

Community Service in Santa Monica

Santa Monica Sister City Organization Prepares for Exchange Students to Visit



By Jeff Jarow
First, I would like to say how proud I am to be part of the Santa Monica Sister Cities Association (SMSCA), and how honored

I am to have been chosen to lead the organization.

For those of you who are not familiar with the Sister Cities International (SCI) mission, here's a brief explanation so you can see why our current members are so passionate about this concept.

"Founded by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956, Sister Cities International is the nation's premier "citizen" diplomacy network that creates and strengthens partnerships between U.S. and international communities, promoting peace through mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation—

one individual, one community at a time.

"Sister Cities International is a nonpartisan nonprofit, currently serving as the national membership organization for 525 cities, counties, and states across the United States that have 2,012 partnerships in over 140 countries.

"Sister City partnerships have fostered numerous economic developments, arts and culture, youth, sports, municipal, and community development programs and exchanges over the years, in a spirit of international cooperation."

My goal this year is to bring more awareness to our organization, and to build membership by exploring some new Sister Cities, and offering more exchanges with various cities. I would like to involve middle school students (JAMS and Lincoln), senior high school students (SAMOH), and college students

(SMC), and possibly recently graduated young adults looking for internships to increase their global awareness. We will explore additional exchanges with emphasis on sports, technology, arts and music, when possible.

This summer we will be celebrating our 40th Anniversary with Fujinomiya, Japan. We selected three high school students as Student Ambassadors who hosted three students from Fujinomiya in July, and will then spend two weeks with

their counterparts in Fujinomiya this month. As part of the anniversary celebration, we will be joined by an adult delegation and a soccer team to compete in a tournament.

I hope you will participate in our excitement and join us. Contact us by email at www.santamonica-sistercity.org.

Jeff Jarow is President of the Santa Monica Sister Cities Association.

My Amazing Summer Vacation



By Julia Abbot Junior Reporter
I began my vacation when summer began in Ixtapa, Mexico. I stayed at an extraordinary, all-inclusive resort called Club Med. I had an amazing time and one of the highlights of my two weeks there was the amazing night shows the club put on.

They have a theater at Club Med and at night the staff puts on extravagant shows. Once a week, the kids at the club work together and put on a real show complete with costumes, lights, and music.

Another highlight of my vacation was the trapeze at Club Med. With four instructors, everyone—even the adults—can learn trapeze. I actually learned a knee-hang and flip, even though I accomplished very little, compared to my peers.

Club Med has an amazing kids club with one for every age group. Daily activities at the club include trips to the tennis court, soccer field, basketball court, trapeze,

pool, and beach. There is never a dull moment for kids, ages one to 17. The grownups are then free to spend days at the spa, beach, or anywhere at the club.

Furthermore, the security at the club is amazing. We all wore bracelets and security guards were everywhere. The food is always in the huge kitchen with five themed rooms to eat in (jungle, map, underwater, party, and medieval.)

The food is served buffet style with themed "dress code" nights. Photographers capture every moment of your stay on camera which you can purchase at the end of the trip. Club Med is kind to the surrounding community. They allow a Mexican market day on the premises in order for the locals to show and sell crafts. On the down side, some of my family members got sick at Club Med, possibly because of all the bug spray. However, overall it was a good trip.

Julia is entering the sixth grade this month.

Moving Ahead with the Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club



By Addie Stalk
The Afternoon Tea and Fashion Show held at the Club house of the Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club on July 10 was a smashing success. The event benefitted WISE & Healthy Aging which provides a wide range of services to the older adults in our community.

On July 31 and August 1, our Clubhouse welcomed the Lennon Family, including the Lennon Sisters, Venice, the Lennon Brothers, Gail Lennon, and many other members of this very musical family. This is the third time that the Lennon Family has held their concert in our Clubhouse. With their wide range of musical styles it is always a real crowd pleaser. The concert benefits a number of chari-

ties that are close to the hearts of the Lennon Family.

Our next Health Lecture will be on Wednesday, August 12 at 7 p.m. UCLA geriatrician, Dr. Erin Atkinson Cook, will talk about the diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of osteoporosis. This lecture is free and open to the public. Please RSVP at 800-516-5323.

If you want to make a difference in your local community and you are looking for like-minded people, email us at smbwcinfo@gmail.com.

Our beautiful 100-year old Clubhouse is located at 1210 4th Street, Santa Monica, and is available for events and celebrations. To learn more about our Club's activities, check out our website (smbwc.org), Facebook page, and Meetup.com, or call us at 310-395-1308.



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