

# CABORCA, SONORA



Heroica Caborca is approximately 330 miles from Prescott; about 96 miles south of the U.S.-Mexico border. It is located in a valley floor 940 feet above sea level. Its hot summers and cool winters average out to 72°. The present Caborca is a new city built around 1869 after the surging waters of the Asunción River almost destroyed the old pueblo in 1867. The very interesting Father Kino Mission still stands in the "Old Pueblo".

Caborca is a modern city of some 60,000 people, with more than 81,000 in the immediate area. It is governed by a mayor and eight council members. Caborca is in an agricultural and ranching area of Sonora. Local industries include asparagus farms and packing facilities, as well as a large gold mining operation. There is a hospital in the main town, several secondary schools, and a branch of the University of Sonora.

Some local service organizations include: the Chamber of Commerce, the Lions, Rotary International, and the Business and Professional Women's Club. Caborca has several motels and a number of fine restaurants. The fishing and swimming at the nearby beaches (60 miles) are among the best on the Gulf of California.

# Activities

The Prescott group undertakes a variety of activities. A unique one is selling pickles at various events. Following is a sampling of projects we help support in cooperation with our Sister City friends in Caborca:

- Ongoing financial, material and logistic support provided to Casa Hogar, a Caborcan orphanage (building rewiring, air conditioner, appliances, folding chairs, clothing, toys, DVD player and DVDs, blankets).
- Ambulance, defibrillators, and CPR training donated in conjunction with Lifeline Ambulance Service.
- Annual reciprocal visits between citizens of the cities of Caborca and Prescott.
- Support for the Alberge (similar to Ronald McDonald House), for building repairs and upgrades.
- Equipment provided to the Caborca fire and police departments.
- Caborcan dancers, singers, artists and young Mariachi bands have appeared in Prescott.
- Financial support has been provided to Caborca for their charitable programs.
- Bikes 4 Books Program – refurbished and transported donated bicycles to Caborca for sale to raise funds for library programs.
- Helped with renovation of the Templo Historico (18<sup>th</sup> century church, a Father Kino legacy) in Caborca.

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

**YES! I want to become a member of the Prescott - Caborca Sister City Committee.**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  New Member • Referred by \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

- Individual -- \$15.00     Family -- \$25.00     Business/Service Org. -- \$50.00
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Donation for Caborca Projects

Please mail this form, along with your check to:

**Prescott - Caborca Sister City Committee,  
Prescott City Hall, 201 S.Cortez,  
Prescott, AZ 86303**

## Opportunities

The Sister City Association of Prescott, and its Prescott-Caborca Sister City committee needs your help, ideas and creativity. To join this important and rewarding effort, simply fill out and return the membership panel of this brochure. Help prove that world brotherhood is more than words...make it a permanent way of life.

Our Committee has a wide variety of activities in which members can become involved. You will find opportunities to assist in the areas of: hosting Caborcan families during their annual visit (no Spanish required), our various committees (cultural, orphanage, fundraising, newsletter and program development), and working with Caborcans and Caborca businesses and tourism organizations to facilitate opportunities for both communities.



## Our Program

The national concept of a Sister City Program was launched at the White House in 1956 when President Dwight D. Eisenhower called for personal exchanges between Americans and peoples of other lands. It was intended to be a program for ordinary citizens of different countries to exchange ideas and opinions and, hopefully, become friends.

In 1972, after a trip to Caborca, the Honorable Taylor T. Hicks, Sr., the Mayor of the City of Prescott and the City Council invited Heroica Caborca, Sonora, Mexico to join Prescott, Arizona in a Sister City affiliation. Prescott is one of more than 2,000 American cities that has adopted "sisters" around the world. In 2006 the Prescott City Council approved a similar relationship with Suchitoto, Cuscatlán, El Salvador.

The Sister City Association of Prescott is a charitable organization associated with Sister Cities International through the Town Affiliation Association and with the U.S.-Mexico Sister City Association, Inc. We are sponsored by the City of Prescott and the citizens of the greater Prescott area. Our monthly Association meetings are held at a time and day announced in our monthly newsletter and our Facebook page:  
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## FACTS ABOUT THE SISTER CITY PROGRAM



PRESCOTT, ARIZONA, U.S.A.  
HEROICA CABORCA, SONORA,  
MEXICO

### **INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE OF FRIENDSHIP AND CULTURE**

#### **VISION STATEMENT**

*To focus community interest in building a better climate toward world understanding by fulfilling the desire of the citizens of the Prescott area to learn about the people of Heroica Caborca, Sonora, Mexico, through reciprocal visits, economic and tourism opportunities, educational exchange programs as well as social, cultural and charitable programs.*