

# **Binational Spring News**

Binational Emergency Medical Care Committee Spring 2010

Hello and welcome to our first newsletter of the 2010 year. As always, your safety is our main concern when you travel into Mexico. But once you purchase your new Binational Membership Card, how do you use it? In this Spring newsletter we explain how your membership card works and what to do if you are involved in a critical emergency while traveling into Mexico. We also give you some Baja and Mexico safety travel tips. We also have incredible stories of evacuations out of Gonzaga Bay that you can read about, and a new way for you to tell us about your experience in Mexico. Although your safety is our main concern, we also want to hear about your fun in Mexico! Read on...

# How to use your new Binational Membership Card

Now that you have your Binational Membership Card, how do you use it? In this newsletter, we will give advice on what to do if you or a loved one are involved in an emergency. <u>How do I use my Binational Membership Card?</u>

# **Baja Travel Tips**

A good resource for <u>Baja</u> travelers is "The Binational Emergency Medical Care Committee" or The BEMCC that has over 30 years of experience for any medical issues on Baja California's highway. Here are a few tips from Celia Diaz, the Executive Director of our nonprofit organization. Click <u>here</u> for baja travel tips.

### Mexico Travel Safety

Your BEMCC Membership card is one of the best investments you can make before entering Mexico! Please call us or visit our FAQ (<u>Frequently Asked Questions</u>) section and know how to use your card. Most people who travel to Mexico have a great time and don't encounter any problems. However, as in other tourist destinations throughout the world, crime is a fact of life, and as a tourist you may be targeted for theft. In order to increase your chances of having a safe and pleasant vacation, follow these tips for <u>Mexico travel safety</u>.

### Rescues at Gonzaga Bay

An incredible rescue at night that saved a life. A U.S. Coast Guard helicopter is sent to a remote area in Mexico where weather does not permit a safe evacuation. Click <u>here</u> for the full story. BEMCC also coordinated for the U.S. Coast Guard to fly at night into Baja to rescue <u>Todd Conley</u> on October 11th. These are just a few of the unbelievable rescue stories that Binational Emergency has coordinated over the years. The BEMCC wishes to express special thanks to Doug and Peggy Magee. Read further BEMCC testimonials provided by local <u>Gonzaga</u> <u>Bay volunteers</u>.

### Having fun in Mexico!

Though your safety is our main concern, BEMCC wants you to send in your fun experiences in Mexico! The winner will be rewarded a free weekend at the World Famous Rosarito Beach Hotel! Please send your pictures, videos, and stories to bemcc@bemcc.org WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!