exhibit, etc. https://kerncountymuseum.org/
- CALM: CLAIFORNIA LIVING MUSEUM: This is a zoo, with animals and plants native to California. http://calmzoo.org/ This could be a stop on your way out of town, if you are taking Highway 58 over the Tehachapi Mountains to the desert.
- MURRAY FAMILY FARMS BIG RED BARN: Highway 58 at General Beale Road
 (at the foot of the Tehachapi Mountains) The Murray family's mission: To bring family,
 food, and fun together by sharing sustainably grown produce and an authentic farm
 experience. They are also ardent supporters of Bakersfield Sister City.
 https://murrayfamilyfarms.squarespace.com/home
- THE KERN RIVER CANYON: Take a drive up the Kern River Canyon. You can take Highway 178 all the way to Lake Isabella and beyond, or just to one of the picnic areas along the way.
- THE OUTLETS AT TEJON: For those heading south on US-99/I-5, this makes a nice break before heading over the Grapevine. http://www.tejonoutlets.com/store-list