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# Culver City Sister City Committee

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"A very special thank you to the 50th Anniversary Committee and all our Board members and other supporters who poured their hearts out and worked tirelessly resulting in a fabulous anniversary celebration worthy of this great milestone.

Committee members (in alphabetical order): Maureen Genteman, Alice Impliazzo, Nancy and Pierre Joujon-Roche, Sonia Karroum, Marie Leyva, Tina Mollica, Diane Paris, Marla Wolkowitz."



Welcome to Culver City.  
See the new  
signpost at City Hall

Every time a list is made of those who worked on some event or project, inevitably an important name or two is left out. There is, however one name that MUST be mentioned: Barbara Honig really stepped up, took charge, and lead our event to success.

The CCSCC handed a couple of certificates out during the dinner event to 50 YEAR members Hank and Mim Shapiro, both active and involved for so very long.

We called, we wrote, we posted, we published, we blogged and we did everything else we could think of to share the information about the 50th Anniversary activities. And, it worked!

We had a nice crowd come for the unveiling, really a point and describe moment, as we gifted the City of Culver City with the new signpost on the corner of Culver and Duquesne on 12/10/12.

Another group joined us the morning of 1/12/13 as we unveiled the plaque below the signpost that indicates the official signing dates of our Sister Cities.

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Over 350 people came to the awesome Open House at Vets and enjoyed a large variety of activities including: Taiko Drumming, regional Folklorico dancing, Washboard Band and Americana dancing, La Ballona Bilingual Choir, hands-on crafts, and exhibits in each of the official Sister City designated rooms. If you were a Sister City novice prior to this event, no more as each and every visitor left with something new.

We culminated the celebrations that evening with a **SOLD OUT** banquet featuring food items from

each country, and live performances from the "Korean Classical Music and Dance Company", the "Group Folklorico Tzintzuni. Several videos including "Nihon Buyo" performed by El Marino's Japanese Immersion students and congratulatory videos from Uruapan, Iksan and Kaizuka's mayors were also displayed. Mayor Dodic from Lethbridge, Canada was able to attend and make a speech. We were also joined by Consuls and other officials in attendance celebrating our achievements.



Two other certificates were bestowed upon Carmelita Bell and Ellie Prsha as our fierce supporters of Uruapan, Mexico. But, we did not hand Barbara a certificate. A certificate wasn't enough, but I hope that singling her out in this newsletter approaches the depth of gratitude felt by the Board of Directors as a small way of saying "Thank You Barbara".

### THIS MEANS YOU

Have you recently found some time on your hands? Please call us and volunteer to be on one of our committees. Each city we have a relationship has its own committee and you can, by assisting, learn more about one of our four Sister Cities by coming forward , **OR**, you can teach us more about the city and help us improve and grow as an informed organization.

*Students from  
Kaizuka, Japan visit  
Culver City  
July 26-Aug. 4,  
2013. Culver City  
kids go to Iksan,  
South Korea  
July 25 and return  
August 5.  
A coincidence?*

### Open Your Heart and Homes

This summer we will be welcoming 8 students and 3 chaperones from Iksan, South Korea, recently we “edutained” 4 visitors from Lethbridge, Canada and three visitors from Uruapan, Mexico. In March we have our two marathon runners coming to Culver City. We are

This article could be about our visiting Marathon runners from Kaizuka, Japan, Daiki Nitta and Hiroko Hamada, but it’s not. We certainly do look forward to our annual runner’s exchange with Kaizuka and know our visitors will leave Culver City with favorable impressions. **BUT**, this article is really about another type of timing, the timing of our Quarterly Membership Dinner. Usually we manage to

### INVITATION

Our Youth Ambassador Project Showcase is on March 1st from 4-5 pm and will include snacks, games, art.

Marlee Goldshine, Student Board member and Co-President of the Student Ambassadors at CCHS says “We would like you to see what we've done. It is at Stoner Ave. Elementary on Braddock between Sawtelle and Inglewood“

always on the lookout for home hosts, so proud of our city that they are willing to open their hearts and homes to strangers, even those they may not be able to communicate with in the same language. If you have an extra bedroom or sleeping space, please

### TIMING IS EVERYTHING

arrange the Quarterly Membership Meeting in March so we can incorporate the runner’s into our meeting but their schedule this year doesn’t allow for that flexibility.

**Look for announcements on our Facebook page for our public events so you can meet our guests.**

The Quarterly Membership Dinner will be at the Del Rey Yacht Club, 13900 Palawan

Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292 on March 6, 2013.

Reservations are limited to the first 50 people that R.S.V.P. with pre-paid reservations. \$25.00 by check or \$26.50 by credit card.

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Unveiling the new plaque at Culver City Hall, CCSCC President Marla Wolkowitz is assisted by Bill Boerum (L) , from the Sister City International Executive Board, Mayor Andrew Weissman, and Council members Meghan Sahli-Wells and Jim Clarke.



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