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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Through December 11, 2010

Contemporary Australian Aboriginal Art. From the collection of Margaret Levi and Robert Kaplan, this exhibit reveals the diversity and aesthetic power of current Australian Aboriginal art. Washington University Museum of Art, Wilson Rd., Pullman, WA. For more information, call 509-335-1910.

Wed., December 22, 2010

France travel lecture and PowerPoint presentation. Frederic Dugenet, native of Provence, France, will give a presentation concerning travel in France. Free. 11:00-11:45 a.m., Corbin Senior Center, 827 W. Cleveland, Spokane. For more information call 509-327-1584.



Sister Cities Association President Chuck Rehberg at the International Student Reception hosted by Sister Cities Association of Spokane at City Hall's Chase Gallery in October 2010. In attendance were students from Spokane's institutes of higher learning and city officials, including Mayor Verner and EWU president Dr. Arevalo.

In a word, thanks!!

*By Chuck Rehberg
Sister Cities Association President*

Two years seems an eternity, but goes by in a flash.

As my two-year term of office as Sister Cities Association president concludes, the theme song that seems most appropriate is Bob Hope's, "Thanks for the Memories."

Feel free to hum along as I share some heartfelt gratitude...

First, thanks to all of those who built a strong foundation for this organization over the last five decades.

Next year, as the Spokane-Nishinomiya partnership reaches 50 years, we will think about founding fathers Ed Tsutakawa and Mayor Neil Fosseen and their countless colleagues through the years who helped secure Spokane's place as a grander global village.

Thanks to Kerry Lynch and Jack Geraghty and Jenifer Priest and everyone else who brought the Sister Cities International annual conference to Spokane in 2005. We were among the smallest cities ever to host a world's fair – Expo '74 – and the smallest to host an SCI conference. Size doesn't always matter.

Thanks to our Sister City Society presidents – Rol Herriges, Kerry Lynch, Hyunki Ahn and Danielle Xu – for their

tireless efforts in building stronger international partnerships, and for their willing collaboration to help the overview association succeed.

Thanks to my predecessor, Jenifer Priest, who has made sure the association stays active and, in her apt words, "not just butts in seats" at board meetings. Latest evidence: a highly successful reception for foreign students attending area colleges. Her idea, and a good one.

Thanks much for the continued support of Spokane's mayors and councils.

Mayor Mary Verner has set wonderfully high standards for interest and graciousness. She was a remarkably effective ambassador for Spokane and the Sister Cities program during our 2009 trip to Korea and China. And she always makes time to cordially greet visitors from our Sister Cities, and makes positive lasting impressions.

Mayors, according to association bylaws, are honorary Sister City chairs. But there is nothing merely "honorary" about Mayor Verner's involvement; she is an active and welcomed partner.

And Council President Joe Shogan and many other City Council members, especially Steve Corker and Bob Apple, have been wonderfully supportive in

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Wednesday, January 26, 2011

Kodo: One Earth Tour. The Japanese Taiko drummer group Kodo will be at Spokane's Fox Theater at 7:30 p.m. Prices vary. For more information, contact www.martinwoldsontheater.com.

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"Hell Hath No Fury: How the Looting of the Iraq Museum Changed the Way Archaeologists Think About Armed Conflict." Corine Wegener of the Minneapolis Institute of the Arts will discuss new efforts to prevent the damage of cultural collections and archeological sites during armed conflicts, following damage and looting of sites in Iraq during recent years. 6:30 p.m. Free. MAC Auditorium, 2316 W. 1st Ave., Spokane. For more information, call 509-456-3931.

February 3-13, 2011

SpIFF. Spokane's international film festival. See a variety of cinema from around the world. See spokanefilmfestival.org for information on movies, times, and locations. Watch for a Sister Cities-sponsored movie from Japan.



Korean cooking class participants help with kyeongdan. Truly Korean comfort food, this dish consists of sweetened rice flour, which is cooked like dumplings then rolled in sweet cookie crumbs, nuts, or powdered sugar.

EAST MEETS WEST AT SISTER CITY LUNCHEON

*By Grace Carter
Association Youth Board Member*

On October 30th, I experienced one of the tastiest ethnic meals I've ever had. In the beautiful St. Mark's Lutheran church on the South Hill, a group of forty people gathered to watch and learn the art of Korean cooking. I had never realized how much of our culture is represented in our food. The meal consisted of pulkogoi, a barbecued beef that had the perfect amount of spice and sizzle, shigumchi, a simple and appetizing Korean spinach, rice, and of course, kimchi. The audience was able to watch the preparation of the food, and then eat a very authentic Korean meal.

During this meal, Whitworth's Professor Norman Thorpe gave an enlightening lecture on Korean history, geography, and culture. He shared recent pictures of Korea, as well as political and demographic information.

I was surprised to learn we share many of the same interests as the people of Korea, such as fast food chains (in Korea, not only do they deliver Domino's pizza, but McDonald's burgers and fries can be delivered by scooter, too!), romantic coffee shops, and technology. In fact, South Korea has the second highest number of patents granted per person, after Japan.

While mingling with the other guests I found that many, if not all of them, had a link with Korea - either a child, parent, or spouse. It was a great way for them to connect with people from similar backgrounds. Three Korean students and one Japanese student from Mukogawa Fort Wright Institute were extremely brave, giving us their views on their culture, and explained how they felt about studying in America. This luncheon was incredibly educational and delicious thanks to the lovely people from the Spokane-Jechon Sister City Society.

Jecheon Report - Successful Cooking Class & Annual Meeting

The Spokane-Jechon Sister City Association held a Korean cooking class on October 30. Forty association members and friends sampled bulkogi, kimchi, and spinach salad - plus Korean rice. For dessert, kyeongdan (sweet-rice cakes) and paesook (baked sweet pear in cinnamon and ginger juice) were served. Kay Oh and Hyunki Ahn were the demonstrators for the cooking class. *See next page for kimchi recipe.* The association also held an annual general meeting to elect board members. Steve Fucile, Sung Ko, Soo Oh, Chuck Rehberg, and Hyunki Ahn were elected to serve on the board for the next two years.

Spokane-Nishinomiya look forward to 50th Anniversary

*By Grace Carter
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In 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower held an international diplomacy conference at the White House, where the idea of sister cities was first suggested. Shortly thereafter, between 1961 and 1962, Spokane and Nishinomiya established a bond that has lasted half a century. This relationship has proven extremely fruitful for both sides. Not only have thousands of visitors traveled between the cities, but middle and high school students have benefited greatly from the many exchanges that have occurred over the past fifty years. Mayors, city officials, educators and business leaders have made very meaningful trips, connecting the cities and cultures. Enduring friendships have flourished across great cultural lines. Other successes of this bond, such as the Mukagawa Fort Wright Center and the Tsutakawa Gardens at Manito Park, have been a gift to the Spokane community. Both have given us the opportunity to share and learn about other ways of life, and both have allowed us to build a stronger bond with our first sister city. To celebrate this historic and commemorative event, forty visitors from Nishinomiya, including the mayor, will visit Spokane in May 2011. As part of the festivities they will take part in the Lilac Festival and Armed Services Torchlight Parade, a formal ceremony in the Tsutakawa Memorial Japanese Gardens, followed by sightseeing, receptions and a banquet. The following September, forty Spokane officials will travel to Nishinomiya to continue the anniversary celebration.

Kimchi (Korean pickled cabbage)

Ingredients (feeds 4 to 6 people):

Napa cabbage, 1 medium-sized head
Salt, 3 Tablespoons
Red pepper powder, 1 Tablespoon
(use medium or mild hotness, depending on preference)
Garlic, 3 cloves, minced
Ginger, 1 teaspoon, minced
Fish sauce, 1 Tablespoon
Sugar, 1 teaspoon
Green onions, 4, chopped

Directions:

Cut the base off the Napa cabbage and cut it lengthwise into four long sections, then cut each of those crosswise into four or five pieces. Put all the cabbage in a large bowl. Put the salt in ½ cup of water and sprinkle over the cabbage. Let the cabbage wilt. After 30 minutes to one hour, rinse the cabbage in cold water. Then add the other ingredients. Mix gently by hand, put ingredients in a jar, and leave it at room temperature for 24 hours. Then refrigerate. (Note: it will expand, so don't fill the jar too full or it will overflow.)

The kimchi will keep several days in the refrigerator, so you can eat it at your own pace. It also is possible to eat it immediately as a salad after mixing it, rather than waiting 24 hours. In that case, mix in 1 Tablespoon of sesame oil. Don't, however, add the sesame oil if you plan to refrigerate it.

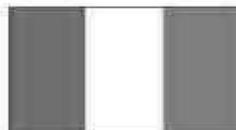
An alternative: Add some thin slices of Asian pear when preparing it to make the kimchi even more delicious.

JILIN SOCIETY PRESIDENT PRESENTS SLIDE SHOW ABOUT HOME TOWN



On the snowy Wednesday before Thanksgiving, Jilin Society president Danielle Xu shared information about and pictures of her hometown – Jilin City, China – with an interested audience at the Corbin Senior Center. Jilin province, located in the northeast corner of China, shares a border with North Korea, and is noted for its beautiful location along the Shangwa River. A medium-sized city of 1.5 million people, it is especially noted for its winter scenes, in which willow trees along the river are covered with rime.

In this picture, president Xu poses with Jilin Society member Margo Buckles.



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Friday, February 11, 2011

Bombay Bellywood. Bellydance Superstars will perform an array of Indian dance styles, including Bollywood and Bhangra, as well as dance from other cultures, such as Egyptian cabaret. 8:00 p.m. Bing Theater, 901 W. Sprague, Spokane. For information on tickets, contact mettheater.com.

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their interest and their attendance at Sister City events.

Special thanks to all my colleagues on the Sister Cities board. Their time is valuable and they give far more than they receive. Many also serve on boards of one of the Sister Cities.

Our association officers, Secretary Polly Kazmarek and Treasurer Sam Song, are invaluable assets in making things work smoothly.

In addition to Rol, Kerry, Hyunki, Danielle and Jenifer, thanks, too, to the other board members – Cathy Dixon, Candie Coker, Mits Nakamura, and Grace Carter – each of whom provides good ideas, energy, inspiration, wise counsel and invaluable help in staging Sister City events.

Also, thanks so much to Catherine Gallaher of Mayor Verner’s staff, who makes dealing with city staff seamless, efficient and effective.

A special debt of gratitude goes to

my successor, Vice President / President-elect Margo Buckles, who brings talent, knowledge and passion to her post. A master of multi-tasking, she has been invaluable.

Margo’s skill and leadership will make a good organization even better. But this won’t happen without the continued support of you and the many hundreds of other members and friends of Sister Cities in the Spokane area.

These past two years we continued to raise awareness about the program and its possibilities. Our individual Sister City partnerships have grown and revitalized, even amid the challenges of a tough economy. Our association has won a notable award for arts and innovation with the five-city photo project. We have lost dear friends, including Ed Tsutakawa and Akira Yoshida, but others have stepped in to take their place.

Finally, thanks for the honor of serving as president. The truckload of memories are positive and pleasant.