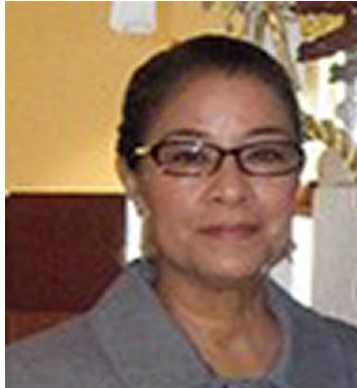


# Culver City Sister City Committee

June 2021 Newsletter



Dear CCSCC Membership and Community Members,

June 30<sup>th</sup> marks the end of my ten (10) month term as elected “Acting President”, finishing out the term that was sadly vacated by former President Nancy Perdomo. Being the pandemic year, with a multitude of items left on the table, I set out to maintain a team to pull the loose ends together, to strive for a dedicated outreach to our international sister cities and to create a virtual avenue of communication to keep those relationships alive. I believe because of our dedicated teamwork, our organization was successful with that mission.

COVID-19 destroyed many things since its inception, all countries suffered tremendously, but I was determined not to let the pandemic distance our sister cities. I started the “Celebration of Friendship” events to honor our respective sister cities’ anniversaries throughout the 2020 – 2021 year. The first one was in September 2020, celebrating three (3) years with Capo d’Orlando, Italy. It was a wonderful virtual event with Mayoral representations and many memories. During our 100<sup>th</sup> year Centennial, Capo d’Orlando representatives visiting Culver City had a chance to see us at our glory! Our recent event, honoring Kaizuka, Japan, spanned fifty-six (56) years, with previous Uruapan, Mexico being the longest at fifty-seven (57) years. And our friends to the north, Lethbridge, Canada, celebrated thirty-one (31) years with a request to restart our “Pen Pal” program with the first Spanish Immersion school in the United States, El Marino Language School and on an elementary grade level! Due to the pandemic’s affect on school scheduling and classroom restructuring, the program will start in August where we hope to include La Ballona Elementary Spanish Immersion School.

Our City Chairs and their committees worked hard to present a panoramic program that provided wonderful memories for all in the form of videos, photos, and live recaps. Board members Lisa Saperston, Alan Oda, Robin Raval, and Maren Neufeld worked extremely hard to tie the IT/ZOOM, and video aspects into synchronization. Of course, our icing on the cake was the lively efforts of CCSCC member, *Mr. Culver City himself*, Mike Cohen, our “Master of Ceremonies” and language translators Marie Leyva for Spanish, Fumiko Uno for Japanese, and Tina Mollica for Italian. We all are looking forward to the last one in this series, our city of Iksan City, South Korea, whose thirty-eight (38) year anniversary will be in September! Stay tuned to our website for the date of that event.

CCSCC continues to reach out to our entire Culver City community, promoting our programs for students and adults. We will continue to relay the opportunities that Sister Cities International and Sister City International/Southern California Chapter have for students, adults, and general community events. This networking integrates communications both internationally and nationwide.

I wish to thank the CCSCC Board of Directors for the opportunity to serve as Acting President and I thank the community members of Culver City for their warmth and receptivity with our CCSCC programs. Your joint support has been very much appreciated and the CCSCC looks forward to continued years of mutual support.

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Special thanks to Vice President Jim Clarke and the Culver City Arts Foundation, Hope Parrish, President of the Culver City Historical Society, and Ms. Shelly Wolfberg, Assistant to the City Manager, for your assistance and support of our international and community programs.

**UPCOMING EVENT:** CCSCC's 57<sup>th</sup> Installation Meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup> via ZOOM, from 7 pm to 8 pm. We will be installing new *Board Members* and new *Officers*. Please join us, a link will be sent out via our website, email, and the local newspaper.

Respectfully,

*Kathleen McCann*

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