

Culver City Sister City Committee, Inc.

Almost Summer 2012



United States



Uruapan, Mexico



Kaizuka, Japan



Iksan City, So. Korea



Lethbridge, Canada

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Almost SUMMER 2012

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Dear Friends,

Please join us at our Installation Dinner on Wednesday, June 6th at the home of Tina Mollica where we will be installing our new officers including Marla Wolkowitz as President. I want to take this moment to thank everyone including our City Council and city staff who supported CCSCC over the past 2 years. I am proud of our continued growth and all our accomplishments. I have been working with a strong Board of Directors without whom none of this could have happened. Marla, as Vice President, has been my right and left hands as we took on many challenges this year but all of them were well worth the time and effort. As you know, in addition to our student exchanges with Kaizuka and Iksan and the annual marathon exchange with Kaizuka, we hosted a delegation from Iksan last November and were the host city for the US Mexico Sister Cities Association convention in March. We also enjoyed a very exciting return to the past with our fundraiser last October and our youth programming has grown substantially with the development of the Youth Ambassadors club at CC High School, the continuing annual youth arts submission to Sister Cities International (SCI), being selected by SCI as a participant in the Trilateral Youth Ambassadors program taking place this summer and the addition of Marlee Goldshine as our Youth Board member.



I could keep going – our plate was quite full this past year – but I prefer to look ahead because this coming year will be even greater. In July we continue with our student exchanges, sending 8 middle school students to Kaizuka. They will be chaperoned by Karlo Silbiger, President of the CC Board of Education and Allison Burns, already in Japan completing a year teaching, who will join the delegation when they arrive in Japan and return with them to CC. Allison was herself an exchange student with CCSCC when she was in middle school and we are pleased to see this program come full circle with her



Adults: (L) Kaizuka Chair Kathleen McCann, School Board President Karlo Silbiger and Dr. Carleen Velez, Co-Chair for Kaizuka pose with some of the Middle School students that will be going to Kaizuka in July.

participation as a chaperone.

Simultaneously, we will be receiving 8 high school students and 3 chaperones from

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January 12, 2013

50th Anniversary

CELEBRATION

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Calendar notes:

- June 6 Installation of new board and officers at the Membership Quarterly Dinner. Invitation under separate cover and at the home of Board member Tina Mollica.
- July—our Middle School students and chaperones **go** to Kaizuka, Japan
- July—our High School visitors and chaperones **arrive** from Iksan City, So. Korea
- July—Our YA's (Youth Ambassadors go to Washington D.C. and or Mexico
- Sept.—Next Membership Quarterly Dinner (or picnic) we learn all the fabulous details of what happened over the summer!!!

CCSCC is a member in good standing of SCI. SCI's mission is: To promote peace through mutual respect, understanding and cooperation — one individual, one community at a time.

Iksan. All of the families from last year's exchange with Iksan are hosting, however we still have openings for host families for the 3 female chaperones as well as for a high school age boy. If you have a high school student, consider hosting and participating with this delegation and then applying to be a student delegate next summer to Iksan.

In addition, we are so excited to have been selected for the SCI Youth Ambassadors Program funded through the U.S. State Department and only for cities that have sister



(L) CCSCC's Youth Director, Donna Thayer, six of our eight selected Youth Ambassadors and chaperone (R) Christine Ferreira are introduced to the CCSCC Board of Directors at our May meeting.

cities in both Canada and Mexico. One group of our students will be going to Mexico, joined by students from our sister cities, Lethbridge and Uruapan and chaperoned by Chris Ferreira, an LAUSD teacher and active CCUSD parent; and another group will be participating with students from Lethbridge and Uruapan in a program here in Los Angeles and Culver City and continuing in Washington, DC. We are so excited for them and this opportunity to receive unparalleled leadership experiences

that we know will benefit them and our community for years to come. We are still looking for hosts for one male and one female high school student from Mexico July 22 – 29. Thank you to our Youth Program chairperson, Donna Thayer, for all her coordination efforts along with Chris and the families of our youth ambassadors.

As if that would be enough for a full July calendar, we have been informed that the Mayor of Uruapan, Mexico will be visiting Culver City beginning on July 15th accompanied by some members of their city council and staff. They will be attending the SCI International conference in Jacksonville, Florida and making a stop in Culver City on their way back to Uruapan. Marla Wolkowitz will be attending the conference from CCSCC and will get a chance to meet with the Mexican delegation prior to their arrival in CC. More information to follow.

Looking beyond the summer, we are celebrating our 50th year and are planning a big anniversary celebration. **SAVE THE DATE OF SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 2013.** Kathleen McCann is our 50th Anniversary chairperson and is accumulating information from throughout the years. If you have contact with people who were involved over the years, please let them know to save the date and get us their contact information so we are sure to send out details to everyone who has been involved over the years as well as today.

Thank you again for your participation in the CC Sister City Committee. I believe we do make a difference in promoting peace and understanding throughout the world and at home and look forward to continuing to work towards a better tomorrow.

Barbara Honig

You are *cordially invited* to take a more active role as a member of the CCSCC. Besides the membership quarterly dinners, each of our four countries need committees to help us strengthen our relationships. Our 50th Anniversary Committee welcomes **MORE** volunteers **AND** for those that LOVE phoning instead of email "HAVE WE GOT A JOB FOR YOU!"

Please call 310-837-6444 (Marla Wolkowitz) and let me know which committee you'd like to become more active with and when you can start.