



Culver City Sister City Committee



United States



Uruapan, Mexico



Kaizuka, Japan



Iksan City, So. Korea



Lethbridge, Canada

Calendar Notes:

- * Wed. June 4 5:30-7:00PM
Installation of new board and officers. Invitations on pg. 2
- * July 18-31 – summer exchanges with Culver City's Middle School students going to Kaizuka, Japan and Iksan, So. Korean students visiting Culver City
- * Aug. 23 & 24 Fiesta La Ballona Booth
- * Oct. 24 Trip to Iksan and Seoul
- * Nov. 5-12, 2014 Visiting delegation from Lethbridge—celebrating 25 years as Sister Cities
- * Nov. 10 Communitywide Celebration in the Dan Patacchia Room to celebrate 25th Anniversary with Lethbridge, AB Canada

GOODBYE to Natalie Shaby, Diane Paris and Marla Wolkowitz, all leaving the CCSCC Board of Directors

Marla's Final Message



What an amazing time I've had in the as president for the past two years. Meeting people from so many different cities and countries, I've learned how other

sister city organizations operate and tried to share some of the Best Practices with our own members and board.

My main goal over the past few years has focused on promotions and communicating with members, community and our four sister cities. We now Tweet, we post on 2 different Facebook pages and I am amazed at the number of people that LIKE a particular picture or piece of news, and we've increased our visibility by enrolling in GuideStar, Great Non-Profits and we've striven to be much more transparent and public.

Our family joined as a lifetime members back in the mid-80's. We took the scary step of participating in a Home-stay with strangers on our first trip to Lethbridge, Canada. Those strangers have become very close friends and we communicate at least once a month and have stayed in each other's homes several times.

I have also had the very good fortune to

spend four days in Kaizuka and a year later I am still thrilled to have had that unique opportunity through a sister city trip. Sadly I've only communicated with new friends in Uruapan and Iksan.

One of my biggest take-a-ways is that there is no comparison between "going on a trip" and experiencing a Sister City exchange. THAT is the one gift to share with our membership, experiencing the cultural uniqueness of Sister City International.

Marla Wolkowitz, President



ATTENTION

ARE YOU

interested in participating in the CCSCC adult exchange with our sister city of Iksan, South Korea. The exchange dates are October 24 – 30, 2014 and we are extending the dates to November 2 to spend additional time in Seoul prior to returning to Culver City.

The formal exchange with Iksan is fully hosted except for the hotel stay. Our friends in Iksan will attempt to find families who will host those participants who prefer a homestay experience but that cannot be guaranteed so at this point we expect to remain responsible for the following:

- Roundtrip airfare

- Hotel costs for the 5 - 6 nights in Iksan (our guests estimate the cost would be \$70/per night)
- All costs for the stay in Seoul
- Additional costs, e.g. gifts, etc.

Our delegation is limited to 10 participants so we need to receive your **completed application(s) due by June 15** so we are able to send a representative delegation to Korea.

Please also include the following information with your application:

Are you interested in participating in the full trip including the extra days in Seoul or only the formal delegation in Iksan?

Are you interested in a home stay experience or plan to stay in the hotel?

Are you interested in being part of a group to arrange air transportation or do you plan to arrange your own, e.g. utilize mileage, etc.?

For more information and the application, call or email me, Iksan Chair Barbara Honig, directly: 310-567-2167
ccscbarbarahonig@gmail.com

Thank you

Barbara Honig, Iksan Chair



Mexico's Los Angeles Consul General, Carlos M. Sada joins CCSCC President Marla Wolkowitz on the occasion of the Culver City & Uruapan's 50th Anniversary as Sister Cities.

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PLANNING AHEAD for this SUMMER 2014

We are hosting 8 high school students from Iksan City and 3 adult chaperones. Contact Barbara Honig at ccsccbararahonig@gmail.com and let her know how you can help with the visit. You don't have to be a host to help but you do need energy!

A special **GOODBYE** and thank you to Elizabeth Ferreira, our Student Board Member. What a terrific representative and active young person.

Welcome to new CCSSC

Board Members

Tim Petersen
Grace Reitzfeld
Robin Raval
Lyndon Stambler

Congratulations to our new 2014-2016 CCSSC Officers

Co-Presidents:
Alan Schreibman
Matt Seeberger

Vice President:
Nancy Perdomo-
Browning

Treasurer:
Carolyn Wispe Burns

Secretary:
Sonia Karroum

Culver City Sister City Committee's Annual New Officers and Board Installation & Quarterly Membership Gathering

Wednesday, June 4, 2014

**Beverages (soda, wine and lite cocktails) and
Hors d' oeuvres for \$20.00 per person limited
to the first pre-paid 50**

**Akasha
9543 Culver Blvd.
Watseka parking lot**

5:30-7:00pm

**Installing Officer: The Honorable
Meghan Sahli-Wells, Mayor**

**CCSSC P.O. Box 1072 Culver City, CA 90232
or call Carolyn Burns 310-365-0817 by May 29**

Stay for dinner and make your own reservation by
calling Akasha directly at 310-845-1700 or use opentable.com

A wait list will be set-up after receiving 50 pre-paid reservations.
*If you are being installed and want your friends to join you, consider a
celebratory dinner at Akasha after the brief program and Installation.*

