

Culver City Sister City Committee, Inc.

Almost Fall 2012



United States

Uruapan, Mexico

Kaizuka, Japan

Iksan City, So. Korea

Lethbridge, Canada

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE **Almost Fall 2012**



If I tried to list names of all the people involved these past few months I know I'd leave someone out, so **THANK YOU** to everyone that helped with all of our summer activities. Besides your Board of Directors and their committees, lots of CCSCC members and Culver City residents participated in some way to help make this the summer of plenty. Special recognition to Barbara Honig on her amazing time as President. What an exceptional two years this organization has experienced under her leadership.

Our summer activities included the Installation of a new board at Tina Mollica's home, attending the Sister City International Conference in Jacksonville, Florida, getting to visit with city councilwomen from Uruapan, Mexico, sending our middle school delegation to Kaizuka, Japan, a Welcome to Culver City dessert at the Brown & Thayer home for the Iksan City delegation, Official Welcome to Culver City community dinner for the Iksan City and Trilateral Youth Ambassadors Programs at the Wolkowitz home, field trips, service learning opportunities, official farewell dinners, parties and lots of meetings. Had you not pitched in in some way we would not have been able to get through all of these wonderful activities and still be ready for our next visits and activities.

Donna Thayer has wrapped up two intensive years of Trilateral Youth Ambassador Programming. This was an amazing feat and her ongoing, unselfish dedication to High School students truly outstanding. The Young Authors and Artist program and youth scholarship promotions will continued to be chaired by Donna.



Chaperones Karlo Silbiger and Allison Burns showing off the telescopes they made at Zenbiland with the Middle School students in Kaizuka, Japan.

Looking ahead to Oct. 21-24 Mayor Tatsuo Fujiwara from our Sister City in Kaizuka, Japan will be welcomed and presented to our Mayor and City Council during a trip to express his gratitude to the people of Culver City from the people of Kaizuka. Through the efforts of our Kaizuka Chairman Kathleen McCann, CCSCC raised funds and received and passed on a grant from Kaiser for the people of Kaizuka immediately following their time of need.

Thank you in advance for your continued interest in the CCSCC.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Sept. 9—Membership Quarterly Picnic 11:30am @ Lindberg Park. \$10 per person over 8 yrs. old for lunch, you bring a dessert to share. PLEASE R.S.V.P. to Alice by 8/31, to order lunch @ 310-642-7604 .

Dec. 5—Membership Holiday dinner @ the Marriott \$40.00 each. Alice will be happy to take your reservation NOW!

Dec. 10, 1962 - This date in history was when the Culver City Council appointed the first Culver City Sister City Committee!

Jan. 12, 2013
50th Anniversary
Celebration
recognizing the 1st
meeting of the
Culver City Sister
City Committee

Our 50th Anniversary
Committee encourages
YOU to volunteer.

Email Chairman Kathleen
McCann at @
ccsc.inc@gmail.com
and let her know when
and how much you can help
us all and how soon you can
start!



20th Annual
Osaka/Kaizuka Senshu
International Marathon
Feb. 17, 2013

If you are interested in applying
for this exciting lifetime opportu-
nity, download and complete an
application found on our website
culvercitysistercitycommit-
tee.org and send to Kathleen
McCann, Kaizuka Chair @
ccsc.inc@gmail.com.



An hour or two interview with Kaizuka chaperones Allison Burns and Karlo Silbiger narrowed down to just two questions:

Educators Allison and Karlo, our chaperones, were asked #1 if they had pre-conceived ideas about chaperoning the Middle School age students in Japan, and #2 if they had Aladdin's Lamp to magically have a wish made about the trip, what would it have been?

Allison focused on her opportunity to give back, and the excitement after having gone as a student years ago. She had concerns about the amount of responsibility involved, but found the students so well prepared, eager and ready to participate that she was able to enjoy the exchange as a participant. Karlo focused beginning with the planned schedule. He too felt our students well prepared by their preparation prior to leaving, that the students were knowledgeable about the historical sites they visited and were also excited about all of the trips they took and cultural activities, like the tea ceremony. The kids really enjoyed being at the various middle schools of the hosts and visiting with peers and learning from their peers.

When it came to the magic, Aladdin's Lamp, both felt the days ended early, usually 4:30 pm. and would have liked to have explored additional evening activities. Additionally both mentioned that Kaizuka is mainly a residential area surrounded by significant and historical locations within a couple hour drive. Planned trips outside of Kaizuka would add to the overall picture of Kaizuka and the history of the area.

Our chaperones also agreed that host time is a good time for theme parks and exposure to normal family outings that really define how people in Kaizuka, Japan live on a daily basis.

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Donna Thayer (l) applied for and won the grant that made the Trilateral Youth Ambassador Exchange happen for Culver City. Jesus Osornio, Uruapan, Mexico, Rosemary Khourieh Lethbridge, Canada, Christine Ferreria, Culver City's own

chaperone, Yun A Ji, Jinsuk Lee, Kyungsook Lim, Iksan City, So. Korea's chaperones and SCI Coordinator Shauna Lewis (r), SCI's Trilateral Youth Ambassador Coordinator from Washington D.C. all took on the awesome task of



keeping the young adults and activities running like clockwork. Thank you all.



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You are invited to our

Annual Membership Quarterly Meeting, in the Park
Celebrating the accomplishments of our Youth Programs

Sunday, September 9, 2012 11:30 am at Lindberg Park

Covered tables, Baseball diamond & surrounding area
Bring: Softball equipment, potato sack, chair & blanket

Picnic Lunch and beverages provided,
please bring fruit or dessert to share

Program: "The summer of student experiences"

Cost: \$10.00 per person - Kids under 8 FREE

Sorry, no refunds.

Pre-paid reservations must be made and paid by August 31, 2012.
Include the number of children 8 and under that will be attending.

R.S.V.P. to Alice @ (310) 642-7604 by Aug. 31st.,
or, use the form and mail a check or use your credit card.

For your convenience, mail this form to make your reservation and pay by credit card or by check.
Mail to CCSCC P.O. Box 1072, Culver City, CA 90232-1072 by August 31, 2012

Name on card: _____ # attending _____ @ \$10.00 Total \$ _____

_____ Children under 8 years of age attending E-Mail Address _____

Mailing address: _____ Credit card's billing zip code _____

Credit card number _____ Exp _____ CVV Code _____

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Story continued from page 2—Interviews with our chaperones.

The same questions were posed to **Christine Ferreira, Chaperone to the High School students participating in the three week Mexican leg of the Trilateral Youth Ambassador Program.**

Q - Based on any preconceived ideas you may have had, did any aspect of chaperoning the High School students come as a surprise to you?

A— *No*

Q- If you could have had an opportunity to change any portion of your role as chaperone, what aspect would be altered?

A- I would insist much earlier on in the trip on sitting with the kids on the bus, rather than with the other adults. I found that my relationship with the kids changed once I moved from the front seat, where I was sitting with other adults, to a seat in the middle of the bus, where I was able to chat with the kids. I got to know them much better and they got to know me much better. I really cherish the relationships that I was able to build by being part of the group instead of being separated.

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We thank this summer's chaperones for accepting the responsibility and challenge of chaperoning. We hope you'll share your stories with our members whenever an opportunity presents itself.

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