# Culver City Sister City Committee, Inc.

## Sprina 2011











Uruapan, Mexico

Kaizuka, Japan

**United States** 

Iksan City, So. Korea Lethbridge, Canada

#### Calendar Notes:

- July 2011 7 Culver City High School students visit Iksan City, S. Korea
- July 2011 8 students from Kaizuka, Japan visit Culver Citv
- Winter 2011 Adults visitors from Iksan City will visit Culver City
- Dec. 2011 8 High School Students from Lethbridge, Canada will stay in Culver Citv
- U.S./Mexico International Sister Cities Conference. March 2012 in Culver City

#### SAVE SOME TIME THIS WINTER

Our Inaugural Exchange, of high school students from Lethbridge, Canada is slated for December 26, 2011—January 3, 2012.

We invite families with high school age children to welcome a visitor and incorporate them as a family member for 8 days.

Call Marla and indicate your interest @ 310-837-6444.

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE June 2011



Dear Members.

I am honored to be elected by the Board to serve as President for

an additional one year term and will be joined by Marla Wolkowitz as Vice President and Alan Schreibman as Treasurer. The vital position of Secretary is still open. Maureen Genteman, our dinner chair secured La Dijonaise for this event. This event also gave us the opportunity to thank outgoing officers and review the work of the past quarter as well as look forward to a very busy summer. I am pleased that Mr. Culver City, our own Mike Cohen, will be our master of ceremonies for the evening.

In July we will be sending off a delegation of 7 high school students to Iksan City, Korea accompanied by chaperone, Donna Thayer. They are preparing for this experience with study sessions that include learning about the Korean culture and language. Students and chaperones from prior CC delegations are sharing their knowledge with this year's selected students.

In July we will also be welcoming a delegation of 8 mid-

dle school students from Kaizuka, Japan. Kathleen McCann and Lisa Burns have been diligently working on outreach for host families for the students and the accompanying chaperones as well as developing an excellent itinerary and program for their stay in Culver City. We are still looking for host families and would welcome your participation and assistance. Please contact Kathleen at ccsccmccann@gmail.com or Lisa at LisaLewis-Burns@gmail.com.

As we look forward to the fall, I am very excited at some new projects being developed by the Board. We have extended an invitation to Iksan

City, Korea to send an adult delegation to Culver City in November. We have also extended an invitation to Lethbridge, Canada to initiate a high school student exchange with our neighbors to the North to take place in December. More on these projects in my next quarterly letter but you don't have to wait to get involved in either project. Please contact me directly at ccsccbarbarahonig@gmail.com.

### Barbara Honig

President



Vice Mayor O'Leary joins the 2010 Farewell Party for our visitors from Iksan City, So. Korea at Lindberg Park.

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### U.S./Mexico Sister Cities International Conference in Culver City 2012

We're pretty excited that both the Culver City Sister City Committee, Inc's Board and the Board of the U.S./
Mexico Sister Cities
Association voted to approve the hosting

next year's U.S./Mexico International Sister Cities Conference here in Culver City.

Representatives from all over the United States and Mexico will gather here and be exposed to our hospitality. As of this newsletter, the details aren't complete but as they are cast in stone we'll let members know what is going on and how all members can help or participate.

This annual conference allows the two countries to share pertinent information as it related to economic development, safety and security measures, cultural activities of interest and other related topics.

Our Culver City Council is supporting

the efforts and a good portion of the conference will be held at Culver City City Hall.

The conference program includes a general session, break-out sessions, entertainment, exhibitions, and meals.

Since the 1960's the city of Culver City has participated in the grand global idea of Sister Cities International through developing relationships in several countries, including Mexico.

Ask how you can be a part of the conference.

### Youth Programs Abound in Culver City

In 2012 we're participating in the SCI Youth Ambassadors Program, funded by the U.S. State Department. Our participation will be led by Donna Thayer, our amazing Youth Director. Go to http://www.sister-cities.org/programs/youth\_ambassador.cfm to learn more about this exciting project.

This year marks the expansion of the Youth Ambassador Program to include all the countries of North America, bringing students together from Mexico, the United States, and Canada. The focus of this program is local, national, and international discussion of the environment and poverty. Through workshops, site visits to NGOs, and cultural activities, stu-

dents will explore these issues and gain a sense of what cities, countries, and individuals are doing to alleviate the negative effects of both The program will include visits to sister cities in Arizona and Northern Mexico, and a week in Washington, D.C. By the end of the program, students will be tasked with utilizing their experiences to implement a local outreach project in their city.

### **Photo Help Wanted**

Have you travelled as a CCSCC member to one of our Sister Cities? Do you have old photos to share? We can scan your pictures and share your memories with our Culver City community. Please mail your best choices to our P.O. Box 1072 Culver City, CA 90232 with sticky note captions on the back and we'll return your memories before the Fiesta La Ballona.



Culver City Exchange to Japan July 2010