

AERONOTES

The Newsletter of Aeromedicos • Santa Barbara, California



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2015/16 Year in Review

The 2015-2016 Aeromedicos season started with a great barbeque at Robin and Nancy's ranch in Santa Barbara. Please join us again on September 17th.

November was our first trip with the Flying Sams last season. Aeromedicos provided audiology for a second time and filled in the clinic with dental and support staff. Dennis Gerlach of the Sams said, "It was a highly successful clinic."

December was a memorable trip. The Christmas spirit was evident by the presence of a Flying Sam Santa, and two elf helpers, who handed out presents to the staff of our beloved Hotel Serenidad.

Authentic Mexican hot chocolate and cookies rounded out the event.

The Lopez clinic was well attended. One of our young volunteers, on the dental side, received an acceptance to UOP Dental School a couple months after his stint as a dental assistant in training.

January was a four-day trip, with our group arriving in Mulege on Thursday, in order to see the kids from the orphanage in Mulege on Friday and Saturday. Treating these children from the orphanage is a wonderful and rewarding experience for all who participate. Some of our group then went to Lopez Mateos on Saturday to help the Sams.

February... I am going to take the words of Alicia Malone, an American who lives in Lopez Mateos and is the on-site clinic administrator, to

describe the February clinic. "They say that February is the month of love... That's the case with the Flying Sams and Aeromedicos, who give more love and care than all the greeting cards could ever equate. Way to go, Sams and Aeromedicos."

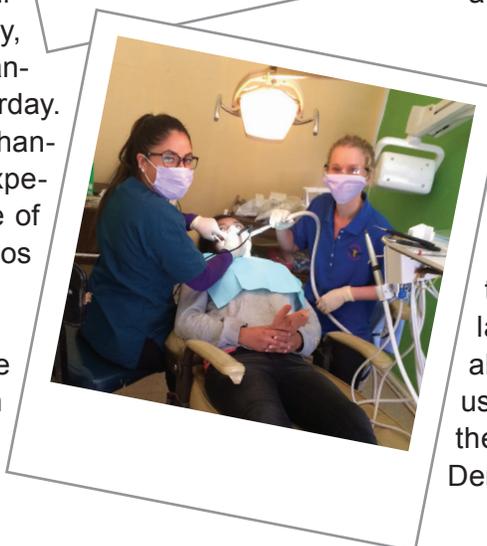
Lest you make the mistake that Alicia is a sentimental, starry eyed, under achiever who found a niche in rural Mexico, consider this. Alicia graduated from college at 18, went on to electrical engineering, and has patents for same in her name. She bought a wooden sailboat in Chesapeake Bay, fixed it up and sailed it around the world, ending up in Magdalena Bay, Mexico, where she found the small village of Lopez Mateos and decided to stay. Needing to stay connected, she simply wi-fied the whole town at her own expense. We are fortunate to have her help.

March... Katherine Stradling RN, of Aeromedicos, and her team, came down a day early and provided a much-needed CPR clinic for the locals who are first responders and the teachers in the schools. This was very successful and a follow-up clinic was held in May.

April... Another audiology clinic, as well as the other services in dental, medical, chiropractic, and optometry, made April a big success.

Sidebar: After the clinic, my plane of three passengers and myself, were late getting going, as audiology is always the last to finish. Fortunate for us, the other two planes that were still there had the best mechanics/pilots, Dennis and Charley. Our plane would

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SPECIAL THANKS to those who helped with donations this year!

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Donate and Help



More than ever, Aeromédicos needs your continued support. This season, with the help of donors like you, we hope to have our runway licensed and reopened. The clinic needs a new roof and runway repairs are needed before reopening. Donations can be mailed to the address below.

Thanks for your support.

**Aeromédicos
of Santa Barbara**
P.O. Box 538
Goleta, CA 93116



Join Aeromédicos

Aeromédicos has a continual need for dentists, doctors, nurses, dental hygienists, translators, and pilots with airplanes. We occasionally need volunteers for other sorts of tasks as well, such as organizing medicines and medical supplies.

Please visit us online to download and fill out the form and mail with payment to Aeromédicos of Santa Barbara (address listed below). We will send you proof of registration after we have received your completed form.

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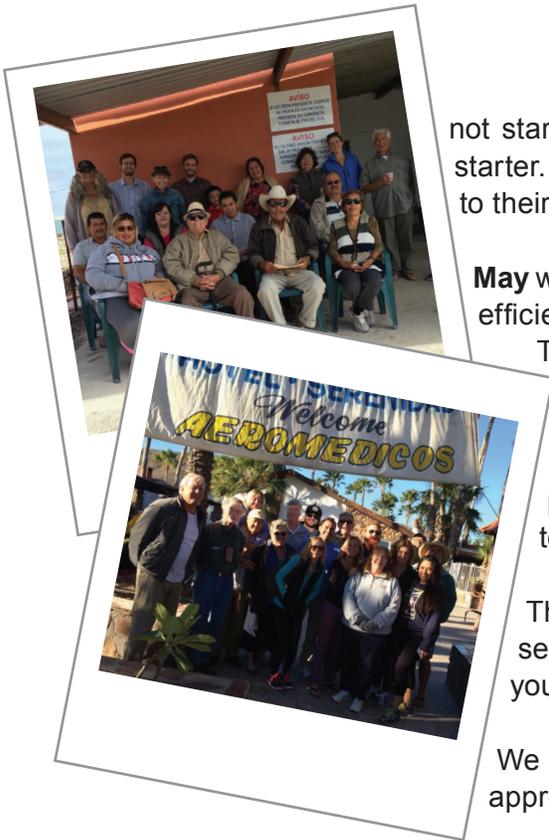
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not start. Charley and Dennis, with frowns, diagnosed the problem as a bad starter. I smiled and pulled out a spare starter from the baggage compartment, to their amazement and relief. We were airborne after a quick change out.

May was another very fulfilling clinic. All departments were busy and productive, efficiently seeing patients. At noon a tenth plane landed and the Ruttgard Eye Team off loaded their equipment. After greetings and a quick appraisal of equipment and rooms, the eye team set up for what would be ten cataract surgeries. It was a pleasure to see such an efficient, well-practiced team go to work. A wonderful video and pictures is on our Facebook page if you have a chance to see it. We hope to connect again with this terrific group of dedicated people.

The May trip was our last trip of the season, but we plan to start another season in October. Please consider joining us on one of our trips. I am sure you will find it rewarding in many ways.

We have been very fortunate to be able to work with the Flying Sams and appreciate the friends we have made along the way.



Once again, thanks to the volunteers and all that they do.

-JWG

Save the Date! - Annual BBQ & Pre-Season Meeting

**Bring a friend,
sign up for future trips,
renew your annual membership
and have a wonderful time.**

Tri-tip, chicken, salads, beans,
all the trimmings, dessert, wine,
beer & soft drinks. Price is \$20 for adults
and \$1 per year old for each child under 21.
Dress is casual.

Location: Nancy & Robin's Ranch
Date: Saturday afternoon, September 17th
Time: 3:00 p.m. (Barbecue served at 5:00 p.m.)

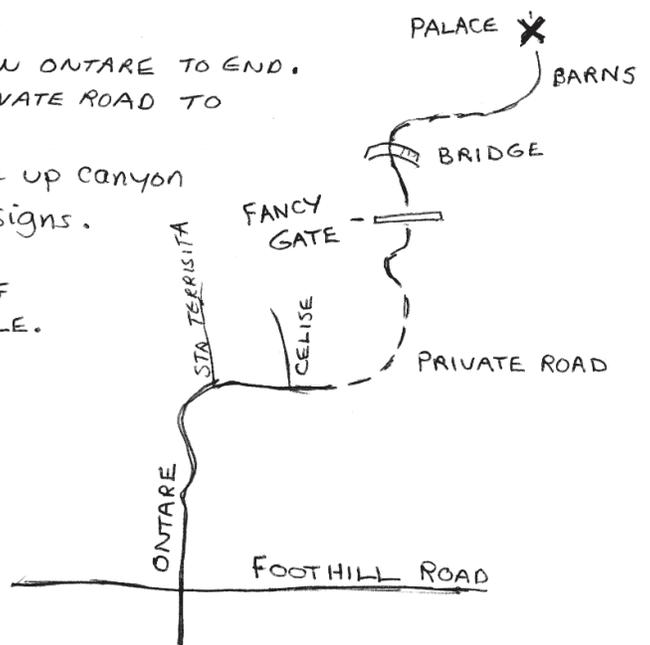
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2015-2016 Volunteers

Angeli Mancuso
 Anja Green
 Anya Liovin
 Austin Bauldry
 Barbara Hrach
 Bob Nussbaum
 Bonnie Rettgers
 Christine Gaskin
 CJ Boyer
 Clayton Heimlich
 Crystal Gutierrez
 Debbie Weinstein
 Donna Hillman
 Ellie Tuazon
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 Ryan Macoubrie
 Lauren McNeill
 Scott Walther
 Steven Riparetti
 Stu MacPherson
 Susan Grube

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 Terry Harris
 Tomas Maganda
 Tony Riparetti
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 Zachary Scott



VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR - Angeli Mancuso



Aeromédicos is very fortunate to have this talented volunteer as a member of the Aeromédicos team. Angeli, an RN from the SBCC School of Nursing, currently is the Cottage Hospital Manager of Employee Health and Safety. She is very active with Doctors without Walls, and the Santa Barbara Street Medicine Team that serves the homeless. In

addition, Angeli is a volunteer with the Santa Barbara Medical Reserve Corp. and this summer volunteered with Floating Doctors, based out of Bocas Del Toro, Panama. She is the faculty advisor to Global Medical Brigade at our UCSB campus, and has done missions to Nicaragua and Honduras. Wow! What a list.

For Aeromédicos, she is on the Board of Directors and is my “go to gal” for extra assignments. When we needed an extra person to go down early so that we could screen kids in the Mulege Orphanage, Angeli made time. Short a dental assistant at the clinic, Angeli stepped in. For all of the above and her easy going smile, Angeli is our 2015-2016 Volunteer of the Year.

Trip Dates

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

Remaining trip dates for 2016-2017 are:

October...14-16

November...18-20

December...16-18

January...20-22

The rest of the year dates will be posted on Aeromedicos.org