

## Our Mission...

Solidaridad Internacional Kanda, A.C. ("SiKanda") is a registered, Oaxaca-based (Mexico) organization that facilitates and conducts participatory processes of development that enhance the living conditions of impoverished and marginalized communities.

**SiKanda is an indigenous Mixtec word that means "movement".** This term reminds us that there are always opportunities to move towards a more just world.



### **"Pepenadores":** mex/plural/pepenar=to pick

A **"pepenador"** is a Mexican word to define a person who lives off the trash. The pepenadores are scavengers or informal garbage pickers who sort recyclable materials from the city dump and sell them to intermediaries. The pepenadores pick the garbage by hand and have no equipment that protects them against wounds or gases from the waste.

## SALSA DANCE EVENT!

### *Help the Pepenadores*

**Where: Portuguese Hall, 216  
Evergreen St, Santa Cruz, California**

**When: Friday 9th July 2010,  
7:00-12:00 pm**

**Tel. Number: 408-544-0516**

Silent Auction  
Oaxacan Food  
Salsa/ Salsa Rueda dance class  
**Live Band "Salson"**  
DJ Trace

### **More info:**

[www.SalsaRuedaSantaCruz.com](http://www.SalsaRuedaSantaCruz.com)



You can donate before or during the event,  
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Sikanda  
c/o Social Planet  
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### The **"Eco-social Leadership and Garbage Pickers Support Program"** has been developed by SiKanda to

build a bridge between two different sectors of the society: 46 high-school students of different ages and a group of 40 **"Pepenador"** families (154 people) who reside at Oaxaca city landfill and live exclusively from the sales of waste such as plastic, carton, metal and recyclable items.

The program started in November 2009 in the city of Oaxaca, Mexico, and has 3 main projects:

- 1. Diversification of income-generating activities among the garbage pickers.**
- 2. Reduction of sanitary risks involved with garbage picking.**
- 3. Increase of students and society awareness about the living conditions of the garbage pickers in Oaxaca, Mexico.**

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