

Lethbridge Twinning Society Newsletter



Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Lethbridge Twinning Society will be held on Tuesday, December 6th, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. at Luigi's Pizza and Steakhouse on the Southside (1119 Mayor Magrath Dr. S.). The actual meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. We will be reporting on this year's activity and what is planned for the upcoming year, followed by general elections. All executive positions are open for nominations!

AGM Agenda

Call Meeting to Order – 7:00PM

Reports –

Public Relations

Towada City

Timashevsk

Culver City

Great Falls

President

Financial Statement Presentation

Projects –

Taiko Drum Dedication

Culver City invitation for youth

Culver City Delegation Visit 2012

Christmas Party



Towada Taiko Drum Dedication Ceremony on December 6th at City Hall

In the year 2001 a delegation from Towada City, Japan came to Lethbridge and met with members of the Lethbridge Twinning Society (LTS). The delegation represented the Towada Association for International Relations (T-AIR). The purpose of the visit was to engage in a twinning agreement between Lethbridge and Towada City.

In 2002, His Worship, Mayor Bob Tarleck, LTS Director for Towada City relations, Ms. Carol Kensley and LTS President, Harold Perverseff attended in Towada City. An official twinning agreement of friendship relations between the T-AIR and LTS was achieved.

In 2004 the Mayor of Towada City and a delegation of T-AIR Members visited to Lethbridge and presented a Taiko Drum to the LTS. This drum was later used to initiate the first ever Taiko Drumming group in Lethbridge, "Kaze no Rhythm".

The drum was decommissioned in 2008, refurbished and set as a lasting memorial of our growing friendship bond with Towada City.

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In light of our decade of twinning relations with Towada City we have obtained the approval of the City of Lethbridge to have the drum permanently displayed in the main atrium of the Lethbridge City Hall.

We intend on having this drum officially placed at City Hall on the afternoon of December 06, 2011 at 1:30PM.

A ceremony dedicated to the friendship twinning with Towada City along with remarks from City Officials and other Government Representatives will follow at that time. We do expect to have a presentation of Taiko drumming by the University of Lethbridge, Global Drums.



In Memoriam—Gone, but never Forgotten

This year the Twinning Society lost two very prominent members, Betty Reimer and Doc Chapman. Please take a moment to remember these two members.

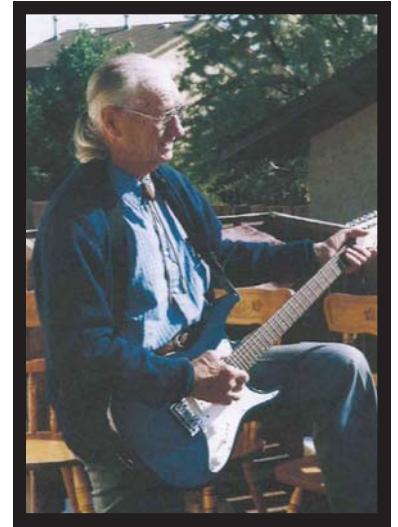
Betty Reimer – founding and charter member of our society passed away on September 21, 2011 at the age of 76. Betty acted as Director of the Society and provided ongoing support, insight and motivation to the society on a continual basis. She



will be sadly missed. Our sincere condolences and best wishes to husband Dick and children Richard, Carolyn and Natalie and their families.



Harmond (Doc) Chapman – passed away October 5, 2011 at the age of 97. Long-time member of the society. Pre-deceased by his wife Ruth 9 years ago. Harm was lively, entertaining and dedicated member of the society. Doc created our mascot for the society (Ookpic) – showcased in the Culver City room at City Hall. Condolences and best wishes to his two children, Clifford and Joyce.



Betty Reimer Memorial Fund Established



In memorial of wife and mother, the family of The late Betty Reimer have established a Memorial Fund through the Lethbridge Twinning Society. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that donations to the Memorial Fund be made. The Memorial Fund will help pay for a park bench to be erected along Henderson Lake area in memory of Betty (Plaque to be affixed). Any residual money will be used to assist in travel for students who may be traveling on exchange to Culver City. Please consider contributing to this memorial fund and thank you to members who have already have contributed.

Alberta/Japan Twinned Municipalities Association News and Information

On November 10th Dr. David Ibsen from Spruce Grove was in Lethbridge.

We met Dr. Dave through our affiliation with the Alberta/Japan Twinned Municipalities Association.

Dr. Ibsen is the Executive Director of the "Family and Community Twinning Society". We are looking forward to working with and through Dr. David in our Twinning Society efforts.

The picture is Dr. David meeting with Trish (Middle) and Laura (Left) at the University of Lethbridge International Centre for Students. Trish is the Acting Director of the Centre and is a member of our Society.

Dr. David is currently working on facilitating a visit to Japan planned for 2012, the trip will include cultural and educational aspects of Japan and intended on enhancing our friendship ties.

KEEP THE DATE: A reminder to everyone—The Alberta / Japan Twinned Municipalities Association Annual General Meeting will be held May 4th & 5th in Wetaskwin, Alberta. Please join us so that we can send up a proper delegation to this meeting. Contact Carol or Harold for more information as the time gets closer.



Timashevsk, Russia News



Julia Pavlova from Timashevsk, Russia

Julia Pavlova from Timashevsk, Russia is now in her second year of studies in Lethbridge. She returned home for a two-month visit this

past summer and came back to resume her studies at LCI in September.

Director for Timashevsk, Kyle P. has been working with the city administration in Timashevsk and anticipates a delegation visit to Lethbridge in the near future.

Kyle's counterpart in Timashevsk, Tatiana Ponomerova, has requested that another student from Timashevsk be able to come to Lethbridge to attend school in the near future. We are currently working out the details to make this happen.

Culver City Report



Earlier this year, the Twinning Society received the following invitation from Culver City Sister City Committee:

"On behalf of the Board of the Culver City Sister City Committee, we are pleased to invite a student delegation to come to Culver City and experience our culture and

customs through a homestay program. We look forward to students coming during our December holiday season, specifically December 26, 2011 - January 3, 2012. We are looking at a delegation of 8 students grades 9 – 11. We look forward to matching the students with families who will graciously show them what life is like in Culver City during the holiday season and we know your students will have a wonderful and educational experience.

We anticipate you will be sending a chaperone with the students and will find an appropriate homestay for the chaperone as well."

Please let us know if you can participate in this opportunity to visit our sister city over the festive season.

In addition, Lethbridge will be making a delegation visit in 2012. Details to follow. Make plans to join us on this official delegation visit to our sister city.



Towada City News

In June of this year, in response to the horrific earthquake and ensuing tsunami that hit Japan, Lethbridge Twinning Society members conducted a fundraiser to help their sister city in Japan. The response was very generous, both from members and from the city in general. We were able to set up a donation center in the Lethbridge Centre branch of TD Canada Trust among other locations. Here is the letter we received from ARAO Teiichi from Japan on June 13, 2011 :

"I received the donation from the Lethbridge Twinning Society for Towada City on Monday, June 13. Thank you very much!!

When your kind message was read at the general assembly of the Towada Association for International Relationship (TAIR), Mr. Haruwo SHIRAYAMA, the president of the TAIR, told that your donation should be

Great Falls News

For the time being, the director for Culver City, Michael Bennett has been working with the Great Falls Advisory Commission on International Relationships to enhance Lethbridge / Great Falls friendship relations.

used effectively for evacuees who were from other areas and living in Towada.

I'm sure that it would be used effectively to relief them. As I told you in an email sent just two days after the earthquake, Towada was not damaged so heavily as other areas along the Pacific shore. And my city locates about 350km north of the crippled nuclear power plant in the Fukushima prefecture.

The bad effect of the nuclear accident is rarely detected in Towada. So most citizens already recovered their daily life.

Due to the damaged nuclear reactors, it takes very long time to achieve a true recovery. But people will stand up again, just

as they stood up from the ruins after the second world war.

Thank you again for your kind donation!!

With the best regards,

ARAO Teiichi"

Members of the Lethbridge Twinning Society express deepest condolences to Seiichi and Yasuko Murayama of Towada City on the recent passing of their son in a tragic Vehicle accident.

The Society again says a big THANK YOU to Tei-San ARAO who has helped us again and again with English to Japanese Translations!



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Director at Large: Betty Reimer (deceased)

2011 Membership Renewal Prize Winner

The 2011 membership renewal prize of a one hour massage by Kelsey Whitehead of Body FX was won by Peggy Takashima. Congratulations Peggy!



Offer for sale, the lapel pin (please, see the lapel pin on the right). The cost of the lapel pin is \$5.00 CDN (Includes shipping and handling). For ordering, please, e-mail us.



Lethbridge Twinning Society Lapel Pin is available for only \$5.00 Cdn.

For Sale— Printer / Scanner / Fax machine

The Society currently has a very good Printer/Scanner/Fax Machine for sale. It is an HP 5610 All in one colour ink jet printer—gently used!.

Please contact Harold for further information. Here is a bit of information about the printer:

Increase your productivity with the speed and efficiency of the HP Officejet 5610. Now you can do it all—print, fax, copy and scan—from this compact, versatile all-in-one solution from HP. Create professional presentations and brochures with laser-quality black text, plus optional 6-ink and 4800 optimized dpi color when you print and copy



color documents. Send important faxes quickly and eliminate unwanted faxes using junk-fax barrier. Conveniently copy, scan and fax multiple pages with 25-sheet auto document feeder. Use glass surface to easily scan from virtu-

ally any source—books, reports, photos and more—at 1200 x 2400 dpi optical resolution, 48-bit color. Get the job done quickly with print and copy speeds up to 20 ppm black, up to 13 ppm color. The intuitive control panel with one-touch buttons and two-line text display make it easy to reduce or enlarge documents, scan images and more without a computer. As always, count on HP reliability for consistent performance.

It normally sells for around \$150.00
NO reasonable offer will be refused!