Culver City Sister City Committee, Inc.

Winter 2011



Calendar Notes:

- Dec. 26- Jan. 3, 2012 High School Students from Lethbridge, Canada will stay in Culver City
- Mar. 2-4. 2012 U.S./Mexico International Sister Cities Conference.

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"Inaugural Exchange" We're hosting teens from Lethbridge

Dec. 26—Jan.3, we're hosting, for the first time our northern neighbors... Hosts family are families that live in Culver City and have a high school age child living in the house. Alternates are needed for "unforeseen" reasons.

Contact Marla at 310-837-6444 if you can help as an alternate.









United States

Uruapan, Mexico

Kaizuka, Janan

Iksan City, So. Korea

Lethbridge, Canada

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE WINTER 2011



Dear Members,

As you receive this Newsette, we are awaiting the imminent

arrival of an eight member delegation from our sister city of Iksan, South Korea including the Vice Mayor and President of the City Council. You are welcome to join us on Saturday, November 12th at the Doubletree Hotel (formerly the Radisson) for a Welcome Banquet. Reservations are required. Call Alice at (310) 642-7604 or email alice5651@gmail.com to R.S.V.P. The delegation will be presented to our City Council at their council meeting on Monday, November 14th followed by a Dessert Reception at the Grand Casino Bakery at 7:30pm. Their five day whirlwind visit to Culver City will include tours of our city hall, police and fire departments, senior center, veterans auditorium and Sony Studios, and meetings with community leaders. They will also visit the Getty Museum, the Korean Cultural Center, the Gene Autry Museum and Westfield Culver City Shopping Center and enjoy many of our fine Culver City dining establishments. We are very excited to welcome them and hope you can join us at both public events.

We are also in full swing on

many different projects including our annual marathon runners exchange with our sister city of Kaizuka, Japan. Two marathon runners from Culver City, one male and one female, will be selected to represent our city in the Senshu Marathon in Kaizuka in February. If you are a qualified marathon runner and interested in more information, contact Kathleen McCann, the Kaizuka Chairperson at ccscckathleenmccann@gmail.com.

The outreach for middle school students interested in the July 2012 student delegation to Kaizuka will be beginning shortly. If interested in more information, contact Kathleen.

And if that's not enough to keep us busy, we continue to reach out for host families for our inaugural high school exchange with our sister city in **Lethbridge**, **Canada**. If you have a high school student who would like to share experiences with a high (continued on reverse side)



Our October Vintage Culver City fundraiser inspired Board Member Pierre Joujon-Roche & member Don Perlick to dress up. Thanks to those that helped us raise funds to support all of our important activities.

LIFETIME FAMILY MEMBERS Get a new lease on life and renew your lifetime membership for \$150.00! Year-end memberships and donations allow us to continue and enhance our mutual goals of citizen diplomacy.

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Go online, set-up a Facebook account and visit us at:

Culver City Sister City Committee & /or Culver City Sister City Committee—Youth Program

MEMBER ALERT! Send dues in.



CCSCC is hosting the 49th Annual US/Mexico Sister Cities
Association International Conference in Culver City March 2
-4, 2012. The Culver Hotel &
CULVER City City Hall are the
official conference hotel and
conference sites.

Registration forms are online on our website. The conference includes lunch and dinner on Saturday. Reg. fees increase soon so sign up now and meet with delegates from all over the U.S. and Mexico (and learn something new!).

school student from Lethbridge, contact Marla Wolkowitz at marlawolkowitz@ca.rr.com.

We are hosting the 49th Annual U.S./Mexico Sister Cities International Conference in March, 2012. We are so excited to host this conference in conjunction with the City and City Council and look forward to showing off our city and citizens to delegates from around the United States and Mexico. We hope a delegation from our sister city of **Uruapan**, **Mexico** will join us. We have an active committee working on the conference and welcome your involvement. Marla Wolkowitz is our conference chairperson.

It is opportunities such as these that offer our community the chance to learn more about other cultures; our similarities and differences. In that process we are all enriched and the world becomes a much smaller place. And especially through the advent of social media, we can travel the globe right in the comfort of our living room. Please find us at www.culvercitysistercity.org and friend us on Facebook. We welcome your participation and attendance.

With such a schedule, it is certainly time to slow down and celebrate each other and the holiday season that is now upon us. Please join us at our **Holiday Membership Dinner on Wednesday, December 7th**. This year **bring someone new** to learn about Sister City and celebrate with us.

Happy Holidays, Barbara

PLANNING AHEAD, SUMMER

2012

Next summer we will be hosting high school

students from Iksan City and we will be looking for families to not only host, but also participate in the activities, whether you are hosting or not.

We are sending a middle school delegation to Kaizuka next summer and are already meeting with interested students. **Email** ccscc.inc@gmail.com

WELCOME TO NEW YOUTH BOARD MEMBER MARLEE GOLDSHINE.

The CCSCC is proud to have such an active new CCSCC board member representing Culver City High School's Youth Ambassador's Club. Marlee will be attending our regular meetings and updating us on the progress students are achieving on the campus.

The teacher-sponsor for the new student club is Mrs. Jamie Light-Snyder, a new English teacher who will assist in promoting the SCI's 4th Annual Young Authors showcase. The 2012 theme is "Youth as the Catalyst for Change".

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.

MORE YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

<u>APPLICATION NOW AVAILABLE</u>.

Summer 2012 nine well qualified Culver City High School students will participate in the SCI Youth Ambassadors Program, funded by the U.S. State Department. Our participation, led by our Youth Director, Donna Thayer empowers our youth to ultimately create an NGO, A Non-governmental agency, after several weeks of training, studying and hands-on partici-

pation with trainers from Washington D.C. Go to http://www.sister-cities.org/programs/youth_ambassador.cfm to learn more about this exciting project. By the end of the program, students will be tasked with utilizing their experiences to implement a local outreach project in their city.

Contact Donna Thayer at donnathayer01@yahoo.com 310.839.2546 for additional details or visit the Culver City Sister City Committee Youth Program Facebook page.

