# Culver City Sister City Committee, Inc.

### Fall 2011











United States

Uruapan, Mexico

Kaizuka, Japan

Iksan City, So. Korea

Lethbridge, Canada

### **Calendar Notes:**

- \* Oct. 16 Fall Fundraiser
- Nov. 2011 Adults delegation from Iksan City to visit Culver City
- Dec. 26- Jan. 7, 2012 High School Students from Lethbridge, Canada will stay in Culver City
- Mar. 2-4, 2012 U.S./Mexico International Sister Cities Conference.

# "Inaugural Exchange" Hosting a teen from Lethbridge

This visit is designed to give students a real feel of life as an American during free time. If you know you will be home between Dec. 26-Jan.7, host another teen in your home and have double the fun. Some pre-planned family and group activities to be scheduled as well as lots of casual time.

We will help prepare you. Volunteer to host ccscc.inc@gmail.com or call 310-837-6444

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FALL 2011



Dear Members,

Summer of 2011 has been a very busy one for the CC Sister City

Committee. We had two student exchanges: seven high school students from Culver City visited our sister city in Iksan City, South Korea and eight middle school students from our sister city in Kaizuka, Japan experienced home stays in Culver City, hosted by local Culver City families. In addition, we received word from the Mayor of Iksan City and we will be welcoming a delegation including the Mayor and members of the Iksan City Council to Culver City in November 2011. The visit will take place in mid-November and we are accepting requests to host our visitors. Please email me at

Please email me at ccsccbarbarhonig@gmail.com if you want more information on hosting a Korean guest.

Congratulations to Iksan City Chairperson, Veronica Reyes, and chaperone, Donna Thayer, for a very successful exchange and visit to our South Korean sister city. The seven high school students were treated as royalty as they learned about Korean history and culture. Thank you to

Donna and Veronica as well as other CCSCC members for conducting a preparatory program that gave all the student delegates very important information about the history, culture and customs of Iksan City that allowed them to enjoy their stay and have a richer experience. All of you who have gone onto FACE-BOOK on both the Culver City Sister City Committee and the Culver City Sister City Committee, Youth Programs pages, were treated to regular information and photos as the exchange progressed. Thank you, Donna. Social networking allowed us all to be part of this fabulous and life changing experience.

Kudos to Kaizuka Chairper-

son . Kathleen McCann and co-chair, Lisa Burns, for their tireless efforts resulting in a wonderful educational program where our eight middle school students from Kaizuka, and their chaperones, three adults: two middle school English teachers and a Kaizuka Board of Education member, not only enjoyed learning about our city from city hall to the fire department to transportation to waste management and Culver City's effort to "go green", to experiencing life with our amazing host families. Hosting a student from one of our sister cities is in itself a trip to another country and we are very proud of our host families who went above and beyond to assure that our  $\rightarrow$ 



Our 2011 student delegation, joined with their counterparts in Iksan, So. Korea after a private concert of Traditional Korean Music..

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CCSCC is hosting the 49th Annual US/Mexico Sister Cities Association International Conference in Culver City March 2-4, 2012. The Historic Culver Hotel will be the official conference hotel and conference programming is scheduled at City Hall and the hotel. Saturday's lunch and dinner will be off-site at one of our fabulous Downtown Culver City unique locations. Please let us know of your interest, in this educational program.

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visitors had a memorable experience in Culver City. Again, I wish to thank many of our members who assisted Kathleen in the preparation of the program and at our many events throughout the city.

On Saturday, September 10, 2011 we will be having our quarterly membership event as a barbecue/picnic in Lindberg Park beginning at 11 am. Please review the accompanying flyer for detailed information. We will be recognizing all the students who went to Korea and the host families who assisted with the Japan exchange as well as our chair people, co-chairs and chaperone. The idea is to have a fun day in the park where families can enjoy the afternoon and the students can reunite and continue to build their relationships. Everyone is invited and I really hope all of you can join us. ~



The fall reveals a continuation of exciting activity. Please SAVE THE DATE of **Sunday**, **October 16**<sup>th</sup> for our annual fundraiser that allows us to continue these fabulous programs. This year we will be at the Culver Hotel focusing on the history of Culver City with a "Vintage Culver City" fundraiser. Your invitation will be in the mail shortly and you can always find out more information on FACEBOOK and our web page: www.culvercitysistercitycommittee.org.

Looking forward to seeing you on September 10<sup>th</sup>,

Barbara Honig, President

## ALWAYS 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 will be sending a middle school delegation to Kaizuka next summer, so be sure to stay connected for more information on FACEBOOK.



Our Kaizuka & Culver City kids at Culver Plaza 7/11

NOTE: reaching out to marathon runners for our annual marathon exchange with Kaizuka. ccscc.inc@gmail.com for requirements

### Cultural Note: Chopsticks

**Don't** spear your food in order to pick it up! Food must always be pinched between the two chopsticks ends.

**Don't** stick your chopsticks in your rice so that they stand up! Instead, always lay the chopsticks horizontally on the edge of a dish or on the chopstick rest.

**Don't** pass food from your chopsticks directly to someone else's! The proper way is for you to place the food down in between yourself and the other person, on a plate. Then they can pick it up from there with their own chopsticks.