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Culver City Sister City Committee, Inc.

ALMOST WINTER 2012

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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! BE at the City Council meeting and watch for special PR.

Jan 12, 2013 , Sat. 50th Anniversary Celebration

Events at City Hall, Veteran's Auditorium and a Dinner & Show at the Marriott Hotel. Daytime activities FREE to the Public, Dinner & Show by R.S.V.P.'s, open to the public and in attendance delegates from all four of our Sister Cities.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We were honored this month with the visit from Mayor Tatsuo Fujihara from Kaizuka, Japan and his associate Junji

Matsutani, Director of the Public Relations Division. The mayor came to Culver City expressly to thank the CCSCC and the City of Culver City for our immediate financial support from the community and follow-up support from the Kaiser Foundation grant. The mayor brought along a vivid Power Point Presentation and participated on an Emergency Preparedness panel that was designed to elicit an exchange of ideas in anticipation of future disasters. I am proud to acknowledge the preparatory work of

Kaizuka Chairman Kathleen McCann and Co-Chairman Carleen Velez and am certain we covered all the bases. Private conversations included continuation and possible expansion of our current Exchange Program, learning more about each other's cultures and the exchange of ideas as they relate to the operations of our local governments. Our Culver City Chamber of Commerce added to the visit with a brief but important discussion as well. We covered all four Sister City International goals with this particular visit.

•Before leaving for the airport for his journey back to Japan, we presented him an invitation for a select delegation to return in January for our 50th Anniversary Celebration. The same invitation has been sent to all of our Sister Cities and we anticipate attendance from all.

•We are sharing hotel information BUT as is **our custom**, we invite YOU to be a host and open your homes to delegates sure to come for the second weekend in January. What better way to acquaint yourself with a visitor from Mexico, Japan, So. Korea or Canada than having a house guest?



•We invite you to get excited all over again about why you joined CCSCC.

50th Anniversary Celebration

Our 50th Anniversary – A Time for Celebration and Reflection

December and January mark important milestones for our organization. Fifty years ago the City Council of Culver City formed the Culver City Sister City Committee (CCSCC) and

in doing so, joined the national movement begun by President Dwight D. Eisenhower recognizing citizen diplomacy as key to the development and maintenance of peace in our ever complicated world. Over these 50 years, we have established sister city relationships with 5 different

cities/countries and currently continue successful relationships with Kaizuka, Japan; Iksan, South Korea; Uruapan, Mexico; and Lethbridge, Canada. We have had Culver City delegations, both students and adults, visit each of our cities and have hosted delegations from each of our



**20th Annual
Osaka/Kaizuka
Senshu International
Marathon 2/17/2013
Runners selected by a
panel of former
Osaka Senshu
Marathon runners
and CCSCC Board
representatives
are**

**Timothy Peterson and
Michelle Henrickson.**

Good Luck in
February.

More on the 50th

sister cities. Most recently, we have had high school students from Mexico and Canada in Culver City as part of a U.S. State Department funded Youth Ambassadors program; high school students from Korea in Culver City on our annual youth exchange; and middle school students from Culver City in Japan as part of our annual youth exchange. In addition, we were just honored by the three day visit of Mayor Tatsuo Fujihara of Kaizuka, Japan thanking our city for our support to the refugees of the Japanese earthquake and tsunami.

All of these activities serve as the foundation to the growth of this important organization. We will be celebrating the actual formation of CCSCC on **Monday, December 10th** with a proclamation by the City Council of Culver City, preceded by the public unveiling of Culver City's Sister City signpost on the corner of Duquesne and Culver. The ceremonies will begin at 5:00 p.m. and will continue in the Pattacchia Room at City Hall and then in Council Chambers for the City Council proclamation.

The 50th Anniversary Festivities will take place on

Saturday, January 12, 2013 with a full day of activities culminating in a Community Celebration of Cultures Dinner to take place at the Culver City Courtyard/Marriott. All four of our sister cities will be sending delegations to help us celebrate this historical milestone and we look forward to all our members and friends joining us as well.

We will begin the festivities at Duquesne and Culver Blvd. where we will unveil the Sister City commemorative plaque with our guests from all four cities in attendance. Planned later, a family fun afternoon of culture and the arts at Veterans Auditorium highlighting each of our sister cities in the rooms named after each of them including demonstrations, contests, exhibitions and more.

Culminating the day-long celebration will be our Celebration Dinner where we will not only honor our visitors, but also community leaders and members from throughout the years who helped make the Culver City Sister City Commit-

tee the vibrant organization it is today. The evening will include a cultural program and multimedia presentation. We will honor our past and look forward to our future.

We await and encourage your participation in all these events. The morning and afternoon are free and the evening dinner has been kept at a reasonable cost to facilitate more people attending. We want to show our international guests the wide variety of people of all ages from our community who have attended any of a number of Sister City events throughout the years. We also invite those of you who have experienced the international connections made available through CCSCC to add to our historical documentation by finding a picture from that experience either in our sister city or here with our visitors, and write a one paragraph summation of what that experience has meant to you; how it has influenced decisions you made in your life; etc.

Please submit your photo and comment through email to ccscc.inc@gmail.com or mail it to our P.O. Box. Photos will not be returned so you might want to make a copy. By submitting this entry, you are giving us permission to print it and make it public. Please pass the word on to others who may not live in Culver City any longer, especially people who went on our student exchanges who may now be studying/living out of state or in other parts of California. Every place we go we hear comments about the influence such an international experience has had on people's lives and we believe such a publication would be an interesting documentation of the value of the citizen diplomacy movement here in Culver City.

Submission must be received either electronically or by mail no later than **December 31, 2012**.

If you would like to join the planning and implementation of the 50th Anniversary activities, please contact Barbara Honig, 50th Anniversary Chair, at ccsccbarbarahonig@gmail.com or 310-567-2167. **See you on December 10th and January 12th!**

WHAT WOULD YOU THINK ABOUT...

Culturally oriented field trips to places like Olvera Street, the Korean Cultural Center, Little Tokyo, Koreatown and similar destinations? What about group classes that are culturally focused, like "Living Natural Arts, language smatterings (a little Japanese, a bit of Korean, some Spanish? and other kinds of casual cultural offerings?

Now that we're about 50 years old it is time for us to grow up and expand our own horizons. We look forward to your responses and think together we can learn about our world by being a part of it. I bet just reading this column ticks an idea or two about NEW things you wish we offered. Send us a note or an email to either contacts provided on the front page and we'll share the responses with the board.

Big Plans Need YOUR Support

Historically the CCSCC has not run fund raising campaigns and has successfully been able to cover expenses from annual memberships (did you renew) and occasional special activities. **This coming year is unique** and we ask you to consider a year-end donation to the CCSCC that will be used towards the 50th Anniversary Communitywide celebrations that includes the installation of the corner signpost and permanent plaque. Please send a generous donation to CCSCC P.O. Box 1072 Culver City, CA 90232-1072. **Thank you**

SPEAKING OF THE BOARD

Have you ever wondered who the board is and what we do? The CCSCC Board follows a bunch of rules (bylaws approved by the majority of the board) and meets on a monthly basis to share information about our four Sister Cities, we plan events as needed and try to find ways to promote the goals of Sister city International, all while having a good time.

If you think you are ready to share some of yourself with the Culver City community, please contact Marla Wolkowitz, President at 310-837-6444 or by email (see the contact section on the front page) and tell her how you would like to be involved. You do NOT have to be on the board to help, but you do have to have the desire.



Thanksgiving style Potluck Dinner at CCSCC members Akamine's home to welcome Mayor Fujihara and Mr. Matsutani during their whirlwind visit to Culver City.

Culver City Sister City Committee, Inc.

Cordially invites you to attend our

December Holiday Quarterly Dinner

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

6:30 p.m. – Cocktails

7:00 to 10:30 pm – Dinner and Dancing

Featuring the music of Michael Cladis/Music is Fun



\$40.00 per person

Casual Cocktail Attire

Courtyard Marriott Hotel

6333 Bristol Parkway Culver City 90230



Menu Selections:

Appetizers: Assorted Cheese Platter and Asian Spring Rolls

Meal Choices:

Chicken Marsala with Garlic Mashed Potatoes or

Red Snapper with Rice Pilaf or Pasta Primavera

Including salad, seasonal vegetables and dessert

Please RSVP to alice5651@gmail.com or 310-642-7604 no later than November 26th
Guests under 16 years of age receive a discounted meal, ask Alice when making your reservation.

Voluntary Holiday Gift Exchange: To participate, bring a wrapped gift valued at no more than \$20.00

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

Name on card: _____ # attending _____ @ \$40.00 Total \$ _____

E-Mail Address _____

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

Dinner Choice: #Fish _____ #Chicken _____ #Pasta _____

Credit card number _____ Exp _____ CVV Code _____