

City of Los Angeles Sister Cities News

SPRING-SUMMER 2009



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“The Los Angeles Sister City relationship with Nagoya has enriched both places during good times and brought us help and friendship in times of need. That is what friends are for and friendship is what the Sister Cities program is all about,” said Councilmember LaBonge.

The ceremony included the viewing of a hand-made quilt honoring the 50-year connection and the cutting and serving of birthday cake. Over the past half-century, the cities have sent aid to each other during natural disasters and engaged in ongoing student and cultural exchanges.

Los Angeles and Nagoya became sister cities in 1959, the first such relationship for each municipality. President Dwight D. Eisenhower established the Sister Cities program to strengthen international relations by fostering one-to-one friendships, cultural exchanges and education programs among people in different countries.

Pictured at left (L to R): Peter Langenberg, past chair, Los Angeles Nagoya Sister City Association (LANSCA); Councilmember Tom LaBonge, President, Sister Cities of Los Angeles, Inc.; Norman Arikawa, immediate past chair, LANSCA.

Five Decades of Learning & Growing Together

Los Angeles and its first Sister City, Nagoya, celebrate 50 years

Councilmember Tom LaBonge and officials of the Los Angeles Nagoya Sister City Affiliation celebrated the 50th anniversary of the relationship between the two cities with a ceremony on the lawn of Los Angeles City Hall South on Wednesday, April 1.



Presidents' Message

*By Tom LaBonge
President, Sister Cities of
Los Angeles, Inc.*

Dear Friends,

This year, Sister Cities of Los Angeles celebrates its 50th year of bridging cultures and creating new relationships between cities.

I believe that at this time in our history we have a special opportunity to expand our friendships across the globe.

Let's move forward into the next 50 years together, to create a better world for our children through thoughtful partnerships and mutual understanding.

Sincerely,

SISTER CITIES OF LOS ANGELES FABULOUS '50s ANNIVERSARY PARTY

A celebration of '50s Americana and the 50th Anniversary of *Sister Cities of Los Angeles* Honoring our 1959 Partnerships with Eilat, Israel, and Nagoya, Japan
Guest of Honor: Patrick Madden
President & CEO, *Sister Cities Int'l.*

Thursday, May 7, 2009, 5pm-9pm
The Gilmore Adobe at Farmers Market, Los Angeles
50th Anniversary Ceremony
Open '50s Buffet, Wine & Cocktail Bar
\$50 per person

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City Association again wanted to involve these talented young artists in a project and contacted Ms. Sheila Lehrer-Graiwer, the executive director of Barnsdall Arts/Friends of the Junior Arts. The Los Angeles Nagoya Sister City Association was

asked to prepare an original work of visual art that would incorporate themes of Los Angeles, Nagoya, and the 50th Anniversary. Ms. Quan Yen Trang, Barnsdall Arts Program Director, assembled a group of

volunteers students (Diana Umana, Emma Smith, Nancie Cruise, David Shapiro, Matthew

Mekchai, Shareen Maganigo) for the project. Working after school and on weekends, the team decided to create a quilt and prepared a design that responded to the assignment. Over a period of several months, the students designed and fabricated their images which were then assembled into the quilt.

The images include, for each sister city, the city flowers (Bird of Paradise for LA, Lily for Nagoya), city seals, iconic images (Nagoya Castle, the Golden Dolphins atop Nagoya Castle, cherry blossoms and bamboo grove for Nagoya, and Giffith Park Observatory, the Hollywood Sign, a film strip, and a palm tree for LA, and ocean scenes reflecting the coastal locations of both cities) and other whimsical images, such as an anime character, Homer Simpson and a surfer.

With its collage of sister city images by young Los Angeles artists, this 50th Anniversary Quilt embodies the enduring relationship between Los Angeles and Nagoya since its beginning in 1959.

About the 50th Anniversary Quilt

Iconic images from Los Angeles and Nagoya decorate 50th Anniversary quilt

A colorful and distinctive quilt was commissioned by the Los Angeles Nagoya Sister City Association to commemorate the two municipalities' 50th year as Sister Cities. The quilt was designed by students from the Barnsdall Arts Ragan Art Academy and presented at a ceremony outside Los Angeles City Hall on April 1, 2009.

The Los Angeles Nagoya Sister City Association first connected with Barnsdall Arts in 2004 when students from its Ragan Art Academy decorated an angel from the Community of Angels program to celebrate the 45th Anniversary of the LA-Nagoya sister city relationship.

For the 50th anniversary, the Los Angeles Nagoya Sister



The quilt was presented at Los Angeles City Hall South in a ceremony commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Los Angeles and Nagoya, Japan as Sister Cities.

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Dispatches from Around the World

Updates from our Sister Cities

Cultural Day 2009

See the world at Third and Fairfax

Los Angeles **Sister Cities Cultural Day** takes place on Sunday, June 7, 2009 from 1pm to 5pm at The Grove on 3rd and Fairfax. This free, public event showcases entertainment from **Sister Cities** around the world. Music & dance performances all day long will invite Angelenos to travel the globe without ever leaving the Grove!

Watch www.lasistercities.com for more information.

Sister Cities of Los Angeles Summer Solstice Hike

Save the date! June 22, 2009

Join Councilmember Tom LaBonge and the Los Angeles Consular Corps on a hike to the summit of Mt. Hollywood on Sunday, June 22 at sunset.

At 1,625 feet above sea level, the hike will culminate with a potluck feast of the world's cuisines provided by members of L.A.'s Sister Cities organizations and other contributors.

For more information, please contact Jullian Harris-Calvin at (213) 485-3337 or jullian.harris-calvin@lacity.org.

Athens Greece

"The *MEDEA* Project," a bi-cultural theatrical event, will launch in Athens September 30-October 11 and premiere in Los Angeles in February, 2010. The event is sponsored by the City of Athens, the Greek Ministry of Culture, the Hellenic Republic Embassy of Greece Los Angeles Press Office, and the United States Embassy in Athens. Visit www.themedeproject.com for more information.

Berlin Germany

The Los Angeles-Berlin Sister

City Committee will co-sponsor "The Berlin Wall Across Wilshire Project," marking the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. Local artists will recreate the wall on November 8, 2009 across Wilshire Blvd. in Los Angeles. The Wall will then come down once more, to commemorate an event that changed Germany—and the world. See www.wendemuseum.org to learn more.

Lusaka Zambia

On Saturday, May 23, the Association of Zambians in California and the Los Angeles-Lusaka Sister City Committee will host a dinner honoring Dr. Maureen Mwanawasa, First Lady of the Republic of Zambia. RSVP by May 10 with Mulenga at (909) 527-0650.

Mumbai India

Los Angeles Mumbai Sister City is proud to present the world premiere of "Bombay Summer" at the 7th Annual Indian Film Festival of Los Angeles. The film will be screened at the ArcLight Cinemas in Hollywood on April 25th at 9 p.m. <http://www.indianfilmfestival.org>.

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Sister Cities Kick-Off 2009

It's Los Angeles Sister Cities' biggest fundraiser of the year!

This year's Sister Cities Kick-Off fundraiser is a celebration of the Fabulous '50s! Los Angeles Sister Cities and its first two Sister Cities, Eilat, Israel and Nagoya, Japan celebrate 50 years in 2009. Our guest of honor will be Patrick Madden, President & CEO of Sister Cities International.

- Thursday, May 7, 5pm-9pm
- The Gilmore Adobe at Farmers Market, Los Angeles
- Open '50s Buffet, Wine & Cocktail Bar
- \$50 per person



Captain Cardiac and the Coronaries
Will help us celebrate 50 Years in style!

Proceeds go to support projects of L.A.'s Sister Cities organizations.

Please join us for our biggest fundraiser of the year!

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Lusaka, Zambia
Makati, Phillipines
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Mumbai, India
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Taipei, Taiwan
Tehran, Iran
Vancouver, Canada
Yerevan, Armenia

Sister Cities International: Sustainable Development Update

*Safe Drinking Water Initiative brings together Sister Cities
to promote health & awareness*

Sister Cities International is connecting Denver, CO, Kansas City, MO, and Atlanta, GA with their Sister Cities in Ethiopia and Nigeria to distribute packets of PUR, Proctor & Gamble's new water purifying powder, in a unique new pilot program. Distribution of the 250,000 packets will help to purify over 2.5 million liters of water while creating distribution networks and raising awareness of water purity and health issues.