

JULY 2008
(Short Edition)



PASADENA SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE

NEWS

July Meeting Notice

July General Meeting
Thursday, July 17, 2008
7:00 PM
City Hall Council Chambers

Board Meeting
Thursday, July 17, 2008
6:00 PM
City Hall Council Chambers

Upcoming Events

The **Armenia Subcommittee** will have their next meeting on Thursday, July 10, at 6:30 PM. The meeting is held at the Pasadena Women's Club, 160 North Oakland Avenue, Pasadena.

The **China Subcommittee** will have their next meeting on Friday, July 11, at Lamanda Park Library at 4:00 pm. The library is located at 140 S. Altadena Dr., Pasadena 91107.

The **Japan Subcommittee** will have their next meeting on Monday, July 14, at 6:00 pm. It will be held at Harry Kawahara's home at 1030 New York Drive, Altadena.

August will be the **Japan Subcommittee's** presentation at the General Meeting. Information will be coming with specifics. The date is August 21, but this could change along with the location.

Anniversary Celebrations

Finland was beautiful in June. The celebration of our 25th anniversary was an extraordinary. Terrific dinners, sightseeing to the homes of artists, composers, and writers, a visit to the American embassy to meet the new ambassador, finishing off with a visit to a wonderful technical high school. Very busy, with a little rain thrown in.

Germany was just as great an event. We ate very well, spent some time on a river cruise, wandered through a city festival, witnessed renewal of our sister city agreements. We did share time with three other sister cities of Ludwigshafen but it lent more excitement to our stay.

There will be more information, and some photos, in a supplemental issue in the next week or so. We need some time to get it all together.

Subcommittee Info

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2nd Thursday of Month
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2nd Friday of Month
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2008-2009 Budget

This is a reminder that each subcommittee should be looking at their anticipated spending for the next fiscal year, 2008-2009. Please prepare a budget to submit at the July 17th Board Meeting. The budget can be approximate and revised as events are planned and costs become firm. These budgets assist the Board in planning expenditures for the year.

The budgets will indicate where

fundraising activities should be addressed. As bigger events are planned, more emphasis will be placed on finding additional sources of revenue to support them. When a fundraising event is planned, send information to Fred Alcantar, at falcan@pacbell.net, for inclusion in the newsletter or for an e-mail notice to our members and friends.

Irmel Steckner Plaque

As part of our activities in Ludwigshafen, Elmer Christenson suggested the German Subcommittee plant a tree in honor of Irmel Steckner, who recently passed away. Irmel was very active in the Freundiskries and was a good friend to many of the German Subcommittee members. A very simple but distinctive plaque was worked up by Elmer, Katrin Kerchner and Beate Friedrich and was approved by her family.

The subcommittee is asking friends of Irmel to donate to the cost of the plaque. It will be approximately \$250.00 to fabricate.

The plaque is being fabricated in bronze and will be set at or near the

tree. Unfortunately, the plaque will not be ready to take to Germany but will be sent when it is completed.

If you are interested in making a donation, make your check payable to **PSCC**, with "*Steckner Plaque*" in the comment line. Mail it to:

Fred Alcantar, Jr
126 Franklin Ct
Glendale, CA 91205-1113

Any size donation would be appreciated.

On our return to Pasadena, we'll update everyone on the tree planting and the plaque location.

China Earthquake Donations

Members of PSCC that would like to make a donation for the victims of the China Earthquake that occurred on May 12, 2008, can do so in one of a couple of ways.

First, donations can be sent to PSCC, care of Fred Alcantar, Jr, at the address given above. Checks should be made out to **PSCC** with "*China Earthquake Donation*" in the comment line. Checks will be forwarded to the Chinese Consul General in Los Angeles.

Second, checks can be sent directly to the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in Los Ange-

les. Make check payable to "**Chinese Consulate General in LA**" and mark on both check and envelope "*Donation for earthquake in China*". The mailing address is:

Chinese Consulate General in LA
Attn: Ms. Wang Chengyin
443 Shatto Place
Los Angeles, CA 90020

Many people have suffered due to the earthquake. All donations will help, literally, hundred of thousands of displaced men, women and children.