

*Join an International Good Neighbor
Council Chapter*

*Attend the two Assemblies or Conventions of the
International Good Neighbor Council Chapters held
each year, one in the Spring in a Mexican City and
the other in the Fall in a United States City.*

*Take part in the preparation of Resolutions and
enjoy the fun and pleasantness of the social
activities and golf tournaments.*

Be a Good Neighbor

*Learn about the United States, as well as the Latin
American Countries and their towns.*

From knowledge comes understanding...

From understanding comes friendship...

Encourage Friendship

With words and deeds. In your Association

With North American friends.



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I would like to become an Active Member of the International
Good Neighbor Council.

I will comply with your Constitution and By-Laws because I
am interested in promoting and cultivating good
neighborliness.

Name

Address

E-Mail

City State Zip Code

956) _____ 956) _____ 956) _____
Business Phone Home Phone Cell Phone

\$60.00 Dollars U.S. CY enclosed
covering annual Local & International Due

Date Signature

Mail to:
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Laredo Chapter

What is the International Good Neighbor Council?

An International Organization with twenty-six (26) Chapters in the United States of North America (in Texas, New México and Louisiana States) and in México (in Nuevo León, Coahuila, San Luis Potosí, Guanajuato, Tamaulipas and Chihuahua States) with a total membership around 900 persons.

A non-governmental, non-profit, non-sectarian, and completely self-supporting organization founded in 1954 by two civic and International minded people: José F. Muguerza of Monterrey, N.L. and Glenn E. Garret of Texas State.

The International Executive Board, consisting of a President, a Vice-President from each of the Regions or represented Countries, a Treasurer, A Secretary and four Advisors are elected by Electoral Delegates of different Chapters.

The Presidency rotates between the Regions or represented Countries each 18 months.

Central Office is maintained in Monterrey, N.L., México, with a small paid staff.

The elected Officers at all levels serve without payment.

What does it do?

Positive in its outlook and determined in its approach, the IGNC seeks:

1.-To promote mutual understanding, friendship, and good neighborliness among all the people of the Americas, but specially between the United States of North America and México.

2.-To encourage activities that foster and strengthen cultural social and commercial interchange among the Countries of the Western Hemisphere.

3.-To cooperate with public and private organizations in solving problems and removing obstacles that lead to misunderstanding and affect the orderly flow of persons, goods and services between Countries...

4.-To support the principles of democracy based on Constitutional Authority.

If you have a genuine interest in the Western Hemisphere Countries, why not join the International Good Neighbor Council. If you are fearful that you can not understand the program of the General Assemblies, be assured that all affairs are conducted in English and Spanish. If you think that you live too far away from the Border to be affected, remember that peaceful and solid Inter-American understanding benefits all of us.

How does the IGNC achieve its objectives?

Individual IGNC Chapters carry out the organization's objectives in word and deed through:

1.- The core of the Association is the Chapter with local Members of a City or Region and this administrative unit plays a key role in that it elects a Director to the International Directive Board, voting for his Chapter, elects the Officers of the International Executive Committee. These Chapters are in accordance with the By-Laws and Rules of the I.G.N.C.

2.- Monthly meetings featuring a program (speaker, film, slide presentation, musical) that seeks to inform members and guests about Latin American Countries and their towns, or the relations among the United States of North America and Latin America. Discussions that present various sides of an issue are encouraged.

3.- Carrying out activities such as student and teacher exchange programs, tours by groups, art exhibits, sports events, and the awarding of supplementary scholarships.

4.- Passing Resolutions at the biannual IGNC Conventions, which call the attention of a public and private sector Officials on International problems in the fields of Agriculture and Live stock, Commerce, Culture, Ecology, Education, International Affairs, Public Health, Tourism, Transportation, Youth Activities and the need to find just and effective solutions to them.

What are some of the issues the IGNC has supported since 1954?

Simplifications of border crossing procedures.

Construction and operation of child and maternal health centers in the Rio Grande Valley.

The teaching of English language in Mexican Schools and Spanish language in North American Schools.

Promotion of tourism.

Construction of Amistad Dam between Del Rio, Texas and Cd. Acuña, Coah.

Elimination of barriers to the free flow of trade and commerce between the United States of North America and México.

Expansion of the Border Industrialization Program.

Construction of bridge where needed across the Rio Grande River.

The establishment of "free ports" along the United States México border.

Ending the traffic in illicit drugs along the border.

That border officials of both Countries extend greater courtesy to the traveling public.

That both Countries promote better sanitation measures along the border.

That extensive interchanges in agriculture and livestock be stimulated.

That difficulties be corrected that face private aircraft operators when crossing the border of both Countries.

That México eliminates much of the difficulties faced by U.S. tourists who have auto accidents in México and of Mexican in the United States.

That Custom check points be eliminated going into the interior of both Countries.

That both student and teacher exchange program be promoted and enlarged.



These are only a few of the many that, the International Good Neighbor Council has either supported, opposed, urged, promoted or condemned through Resolutions since the formation of the IGNC.