

Bridge of Peace Ceremony in South Gate, California - Love Can Build A Bridge

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On May 26, 2024, the South Gate Multicultural Women's Club and the South Gate Chamber of Commerce co-sponsored the Bridge of Peace Ceremony in South Gate, California. Eighty people gathered to celebrate this event. Many businesses, service clubs and community members generously contributed to cover the expenses. The event, held from 11 AM to 2 PM, featured a catered lunch of authentic Mexican food.



The Keynote Speaker, Mrs. Maria Davila, the current Vice Mayor of South Gate, spoke about the critical role of women in world peace. Mrs. Davila, whom Mrs. Susan Felsenthal Janer, WFWP, has known for three decades, emphasized the importance of women's roles and stated, "Women's role is very important, and none of us would be here if there were no women." She added that despite the world's problems, crossing a bridge of peace can make the world a better place, as peace starts with each of us.

Entertainment was provided by "The Pure Water Family Singers," whose rendition of "Love Can Build A Bridge" moved everyone with their beautiful voices and sincere enthusiasm. Mrs. Susan Felsenthal Janer, WFWP representative and organizer of this event, spoke about the history of the Bridge of Peace, explaining that participating in and crossing the Bridge is a significant step towards world peace. The

simple ceremony, involving bowing in respect and repentance, offering a flower as a sign of love and friendship and embracing each other, carries deep meaning. Through this act, we inspire others to do the same.



After crossing the Bridge of Peace, attendees received certificates proclaiming them as peace partners and had time to get acquainted. The event concluded with a raffle, including a sailboat ride for four, where everyone received a free ticket for a chance to win.



The organizers extend their heartfelt gratitude to those who made this event possible: Chamber of Commerce Director Ana Elizarraras and her staff, Maria Davila and the Multicultural Women's Club, sound technician Ori Rodriguez, caterer Yoland Evora, the singers from the LA Family Church, M.C. Megan Robles, and all the volunteers. Special thanks goes to friends from San Diego and to Mrs.

Felsenthal Janer's daughter, Vanesa Janer, who did an amazing job as the event photographer.

