

International Outlook Lima Sister Cities Association



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A Message from the President

Dear LSCA Members,

Can you believe that the summer has passed and we are now entering the time of winter holidays and celebrations? We had a very busy time the past few months with cultural exchanges, a wonderful celebration in August at Dick and Mary Smallwood's, as they hosted the Harima-cho/Lima General Meeting, plus we have joined together in various fundraisers to support our goals.

We will wrap up the 2012 year with a General Meeting December 5, at 6:30 p.m. at the Trinity Church. Please bring a covered dish, an item for the Silent Auction and a great spirit of fellowship and appetite. We will introduce to you our slate of new officers, (to be voted upon) and celebrate the opportunity to share the goals of LSCA within the community.

I invite each of you to become active in the LSCA activities. This community is made up of wonderful creative and diligent people. We offer you to come and become active and share with us many new experiences in the future. The New Year, 2013 is a grand opportunity to begin the adventure together. Feel free to bring a guest and invite them to join us for a new year of activities.

I appreciate the opportunity to work with the LSCA board, committee chairs and with you these past 2 years. Your support, individual work and participation made being President of LSCA an honor and joy. I know the future is bright for this group.

I send to you, great Holiday wishes for your health, joy and prosperity. May 2013 be a blessed time for our community and nation as we work together for harmony and understanding.

Thank you for your support,
Karen Phipps



Japan Committee Report

Submitted by Co-Chair Mary Buckley

August Visit from Harima-cho International Friendship Association

The visit got off to a late start, but it sure was fun! By the time the travelers arrived in Lima it was 2 a.m. But they were smiling! And it seemed their smiles never disappeared during the entire visit.

The 13-member delegation included three high school students, and many travelers involved in previous exchange trips who reunited with friends here in Lima. Mr. Waki, the group leader, had visited Lima 16 years ago, before Harima-cho and Lima had officially become sister cities. He and Keiko reminisced with fond memories of that visit, and he expressed pride in the strong relationship our cities had built.

The itinerary for the visit was busy, as usual. Mayor Berger and Beanie welcomed the bleary-eyed (but truly still smiling!) group in City Council Chambers on the first morning. LSCA President Karen Phipps led tours the next two days, highlighting ArtSpace, Civic Center, Museum, MacDonell House, Bradfield Center, St. Rita's, Library and, of course, enjoying Kewpee burgers (provided by host Marcel Wagner and his Allen Economic Development Group)!

Host families included their guests in a variety of activities in their free time and the visit concluded as it has for many years with a big party at Dick and Mary Smallwood's beautiful home.

Fourth-time visitor Mami Ishikawa, the HIFA office coordinator who has worked so closely with the LSCA for many years, summed up the group's experience this way: "We were blessed with beautiful weather, but even more than that, all 13 of us were blessed by the warm reception of the Lima people, for a visit full of wonderful memories."

Some Students Comments:

I am in the 3rd grade of the Akashi Industrial Vocational High School. I received different experiences in Lima. For instance, I attended a major league game with my hosts, operated large radio controlled helicopter, and policeman became friendly with me, and every and each one was very exciting. I would like to say thanks to people who were hosts, and people who planned this (exchange). THANK YOU. Yoji Ueyama

I went to a festival with the host family. There were many attractions, as well as cows, pigs, sheep, and other animals. I was very interested, as these types of things are not in Japan. I am very grateful to those involved in this program. I would like to continue my involvement in these exchanges in the future. Yuria Kawamura

I was able to experience such a variety of things at this young age of 15, and have realized that the world is so much more than I ever thought. I am truly grateful to my family, the Long Family, and all of those who gave me this opportunity. From here on, I want to be able to speak even more English so I can communicate with even more people. That is how I feel!
Akane Okita





Board of Directors Slate 2013



Lima Sister Cities Association is proud to present the Slate of Officers and Board of Trustees for the year 2013. Nominations will be accepted from the floor so if you know someone who would like to serve on the board please nominate them at our Annual Membership Meeting on December 5th.

Candidate for President - Two Year Term

Sylvia Clark

Candidate for Vice President - Two Year Term

Dillon Staas

Candidate for Secretary - Two Year Term

Jeffrey Bucher

Candidates for Board of Trustees - Three Year Term

Jean Cinardo Bruce Fuhrman Agnes Kouns Karin Phipps
Dillon Staas Ardath Sunderland

Current Board & Committees

President: Karin Phipps

Vice-President: Agnes Kouns

Treasurer: Thomas Spry

Secretary: Ardath Sunderland

Ex-Officio: Mayor David Berger

Members of the Board of Trustees Term Expiring 2013

Jean Cinardo Bruce Fuhrman Agnes Kouns Karin Phipps
Dillon Staas Ardath Sunderland

Members of the Board of Trustees Term Expiring 2014

Mary Buckley Sandra Liechty Kathy Luhn Rebecca Mack
Diana Neeley Robert Walther

Members of the Board of Trustees Term Expiring 2015

Shama Amin Jeffery Bucher Sylvia Clark
Keiko Hahn Thomas Spry

Committee Chairs

Fundraising: Karen Phipps **Hosting & Japan:** Keiko Hahn

Japanese Garden: Bruce Fuhrman **Membership:** Agnes Kouns

Specials Events: Dick & Mary Smallwood



Annual Membership and Holiday Meeting



When: Wednesday, December 5, 2012
Where: Trinity United Methodist Church
301 West Market Street
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Agenda Items Include

- Appointment of New Board Members
- Committee Reports
- Home Stay Visits
- Year in Review
- Future Plans
- Silent Auction

*Please come, bring your favorite covered dish to share, meet old friends and hear the latest news!
Beverages will be provided.*



Fundraising Committee

Fundraising is a challenge for all non-profit organizations. With such a diverse membership and busy schedules for us all, the LSCA is no exception. *Some* of us could have a car wash, sell catalog items, or hold a chicken BBQ, but not all could take part in these projects. However, there *is* something we all can do, and we seem to do it quite well—EAT! Many area restaurants offer organizations a percentage of bill totals on designated fundraising nights, and the LSCA has hosted several of these events. After multiple recent outings at BW3, on September 26 we tried a new location for our group, Applebee's. A fun evening of food and friendship and over \$150 in donations: a win-win for our group. Thanks to all who participated! Stay tuned for our next fundraising project and your chance to eat for a cause.

Submitted by Mary Buckley

Silent Auction

The Japan Committee is sponsoring a Silent Auction of white elephants to raise funds for our youth exchanges. Please bring any items you may have to offer for this auction to the Christmas Carry-in Dinner on Dec. 5th. Place your item(s) on the display table and write a description of the item plus a suggested price beside each item. Persons wishing to bid will sign up along with the price they are willing to pay throughout the dinner. At the end of the program items will be sold to the highest bidders.

Submitted by Sandra Liechty

Japanese Garden

The August visitors from Harima-cho were impressed with the growth and condition of the Japanese Garden. September brought further beautifications.

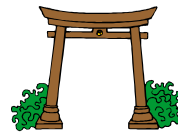
Michelle Britt, a past youth traveler to Japan, identified her Girl Scout "Gold Award" project as our Japanese Garden. The Girl Scout Gold Award represents the highest achievement in Girl Scouting identifying a community need and solving it. During the summer she organized a garage sale and used the proceeds to purchase mums and a Sango-kaku 'red' maple tree. Along with Keiko Hahn and Bruce Fuhrman, she developed a landscape plan incorporating color and on September 29, 2012, she and her volunteers prepared the soil and planted the flowers and tree. Thank you Michelle for all your help. Submitted by Bruce Fuhrman



Welcome New Members

Devinder & Sunita Bawa Margie Geiger
Sandra Hochstettler Steve & Toshiko Miller

Your support will help to ensure our continued growth and the success of our International Mission. Thank You!



Notes from Japan

Excerpts of a letter from Kyle Moore

Dear LSCA members,

I hope you all thoroughly enjoyed your visitors from Harima-cho in August. What a wonderful experience for the people from both countries to share and learn from each other. I know everyone will cherish those moments for years to come.

Nubia and I were busy last month trying to do our best to help the new ALTs in town, James and Amy. This is the first time either has been in Japan and they feel helpless in many ways. The sensation is a familiar one and we have no trouble sympathizing with them as it wasn't too long ago we were in the same position. For example, just the other day James knocked on our door seeking assistance. Standing at his side was a Japanese woman who quickly explained she was from the town hall, was taking a census and all she needed was for him to write his name in Japanese. Of course we're happy to help however we can but we are no experts ourselves and from time to time we still rely on the kindness of our Japanese friends or the good people at HIFA and the Board of Education. We're lucky to be in a town that values our presence and has developed such an extensive support system.

At the end of September we will complete two and a half years in Japan. Seeing the country and culture through the fresh perspective of James and Amy, we realize how far we've come and the extent to which we have adapted to life here. We feel truly blessed to have been given the opportunity to experience Japan first hand and be a part of this wonderful community.

Sincerely yours HET,

Kyle J. Moore

P.S. Below I've written Nubia's recipe for the "Pineapple Rice Refreshment" (arroz con piña), from the cooking class she and Lesly gave in July.

Pineapple Rice Drink (Serves 8)

Ingredients:

1/2 Pineapple, Cinnamon Stick, Sugar, 1/2 cup of Rice

Preparation:

Cut pineapple in 1" sqs. rinse rice & boil in 3c of water, add cinnamon stick, sugar to taste. When rice becomes thick add pineapple, let it boil for 10 mins. & add more water (1-2 cups), the more you add, the less thick the drink will be.

When it's done let it rest for half an hour to cool then blend it, take out the cinnamon stick if you want before blending it. If too thick add a little bit of water then strain. Add more sugar as you wish. Also you can add some ice cubes.